

April 26, 2021

The Stillwater Board of Education met on April 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom for a Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 School Budget.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis DeGroat at 7:01 p.m. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the 2021-2022 budget hearing and regular meeting notice appeared in the New Jersey Herald on April 21, 2021. Notices were posted in the Stillwater School, Town Hall, Stillwater Post Office, Middleville Post Office, Swartswood Post Office and the Stillwater School Website. Notice of remote meeting access due to current emergency regarding COVID-19 was also provided to the public on April 16, 2021.

Mr. DeGroat led the flag salute. The following Board members were present: Mr. DeGroat, Mrs. Svendsen, Mrs. Nothstine, Mrs. Williver, Mr. Franek, Mrs. Kraft, and Mrs. LoCascio.

Absent: Mrs. Thibault & Mrs. Galante.

Also present were William Kochis, Superintendent, René Metzgar, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marissa Cramer, Principal/Supervisor of CST and Special Education/Basic Skills, Cali Roberts Assistant Principal/Regional Curriculum Coordinator, and members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING 2021-2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Presented by Dr. Kochis & Mrs. Metzgar- Reviewed 2020-2021 school highlights, introduced proposed 2021-2022 budget with detailed revenues and expenditures. Focused on program changes, building projects, state aid, and tax impact. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

BUDGET & FINANCE

1. Motion to approve the final 2021-2022 school budget was made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mr. Franek.

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Board of Education on March 15, 2021, and changes are required for the adoption of the final 2021-2022 budget;

WHEREAS, additional funding for the single stall restroom project is needed through the use of an additional capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$30,570 to cover additional expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the 2021-2022 school district budget as follows:

| <u>Expenditures</u> | | <u>Revenues</u> | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Charter School | <u>\$82,717</u> | | |
| General Current Expense | <u>\$ 5,930,445</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | |
| Capital Outlay | <u>\$ 181,610</u> | ..Budgeted Fund Balance | \$ 348,084 |
| Special Revenue Fund | <u>\$993,743</u> | ..Local Tax Levy | \$4,610,694 |
| | | ..Capital Reserve | \$ 177,070 |
| | | ..Capital Reserve Int. | \$ 500 |
| | | ..Maintenance Reserve | \$69,000 |
| | | ..Maintenance Res. Int. | \$100 |
| Repayment of Debt | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | ..Misc Revenue | \$2,000 |
| | | ..Tuition | \$ 30,800 |
| | | ..State Aid | \$ 955,524 |
| | | ...SEMI | \$ 1,000 |
| | | Total General Fund: | \$6,194,772 |
| Total Expenditures | <u><u>\$7,188,515</u></u> | <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> | |
| | | ..Federal & State Aid | \$ 993,743 |
| | | <u>Debt Service</u> | \$0.00 |
| | | Total Revenue | <u><u>\$7,188,515</u></u> |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following GENERAL FUND tax levy be approved to support the 2021-2022 budget:

General Fund Tax Levy \$4,610,694

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as per N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.3, the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement. The maximum amount of travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 budget is \$15,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, budgeted withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$69,000 is for maintenance items. The total costs of these projects is \$69,000, which represents expenditures for concrete & masonry work on the outside steps and 1988 section concrete band.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that included in line 600, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve is \$177,070 for other capital projects. The total costs of these projects is \$177,070, which represents expenditures for the single stall restroom project, design phase of the gymnasium ventilation & lighting project, and design phase of library upgrades, that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.


This proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Motion approved by roll call vote, Mrs. Williver-Aye; Mrs. Nothstine-Aye; Mrs. LoCascio-Aye; Mrs. Kraft-Aye; Mr. Franek-Aye; Mrs. Svendsen-Aye; Mr. DeGroat-Aye.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mrs. LoCascio, second by Mrs. Svendsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. A voice vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


René Metzgar
Business Administrator/Board Secretary