

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Administration Building
1695 Hylton Road, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 8, 2018
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was transmitted to the Courier Post and the Burlington County Times. Notice transmitted in the legal notice section of the Courier Post and the Burlington County Times stating the time, date, location and that formal action may be taken at that time. Notice was also posted with the Township Clerk.

As President, I declare this to be a legal meeting of the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
President: Mr. Perry		
Vice President: Ms. Johnson		
Mr. Bortnowski		
Ms. Duffy		
Mr. Hurley		
Mrs. James		
Mr. Viera		
Mrs. Young		
Vacant		

Also in attendance:

	Present	Absent
Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Tarchichi		
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary: Ms. Boston		
Director of Elementary Education: Mr. Logan		
Assistant School Business Administrator: Mr. Ogunkanmi		
Board Solicitor: Mr. Li		

FLAG SALUTE

- Moment of Silence

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education recognizes that the schools are the concern of all members of the community. With this in mind, the Board of Education welcomes and solicits input from the public and has allocated a total of twenty (20) minutes for public comments. During board meetings, members of the community are afforded an opportunity to express their views. It does, however, respectfully suggest that citizens attempt to resolve concerns by speaking directly to school administrators before bringing it to the Board. **Further, the Board asks that citizens who choose to speak at a public board meeting be reminded that comments should always be respectful, non-defamatory and should maintain the level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body.** Individuals with an interest in the functions or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of two (2) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Bortnowski				Mr. Perry			
Ms. Duffy				Mr. Viera			
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young			
Mrs. James				Vacant			
Ms. Johnson							

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

MOTION:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Bortnowski				Mr. Perry			
Ms. Duffy				Mr. Viera			
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young			
Mrs. James				Vacant			
Ms. Johnson							

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

MOTION:

ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

1. RECOMMEND the Pennsauken Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) has determined to undertake a capital project including various improvements to its facilities and the acquisition of various equipment and other related improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School District must issue its school bonds to finance the costs of the Project ("Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Project and the issuance of the Bonds must be approved by the voters of the School District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board on January 8, 2018, the School District has previously authorized and approved the holding of a special school election on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ("Special Election").

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to authorize and approve a proposal to be presented to the voters of the School District at the Special Election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following proposal ("Proposal") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at the Special Election:

PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, New Jersey ("School District"), is authorized to: (a) undertake for lawful school purposes, a capital improvement program consisting of (i) construction of new classroom addition, replacement of exterior windows and doors and renovations to interior security vestibule and restrooms at the **Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center**; (ii) replacement of exterior windows and doors and renovations to interior security vestibule at the **Carson Elementary School**; (iii) renovations to interior security vestibule at the **Burling Elementary School, Delair Elementary School, Fine Elementary School and Pennsauken Township Intermediate School**; (iv) replacement of exterior windows and doors and renovations to interior security vestibule at the **Franklin Elementary School**; (v) demolition of existing facilities and construction of playground, walking trail, pavilion and athletic courts on that site at the **Longfellow Elementary School**; (vi) construction of new classroom additions, conversion of existing space into educational laboratories, renovations to the auditorium, relocation of the bus loop, renovations to storm drainage system and renovations to interior security vestibule at the **Phifer Middle School**; (vi) construction of a new field house, plumbing laboratories, tennis courts and related site work, construction of new main entrance and security vestibule, renovations to stadium field and bleachers, renovations to auditorium, library, gymnasium and locker rooms at the **Pennsauken Township High School**; and (vii) construction of science laboratories, elevator and a gymnasium addition with restroom, replacement of existing roof, replacement of HVAC System, fire alarm system, fire suppression system and electrical system, renovations to doors, corridor ceilings, and multi-purpose room, exterior renovations to doors, windows and roof at the **Roosevelt Magnet High School**, together with the acquisition of all equipment and the completion of all work necessary or desirable to make said improvements and site work compatible with the existing facilities; (b) expend for all the foregoing an amount not to exceed \$35,669,905 (\$16,741,745 of which represents eligible costs ("Final Eligible Costs"), as determined by the Commissioner of Education); (c) issue bonds of the School District for said project in an amount not to exceed \$35,669,905, in which event the State will pay 62.4364% of the debt service (principal and interest) of the school bonds issued to finance the Final Eligible Costs; and (d) transfer unexpended bond proceeds between said school facility projects. This school facilities project includes \$18,928,160 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facility 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)*.

Notwithstanding anything in this Resolution to the contrary, the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, upon the advice of Bond Counsel, are each hereby authorized to approve any changes to the Proposal as may be advisable or as may be required pursuant to provisions of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act or other applicable law, provided, however, that no such changes shall result in the total appropriation for the project set forth in the Proposal to exceed \$35,669,905.

Section 2. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with Sections 16 and 17 of the School Bond Law, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17, a supplemental debt statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the chief financial officer of the Township of Pennsauken, being every municipality comprised within the School District, giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the School District in the amount stated in the Proposal set forth above and that the supplemental debt statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Pennsauken and in the office of the Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Board Secretary to have the supplemental debt statement filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the special election.

Section 3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution, including the Proposal, to the Camden County Clerk, the Clerk of the Township of Pennsauken and to the Camden County Board of Elections.

Section 4. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by or on behalf of the School District by the members of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary or by the School District's professional advisors, in connection with the Proposal are hereby ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Section 5. The President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the Proposal and the signatures of the President of the Board, Vice President of the Board, Superintendent of Schools or Business Administrator/Board Secretary on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

Section 6. All other resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately on adoption this 8th day of February, 2018.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) ss:
COUNTY OF CAMDEN)

NOREEN BOSTON, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That deponent is Business Administrator/Secretary of the School District and the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken in the County and State aforesaid and that the annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education of the School District held on January 8, 2018 at the time and place therein stated has been compared by deponent with the original minutes of the meeting February 8, 2018 Special Meeting

recorded in full in the official Minute Book of the Board and is a true copy thereof and of the whole of the original so far as it relates to the subject matters referred to in this extract.

**NOREEN BOSTON, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Bortnowski				Mr. Perry			
Ms. Duffy				Mr. Viera			
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young			
Mrs. James				Vacant			
Ms. Johnson							

APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

MOTION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken that it adjourn to Executive Session as prescribed under the "Sunshine Law", if necessary, in order to discuss legal issues, contracts and personnel issues. Any discussion held by the Board of Education that need not remain confidential will be made public. Matters under discussion will not be disclosed to the public until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Board of Education has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Pennsauken Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately _____ p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pennsauken Board of Education will convene into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

_____ A matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public. (Provision relied upon: _____)

_____ A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government.

_____ A matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

_____ A collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in a collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body. (Specify contract: _____)

_____A matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

_____Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public whose disclosure could impair such protection.

_____An investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.

_____A pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party, or a matter falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer. (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is: _____)

_____A matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. The nature of discussion is _____and the employee(s) involved has been provided the required notice and has not requested the discussion be held in open session.

_____Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING**MOTION BY:****SECOND BY:****MOTION:****TIME:**