

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Cherry Hill Township Board of Education was held at the Malberg Administration Bldg. Cherry Hill, New Jersey on October 2, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dickinson at 7:45 P.M. who read the following notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THIS MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE BOARD SECRETARY IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

- (A) POSTING WRITTEN NOTICE ON THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.
- (B) TRANSMITTED NOTICE TO THE COURIER POST AND TO THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.
- (C) TRANSMITTED NOTICE TO THE CLERK OF CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.

A roll call recorded the following Board Members as present:

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| Mrs. Kathy Judge | Mrs. Ruth Schultz |
| Mrs. Carol A. Matlack | Mr. Ken Tomlinson |
| Mrs. Lisa Saidel | Dr. Edward Wang |
| Mrs. Jane Scarpellino | Dr. J. Barry Dickinson |

Mr. Eric Goodwin – absent

Student Representatives:

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| Julia Langmuir, H.S. East | Sonia Kangaju, H.S. West |
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Also in attendance were: Dr. J. Meloche, Mrs. L. Shugars, Mr. D. Bart, and Mrs. B. Wilson.

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Dr. Dickinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Dickinson read the following notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLVED, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT THAT THE BOARD MEETS IN CLOSED SESSION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION SHALL BE MADE PUBLIC AS SOON AS THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS.

Dr. Dickinson opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment:

A speaker asked if anyone looked at the Maple Shade bond presentation – gave much more specifics about the cost of bond referendum.

A speaker questioned why only three schools were getting vestibules.

Anne Einhorn asked for clarification on the vestibules.

Dr. Dickinson called the meeting to order from public comment for the purpose of considering and voting on the items presented in the Special Action Meeting which is incorporated as part of the minutes.

Second Public Comment:

A speaker stated that they feel the bond referendum was rushed on and the security consultant was not consulted prior to submission to the State.

A speaker commented on voting hours only being for five (5) hours.

A speaker thanked the Board for moving the meeting to 7:45 P.M. and expressed concerns about the public relations campaign for the bond.

Ann Einhorn commented on the bond referendum 20 years ago and the public relations campaign. Stated that she will be supporting the bond.

Dr. Meloche thanked the Board for the work that has gone into the bond project in the past two and a half years and commented on the information that will be available on the website starting tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Matlack made and Mrs. Judge seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. for matters pertaining to a legal matter. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

SPECIAL ACTION AGENDA

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Board Goals

- **Continue to improve student achievement at all grade levels for all students and decrease achievement gaps where they exist.**
- **Create a cost-effective budget that provides for educational resources as well as preventive maintenance and ongoing facilities improvement in all schools.**
- **Enhance communication and relationships with internal and external stakeholders.**
- **Create an actionable plan, “Bond 2018,” to continually update items included in the 2018 bond referendum.**

A. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

NO ITEMS

B. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

NO ITEMS

C. HUMAN RESOURCES/NEGOTIATIONS

NO ITEMS

D. POLICIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

NO ITEMS

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E. STRATEGIC PLANNING

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The Superintendent recommends the following:

ITEM 1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE SPECIAL BALLOT QUESTIONS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) desires to undertake various school facilities projects (collectively, the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the Projects, the Board seeks to authorize the submission of three ballot questions and an explanatory statement at a Special School District election to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (the "Election") and to authorize certain actions required to be taken in connection with the conduct of the Election and the undertaking of the Projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following Explanatory Statement and Proposals (the "Proposal") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a Special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the School District for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSAL #1

The Board is seeking to undertake district-wide school improvements including:

- security upgrades, secure entrance/vestibules and improvements throughout the district
- infrastructure improvements including building envelope and masonry improvements, roof replacement and HVAC improvements to all-purpose rooms and other areas
- addition of a security vestibule entrance to Harte E.S., Kingston E.S., Stockton E.S., Carusi M.S. and Rosa M.S.
- conversion of all-purpose room to cafeteria and construction of a new multi-purpose room at Johnson E.S.

Proposal #1 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$49,734,143.

PROPOSAL #2

The Board is seeking to undertake district-wide school improvements including:

- ceiling and lighting replacement throughout the district
- electrical upgrades and domestic water upgrades
- toilet room upgrades
- creation of small group instruction rooms
- HVAC upgrades
- conversion of cafeteria to music rooms and construction of a new cafetorium at Rosa M.S.
- school-wide renovation and upgrades and roof replacement and fire/alarm system upgrades at Carusi M.S.
- conversion of all-purpose room to cafeteria and construction of a new multi-purpose room at Barton E.S., Kingston E.S., Knight E.S., Mann E.S. and Sharp E.S.

Proposal #2 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$113,402,251.

PROPOSAL #3

The Board is seeking to undertake district-wide school improvements including:

- renovated science labs and gymnasium at Carusi M.S.
- renovated locker rooms at Beck M.S., Carusi M.S., High School East and High School West
- auditorium upgrades at High School East
- renovated science labs at High School West
- athletic facilities improvements at High School East and High School West
- various site improvements throughout the district including paving, lighting, drainage, sidewalk and accessibility improvements

Proposal #3 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$47,636,213.

STATE FUNDING

The Board will receive State aid for the projects in the form of debt service aid. This State aid reduces the taxpayers' share of each of the projects. Such State funding will only be available if the respective Proposals pass.

| Proposal | State Contribution to total cost | Local contribution to total cost |
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| #1 | 37.71% | 62.29% |
| #2 | 35.41% | 64.59% |
| #3 | 36.18% | 63.82% |

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VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ON ALL THREE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL #1

The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a district-wide school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade, renovation and expansion of schools including, as applicable, security upgrades and improvements; infrastructure improvements including building envelope and masonry improvements, roof replacement and HVAC improvements to all-purpose rooms and other areas and the addition of a security vestibule entrance to Harte E.S., Kingston E.S., Stockton E.S., Carusi M.S. and Rosa M.S., conversion of all-purpose room to cafeteria and construction of a new multi-purpose room at Johnson E.S. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$49,734,143 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$46,892,607. The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

PROPOSAL #2

IF AND ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 IS APPROVED, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a district-wide school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade, renovation and expansion of schools including, as applicable, ceiling and lighting replacement, electrical upgrades, domestic water upgrades; toilet room upgrades; creation of small group instruction rooms; HVAC upgrades; conversion of cafeteria to music rooms and construction of a new cafetorium at Rosa M.S.; school-wide renovation and upgrades and roof replacement and fire/alarm system upgrades at Carusi M.S., conversion of all-purpose room to cafeteria and construction of a new multi-purpose room at Barton E.S., Kingston E.S., Knight E.S., Mann E.S. and Sharp E.S. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$113,402,251 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$100,387,888. The project includes \$563,409 school facilities construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

PROPOSAL #3

IF AND ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 AND PROPOSAL #2 ARE APPROVED, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a district-wide school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade and renovation of schools including, as applicable, renovated science labs and gymnasium at Carusi M.S., renovated locker rooms at Beck M.S., Carusi M.S., High School East and High School West, auditorium upgrades at High School East, renovated science labs at High School West, athletic facilities improvements at High School East and High School West and various site improvements throughout the district including paving, lighting, drainage, sidewalk and accessibility improvements. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$47,636,213 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$43,084,088. The project includes \$4,552,125 school facilities construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

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2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposals and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

3. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the Education Law and Election Law, to the Executive Camden County Superintendent of Schools, Camden County Clerk, Camden County Boards of Elections, and to the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill, and to request such persons to undertake their respective functions under the Education Law and the Election Law, as applicable, in connection with the Election. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to amend the Proposals and the Explanatory Statement to conform same to statutory requirements.

4. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 24-16 and 24-17 of the Education Law, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cherry Hill, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposals, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill, and in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to cause such Supplemental Debt Statement to be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

5. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel and the Architect for the Project, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposals to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of debt service aid.

6. The Board hereby (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letters of the New Jersey Department of Education (the "NJDOE Eligibility Letter"); (ii) elects to receive the State Share in the form of debt service aid; (iii) determines to construct the Projects; (iv) agrees to locally fund any excess costs and (v) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution #29-10'18

Motion Mrs. Matlack Second Mrs. Judge Vote Ayes - 8 No - 0
Mr. Goodwin – absent

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Dr. Dickinson called the Special Meeting to order from the Executive Session at 9:37 P.M. and for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Saidel made and Mr. Tomlinson seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:37 P.M. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn E. Shugars
Assistant Superintendent
Business/Board Secretary