



TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 4, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 4, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order in the Auditorium of the Pequannock Township High School, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, at 7:00 pm by Kimberley Quigley, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the designated newspaper, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Sam Ciresi James Farrell  
Douglas Muzzio Tom Salerno  
William Sayre Richard Thumann  
Matthew Teng (arrived 7:18 pm) Kimberley Quigley

ABSENT: Vincent Siracusa

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Nuccetelli, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Barbara A. Decker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mariann Crincoli, Esq., Board Attorney

**FLAG SALUTE**

- Donation of artwork to 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - PTHS Student Paul LaGrecca
- Recognition of PTHS Quiz Bowl Students – Brett Charleston, PTHS Principal
- Presentation of the 2015-2016 Budget, Maria Nucetelli, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent and Barbara Decker, Business Administrator

**OPEN TO PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Depending on the nature and the complexity of the question, it may or may not be answered during the meeting and, if so, only after the member of the public has completed their comments or reached their allotted time.

Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Avenue

- Inquired as to why taxes are increasing if the student population is going down.

The Interim Superintendent responded that is due to fixed costs such as salaries, benefits, transportation, special education, state mandates. The budget is increasing 1.8% when it could have been 2%.

Bill Chesney, 249 Boulevard

- Had a petition signed by 1,966 people who want to keep a full time music teacher.
- There is a lack of trust in the town
- Music is cut when public can't vote on the budget

Ed Lamoreaux, Former Resident, son attends PV

- Needs to do better, but has faith that the Board will fix the music program

Alison Smith, 44 Cedar Road

- No one tried to save the music program
- The petition has 2,000 signatures

Former West Milford Resident, Has PV Student

- Has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and hopes the administration builds the music program so her student will have options in high school

Donna Donatacci, 18 Carol Place

- Wants a quality education for all students, not just STEM

Mandy Mayer, PTHS Senior

- Passion is important in a school

Karen Mazur, 165 Boulevard

- Reduction in music staffing is ignoring a segment of the population
- Budget adopted which addresses all staff
- No music is socially and emotionally damaging to students

Pat Arnold, 651 Turnpike

- Hopes music problems can be solved before the fall

Melanie Chizacky, 4 Kinney Place

- Reconsider what is being done

Michele Vasquez, 25 Dale Avenue

- Needed band and choir to differentiate herself for college acceptance

Patrick Curcio, Former Band Director

- Commented that it is hard to hire a quality band director on a part time basis

Erin Solej, 18 Grove Street

- Does not believe there is a lack of interest in music, rather there was no choice for the students

Jim Sarto, 8 Oping Road

- Class of 1975
- Supports STEAM
- Inquired as to what model does the district use for STEM

William Lampe, PTHS Senior

- Feels that the music program is being destroyed

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS:**

**FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND ATHLETICS – Matthew Tengi, Chair**

- FFA-140-15 Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2015-2016
- FFA-141-15 Approval of Professional Services 2015-2016
- FFA-142-15 Adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget

**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-140-15**

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT 2015-2016**

WHEREAS, the Pequannock Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Interim Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1, to maximum expenditure of \$30,000 for all staff and board members.

Motion by: Tengi	Second by: Thumann	Roll Call Vote: 8-0
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**RESOLUTION NO. FFA-141-15**

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2015-2016**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pequannock Township Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the 2015-2016 year as follows:

Architecture/Engineering	\$32,367.00
Legal	\$155,000.00
Audit	\$42,000.00
Physician	\$13,000.00
For a total amount of	\$242,367.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator tracks and records these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Motion by: Tengi	Second by: Thumann	Roll Call Vote: 8-0
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RESOLUTION NO. FFA-142-15

**ADOPTION OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2015-16 Total Expenditures	\$37,122,545	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,981,950	\$39,504,495
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 4,840,587</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,256</u>	<u>\$6,401,843</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$32,281,958</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 820,694</u>	<u>\$33,102,652</u>

Motion by: Tengi	Second by: Thumann	Roll Call Vote: 8-0
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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

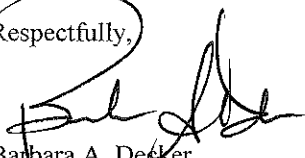
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourned the Public Hearing of May 4, 2015 at 8:10 pm.

Motion by: Muzzio	Second by: Ciresi	Roll Call Vote: 9-0
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Respectfully,



Barbara A. Decker  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

May 18, 2015            PTHS  
June 8, 2015            PTHS  
June 29, 2015          PTHS