

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET RETREAT
OF THE TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

The budget retreat meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President Jocelyn Schwarz who read the following statement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Hegelein Building, the Borough office, Tenafly Public Library, the local press and on the district's web site.

On roll call, the following Board members answered present:

Board Member

Igor Frid
Michelle Harris
Inbal Israeli Miller
Michelle Merchant
Yelena Meytes
Edward J. Salaski
Michael Wilderman*
Paula Newman, Vice President
Jocelyn Schwarz, President

The following staff members were present:

Ms. Shauna DeMarco, Superintendent
Dr. Evelyn Mamman, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Danielle Diaz, Human Resources Manager
Mr. Victor J. Anaya, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Schwarz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Total in-person/virtual: 17

Public Comments 6:05 pm

Nobody present

Budget Retreat presentation

Ms. DeMarco referred to the budget binder and discussed the components of the following sections (*a budget presentation will be prepared for the community*):

- Section I: The Budget Process
- Section II: Enrollment Projections
- Section III: A Quantitative Description of the Preliminary Budget
- Section IV: A Qualitative Description of the Preliminary Budget

Section V: SY22-23 Preliminary Budget

Dr. Anaya gave an overview of the budget calendar and the plans ahead for adopting and advertising the 2022-2023 budget in April. He talked about the budget process starting with administrators receiving their budget/summary sheets in the middle of November, 2021 and the many meetings that take place between the principals, supervisors and teachers to get their input on the budget for their needs for the following year. Central Office administrators had similar meetings with their department staff to identify the needs and directions being taken. Ms. DeMarco and Dr. Mamman shared different aspects of the budget process related to district goals, learning goals and principals and vision of the budget.

- Several Board members asked questions during each part of the presentation.

The Board and administrators discussed the strategies of the 2022/23 budget as it is presently laid out, and relates to future proposals and planning.

General discussion with feeling from board members about?

- A discussion if state aid came in higher, uses the funds for facilities?
- Or, use bank cap for facilities or let it expire?

Board members support any excess of state aid or bank cap, if needed, for facilities.

The board members shared that they liked the new presentation of the budget compared to all the documentations they got in previous years as the process has been streamlined and more understandable.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

Moved: Ms. Yelena Meytes , Second: Ms. Inbal Israeli Miller
All in Favor

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:59

Moved: Ms. Michelle Harris Second: Mr. Igor Frid

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Anaya

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School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary