

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET MEETING**  
**Saturday, March 7, 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.

- No public comments

## ROLL CALL

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Dr. Meloni, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Young, Mr. Nguyen, and Mr. Perry. Absent was Mr. Diaz. Also in attendance were Dr. Chapman, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Deserable, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Logan, Director of Elementary, Mrs. Masciulli, Interim Assistant Business Administrator, Mr. Piarulli, Board Solicitor (arrived after roll call).

## 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 comments

## INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER – ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO OFFICE

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to appoint Mr. Michael Hurley as a Board Member to fill the vacant position due to a Board Member resignation. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Young who voted no 5-1-0.

Mr. John J. Deserable, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Michael Hurley. Michael Hurley's term will expire 2015.

## ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Dr. Meloni to approve the amended school calendar. The motion was approved with a roll call vote with all present members voting yes 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to approve Agenda Items 1-4. The motion was approved with a roll call vote with all members present voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Young who voted no 6-1-0.

1. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve Surety Mechanical in the amount of \$204,707.00 for air conditioning improvements at the Roosevelt and Longfellow Elementary schools.

Account #12-120-100-732-000-05 (See Attachment)

2. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the transportation department to negotiate contracts for the Athletic Routes Spring Sports for the 2014-15 school year.

WHEREAS there were no bids submitted for Transportation Athletic Routes Spring Sports Rebid IFB#2015014 on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00PM;

WHEREAS According to Public School Contracts Law 18A:18A-5(c), bids have been advertised pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A – 4 on two occasions and (1) no bids have been received on both occasions in response to the advertisement,... any such contract may then be negotiated and may be awarded upon adoption of a resolution by a two – thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the Board of Education authorizing such a contract.

3. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the PHS baseball and softball teams to conduct indoor batting practice on March 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14 Game Day Indoor training facility located in Pennsauken. Cost to the district is transportation and rental fee of \$1,280.
4. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the PHS girl lacrosse team to practice at the PYAA football stadium “the Pit” on March 7, 9-12, 17, 18 and 20. Cost to the district is transportation.

## BUDGET REVIEW

- Dr. Chapman – Budget Presentation
- Mr. Deserale – Budget Presentation
- Mr. Logan – 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. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes 7-0-0.

**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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### TOPICS:

1. LEGAL
2. POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Dr. Meloni to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 11:42 a.m. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all members present voting yes.

March 7, 2015

