

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Administration Building
1695 Hylton Road, Pennsauken, New Jersey 008110

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2015

VISION

The Pennsauken Schools will foster diversity and talent as well as prepare students with the knowledge, higher-order thinking skills, and communication-readiness for college, career, and workforce success.

MISSION

In partnership with parents and community stakeholders, the Pennsauken School District will provide continuous student academic improvement for the pursuit of life-long learning and happiness.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Potential:

The district believes that all students have great potential to become innovators of the next generation. It is our responsibility to educate all students to their fullest potential and to foster an expectation for high performance. This requires adopting a positive attitude that drives the belief that with a high quality education and appropriate supports, students can be successful regardless of circumstances.

Diversity:

The district believes that our strength is in our diversity. Diversity enhances learning. The individuality and uniqueness of all school community members will be fostered and celebrated.

Accountability:

The district will make all decisions in the best interests of all students by aligning our vision and mission with policies, budgets, guidelines, curricula and district performance data. Students should be afforded a highly effective educator in each classroom, differentiated instruction and alternative ways of learning. We believe that the current disparity in academic performance between different groups of students can and must be eliminated.

Responsiveness:

The district believes that communicating consistently with respect and honesty builds relational trust. Mutual trust fuels responsiveness that focuses appropriately to address the needs of each school community member. The district should be responsive to the needs of students in an evolving educational world and society.

NOTE TO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education conducts Conference, Business and Executive Meetings.

Conference Meetings allow the members of the Board of Education to review and discuss school-related matters. The Board may take action at a Conference meeting but most of its actions take place at Business Meetings. Conference Meetings are open to the public. Individuals with a relevant interest in the function or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

Business Meetings are those at which the Board of Education acts on the vast majority of items under its jurisdiction. The meetings are open to the public and citizens are allowed to speak. The Board welcomes comments from citizens. It does, however, respectfully suggest that citizens attempt to resolve concerns by speaking directly to school administrators before bringing it to the Board. Individuals with a relevant interest in the function or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

Executive Meetings are conducted when the Board of Education must review and discuss confidential matters. By illustration, pending legal cases, personnel matters, and collective bargaining proposals are appropriate reasons for the Board to hold an Executive Session. These meetings are not open to the public.

CALL TO ORDER

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer. 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 Mr. Diaz, Mr. Hurley, Dr. Meloni, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Young, Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Perry. Also in attendance were Dr. Chapman, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Deserale, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Logan, Director of Elementary, Mrs. Mascioli, Assistant Business Administrator, and Mr. Piarulli, Solicitor.

FLAG SALUTE

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. During the regular monthly Business Meeting, 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. Individuals with a relevant interest in the functions or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

- No public comment

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen seconded by Mrs. Snyder to close the public comment portion of the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all members present voting yes 8-0-0.

ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mr. Nugyen and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to approve the Superintendent's Report Items 1 and 2. The motion was approved with a roll call vote with all present members voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Young who abstained 7-0-1.

1. **RECOMMEND** that the Board of Education approve the following leave of absence contingent upon verification:

| ID # | POSITION SCHOOL | REASON | DATES | CONDITIONS |
|------|----------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| 2782 | Administrator PHS | Medical | 3/20-4/22 | With salary and benefits as sick days are used |
| | | | 4/23-5/15 | Without salary but with benefits as per FMLA |

2. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education appoint William Clark as Interim Principal at Pennsauken High School effective March 19, 2015 to on or about June 1, 2015 at a per diem rate of \$500.
Account #11-000-240-103-031-99

BUDGET REVIEW

- Dr. Chapman – Budget Presentation
- Mr. Deserable – Budget Presentation
- The Board Members and Administrators discussed line item specifics of the proposed budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to enter Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all members present voting yes 8-0-0.

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.

- The Board entered Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOPICS:

1. Legal

- The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Young and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 8:58 p.m. The motion was approved with a voice vote with all members present voting yes 8-0-0.