

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 6, 2017
6:00 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 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

Board Member	Present	Absent
President: Mr. Perry	X	
Vice President: Dr. Meloni	X	
Ms. Duffy	X	
Mr. Hurley		X
Ms. Johnson	X	
Ms. Moss	X	
Ms. Slattery	X	
Mr. Viera	X	
Mrs. Young	X	

Also in attendance: Dr. Tarchichi, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Boston, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary, Mr. Ogunkanmi, Assistant Business Administrator, Mr. Li, Board Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

- Moment of Silence

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY: Dr. Meloni

SECOND BY: Mrs. Young

MOTION: Carried

- No public comments

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY: Dr. Meloni

SECOND BY: Mrs. Young

MOTION: Carried

ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

1. RECOMMEND the Pennsauken Board of Education approve the costs of a capital improvement project through a lease-purchase transaction; authorizing appropriate officials to undertake certain actions in connection with the proposed lease-purchase transaction; and taking certain actions related thereto

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board), in the County of Camden, New Jersey ("State"), has, after much research and investigation, determined to undertake a capital improvement program project consisting of: (i) renovations and improvements to the School District's facilities to convert existing space into an Electrical Construction Lab for educational purposes; (ii) construction of a new Welding Lab for educational purposes; and (iii) the completion of such other work and improvements and acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment as may be necessary therefore or related to completion of the aforementioned capital improvement program; all as further described in the information prepared in connection therewith and on file in the offices of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School District is authorized by, *inter alia*, N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2(f), as amended and supplemented, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Lease Purchase Law") to establish, acquire, lease, erect, repair, maintain and operate buildings and other facilities and to purchase and otherwise acquire and provide equipment necessary to enable it to provide a thorough and efficient education for the citizenry of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the maximum estimated cost of the Project, including construction costs and the costs of issuance and related items, is not expected to exceed the sum of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the School District is considering financing the Project by a five (5) year lease purchase transaction pursuant to the Lease Purchase Law in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 maximum estimated cost of the Project shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

Section 2. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to schedule a public hearing concerning the proposed lease purchase financing of the Project and to publish the notice of said public hearing, all in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

Section 3. The Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Solicitor, Special Counsel, Auditor and other appropriate School District officials and professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions, to prepare such documents and to make such filings as may be necessary to continue the construction of the Project and the financing thereof.

Section 4. All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Solicitor, Auditor and Special Counsel in connection with the Project and the financing thereof are hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. All resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any such inconsistency.

Section 6. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption this 6th day of November, 2017.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEM #1

MOTION BY: Mrs. Young

SECOND BY: Dr. Meloni

MOTION: Carried

2. RECOMMEND the Pennsauken Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) unit at Pennsauken High School commencing in 2018. The establishment of this Unit Charter is subject to the provisions of Public Law, Department of Defense (DoD) and Air Force Instructions, and continued approval by the Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF). Activation orders will be effective January 1, 2018, at which time the Air Force will provide support for the Pennsauken Public Schools Unit.
3. RECOMMEND the Pennsauken Board of Education approve the submission to the Executive County Superintendent. Dr. Lovell Pugh-Bassett, the 2017-2018 school year merit goals for the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

TABLE AGENDA ITEM # 2 & 3

MOTION BY: Mrs. Young

SECOND BY: Dr. Meloni

MOTION: Carried

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Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. Young

SECOND BY: Dr. Meloni

MOTION: Carried

- Pennsauken Resident – Asked about Programs

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. Young

SECOND BY: Dr. Meloni

MOTION: Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (IF NEEDED)

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.

- Nothing for Executive Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN		YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Ms. Duffy	X			Mr. Viera	X		
Mr. Hurley				Mrs. Young	X		
Ms. Johnson	X			Dr. Meloni	X		
Ms. Moss	X			Mr. Perry	X		
Ms. Slattery	X						

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION BY: Mrs. Young

SECOND BY: Dr. Meloni

MOTION: Carried

TIME: 6:20 p.m.