

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET MEETING**

Minutes

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: May 4, 2023

Time: 6:31 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Henry Goldsmith, Board President

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Daniel Ardito	Present	Paula Lechner	6:40pm
Patricia Doerr	Present	Constance Anne Reymann	Present
Christopher Egbert	Present	John Specht	Absent
Gregory Freelon	Present	Edward Zebedies	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Present		

Al Lewis, Superintendent	Present
Michele Roemer, BA/Board Secretary	Present
William Cappuccio, Esq., Board Solicitor	Absent

C. SUNSHINE NOTICE

Welcome to the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget of the Weymouth Township Board of Education. This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by having the time, date, and place thereof posted in the Board of Education office, sent to the Clerk of Weymouth Township and advertised in the official newspapers.

D. PRESENTATION – The 2023/24 Budget Presentation

*User Friendly Budget
School Finance 101
State Aid*

*Attachment #1
Attachment #2
Attachment #3
Attachment #4*

Superintendent Al Lewis and Interim Business Administrator Michele Roemer presented the 2023-2024 budget for board discussion and approval.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – 2023/24 Budget Questions - No Comments

F. APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET

Approve and adopt the 2023-2024 budget as follows:

General Fund: \$4,557,420

Special Revenue Fund: \$1,089,483

Debt Service: \$113,289

Total: \$5,760,192

BE IT RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2023-2024 school year budget as described results in a General Fund Tax Levy of \$2,540,420 and a Debt Service Tax Levy of \$72,450; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weymouth Township Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal from the maintenance reserve in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for maintenance expenditures and \$400,000 from capital reserve for approved projects.

Roll Call Vote Item F/Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion: Mrs. Doerr

Second: Mr. Freelon

Daniel Ardito	Yes	Paula Lechner	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Absent
Gregory Freelon	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		

G. RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR SECURITY VESTIBULE AND PRE-K BATHROOM

Bids were received as follows:

Contractors	Maxwell	Porretta
Base Bids	\$374,000	\$442,496
Unit Price	\$15.00	\$8.00

H. REJECTION OF BIDS RECEIVED AND NEGOTIATIONS

Attachment #5

The Business Administrator, upon the recommendation of the solicitor and architect, rejected all bids as follows:

Maxwell - rejected due to a fatal error (did not name a required sub - steel)

Porretta - rejected due to being over budget.

It is further noted that the architect was directed to begin negotiations with contractors as allowed per public law.

***I. AWARD OF CONTRACT - SECURITY VESTIBULE AND PRE-K BATHROOM**

1. To approve a contract to R. Maxwell, for the base bid in the amount of \$374,000, with a unit cost of \$15.00, for the following projects based upon negotiating with contractors after two (2) rejections of bids Security Vestibule and Pre-K Bathroom *Attachment #6*

2. To approve the following resolution:

Motion: To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Weymouth Township, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey is authorizing the appropriate school district officials and professional advisors to prepare and submit documentation to the appropriate state and local agencies in connection with certain capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following building and grounds action be approved; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following project applications to be remitted to the New Jersey Department of Education by The Design Collaborative:

Schematic and final approval for the construction of a new toilet room within Classroom 102 and construction of a new security vestibule at the main Entrance of the school; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board is not seeking additional state funding for said projects.

Roll Call Vote Items I-2/Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion: Ms. Reymann		Second: Mr. Ardito	
Daniel Ardito	yes	Paula Lechner	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Absent
Gregory Freelon	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		

***J. STABILIZATION AID**

To approve the acceptance of the 2023 Supplemental Stabilization Aid in the amount of \$96,798.

Roll Call Vote Items H, I-1 and -J/Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion: Ms. Reymann		Second: Mr. Ardito	
Daniel Ardito	yes	Paula Lechner	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Absent
Gregory Freelon	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		

K. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Mrs. Doerr, second by Ms. Reymann to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. All in Favor.

Next Meeting – Workshop Meeting - Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - May 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.