

March 6, 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 beginning at 7:37 PM in the Summit H.S. Library/Media Center. Those present: Mr. Colón, presiding, Mr. Cho, Ms. Erday, Ms. Justice, and Ms. Stanton. Ms. Cohn attended virtually, and Ms. Miller was absent.

Also present were Mr. Hough, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jess, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator. There were three members of the public in attendance.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

The following notice was presented:

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

President Colón thanked Superintendent Hough and Business Administrator Jess for their hard work, and stated that while the state aid increases are helpful and appreciated, they do not compensate for the level of inflation. Mr. Colón said this is a budget that is fiscally responsible, and specifically thanked Mr. Jess for the decision to move to the SHIF for health benefits, as the savings are shown.

DISCUSSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Cho stated that Summit is a great school district but very responsible in the way we spend and this budget is very much zero-based budgeting. While this is a pretty lean budget staying with the 2% cap, the staffing increases depict that we encourage and continue to support all programs across the district. He thanked the administration and staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Getzendanner communicated several suggestions including turning school media centers into public libraries, tracking Summit's achievement gaps, and repurposing some of the \$37M bond to create onsite parking lots.

Motion by Ms. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Justice, unanimously approved by voice vote to close public comment.

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Mr. Cho moved the following:

RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2023-2024 School Year and sent to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the statutory deadline for review and approval:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$81,409,468	\$ 777,773	0	\$82,187,241
Less Anticipated Revenues	10,278,185	777,773	0	11,055,958
Local Tax Levy to be Raised	\$71,131,283	0	0	\$71,131,283

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Local Source in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

RESOLVED that the public hearing be held in the Summit H.S. Library/Media Center on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year, and

RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$1,465,000 as follows:

- \$120,000 – Classroom renovations at Jefferson School
- \$ 60,000 – New flooring at Jefferson School
- \$ 80,000 – Bathroom renovations at Jefferson School
- \$ 80,000 – Bathroom renovations at Lincoln-Hubbard School
- \$500,000 - Driveway repair at Summit High School
- \$125,000 - New exteriors district-wide
- \$400,000 - New security cameras district-wide
- \$ 50,000 – Concrete work district-wide
- \$ 50,000 – Fencing district-wide

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) included in the general fund appropriations, the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$164,000 as follows:

- \$ 14,000 – Boiler maintenance at Franklin School
- \$ 40,000 – New clock system at LCJ Summit Middle School
- \$ 50,000 – Architect/engineering fees district-wide
- \$ 60,000 – Floor replacement at Brayton School

NOTE: Figures subject to change up to the time of adoption of this resolution based on state aid figures or other adjustments

Seconded by Ms. Stanton. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Colón stated the Board would now go into closed session and asked that the appropriate resolution be presented. The following resolution was then presented:

Resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Summit as per Chapter 231 P.L. 1975:

- a. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Thursday, January 6, 2023 to discuss:
  - 2. Personnel
- b. That the matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

Motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Justice, and carried to move to Executive Session at 7:59 PM. Action will not be taken and the Board will not return.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Stanton, seconded by Ms. Cho, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
School Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

