

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MULLICA HILL, NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, April 7, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

**A G E N D A**

- I. **Call to Order:** The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975 was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, Harrison Township Board of Education has caused notice of the meetings to be published by having the dates, time, and place thereof posted on the Harrison Township School District website, at the Harrison Township School Building, and mailed to the Township Municipal Clerk, the South Jersey Times, and the Courier Post.

The Special Meeting of the Harrison Township Board of Education will be called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025.

II. **Roll Call:**

_____ Todd Baron	_____ Walter Bright	_____ Colleen Kendrick
_____ Tim Bast	_____ John Cavanaugh	_____ Shannon Williams
_____ Jennifer Bowen	_____ Janette Coslop	_____ Stacey Muscarella

**Attendance:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Missy Peretti      \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Ridgway      \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

- III. **Flag Salute:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV. **President's Welcome:**

- V. **Audience Participation I:** The Board President will recognize those individuals who wish to comment on the agenda items. Please respect the following procedures:
- 1) Be recognized by the Board President.
  - 2) State your full name and address.
  - 3) Identify the agenda item you wish to comment on.
  - 4) Wait to be recognized before making your comments.
  - 5) Limit your comments to specific items.
  - 6) You will have three minutes for comments.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

1. Standing Committees
  - a. Finance – Walter Bright
  - b. Curriculum – Stacey Muscarella
  - c. Personnel – Shannon Williams
  - d. Negotiations – Jennifer Bowen
  - e. Board Development – Todd Baron
2. Ad Hoc Committees
  - f. Public Relations – Janette Coslop
  - g. School Safety – Shannon Williams
  - h. Shared Services – John Cavanaugh
  - i. Transportation – Tim Bast
3. Delegate/Representative Reports (if any)

**VII. Business Administrator's Report:**

A. Finance

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following action items:

1. Approval of the resolution authorizing the application to increase expenditures to be submitted. (*Attachment: Fin. #1*)

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call:**

_____ Todd Baron	_____ Walter Bright	_____ Colleen Kendrick
_____ Tim Bast	_____ John Cavanaugh	_____ Shannon Williams
_____ Jennifer Bowen	_____ Janette Coslop	_____ Stacey Muscarella

**VIII. New Business:**

**IX. Old Business:**

**X. Audience Participation II:**

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- 2) State your full name and address.
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- 5) You will have three minutes for comments.

**XI. Recess into Executive Session (if necessary):**

It is recommended that the Board of Education, by Resolution, adjourn into Executive Session from which the general public will be excluded to discuss school matters. The results of this session will be made public immediately after or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached. Action may be taken.

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voice vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**XII. Out of Executive Session:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voice vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. Adjournment:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voice vote:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Harrison Township School District**  
**Resolution Authorizing the District's Superintendent's**  
**Application to Increase Expenditures**

**WHEREAS,** The State of New Jersey Department of Education does hereby recognize that Harrison Township School District in the development of the 2025-26 Budget is both under adequacy and not at the stated Local Fair Share for local funding, and;

**WHEREAS,** The Department of Education has released the Application to Increase Expenditures to certain school districts, including Harrison Township School District, and;

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Harrison Township School District does hereby adopt the application and authorize the District's Superintendent to submit the application to the State's Department of Education. The district is requesting a Total Expenditure of \$797,448, less than the \$2,644,113 Spending Below Adequacy, with the Tax Levy Portion of \$759,474 and a Tax Levy Incentive Aid Portion of \$37,974, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the district has undertaken all necessary and available budget reductions and the increase to expenditures addresses anticipated IEP driven needs in Special Education, returns necessary positions to the district that were either cut in prior S2 driven budgets or anticipated budget cuts in the development of the 2025-26 budget, returns the ability to adopt new curriculum for Grades 1-3 that were cut in the 2025-26 budget development, and add a position of critical need for the safety and security of the students and staff in the district. Reductions and reallocations of items not related to providing a thorough and efficient education have been an ongoing process due to the significant state aid cuts during the S2 funding formula and continuing during the development of the 2025-26 budget.

**THEREFORE,** the Harrison Board of Education is approving the submission of this application to the Commissioner of Education.