

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post. Notice appeared in the legal notice section of the Courier Post stating the time, date, location and that formal action would 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

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Viera, Mrs. Young, Dr. Meloni, Mr. Perry and Ms. Johnson (arriving at 5:53 pm). Absent were Ms. Duffy and Mr. Hurley. Also in attendance were Dr. Chapman, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Deserale, Interim Business Administrator, Mrs. Mascioli, Interim Assistant Business Administrator, Mr. Ogunkanmi, Assistant Business Administrator.

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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DISCUSSION OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

- *Dr. Chapman - reviewed the proposed budget cuts in the amount of \$1,336,324.*
- *Mr. Deserale – reviewed the proposed Local Tax Levy, Ratable Base, Average Home Cost, School Tax Rate and School Tax Rated based on the Average Home Value.*

A motion was made by Mrs. Young and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to approve item numbers 1 and 2. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 7-0-0.

1. **RECOMMEND** the Board of Education for the Township of Pennsauken to approve the 2016-2017 Pennsauken Township School District budget for submission to the County Office of Education as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$ 97,940,087	\$38,810,000
Special Revenue Fund	4,017,700	
Debt Service Fund	<u>3,735,400</u>	<u>2,215,092</u>
Totals	\$105,693,187	\$41,025,092

BE IT RESOLVED to seek approval for Health Care Cost Adjustment in the amount of \$513,989 and CAP Banking in the amount of \$266,225.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects. Included in budget line 620. Budgeted withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects, is \$1,680,000 for the following Capital Projects:

- Air Conditioning – Benjamin Franklin Elementary School - \$430,000
- Pennsauken High School Alternative Education Center - \$1,250,000

The total costs of these projects is \$1,680,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

2. RECOMMEND the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2016-2017 school year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pennsauken Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2016-2017 school year at the sum of \$70,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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- **No public comment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Young and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 7-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (IF NEEDED)

- **Nothing for Executive Session**

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Ms. Moss to adjourn the Special Meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 7-0-0