

**MEETING OF THE LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015,
AT 6:30 P.M., AT THE LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 855 SOMERSET AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, NEW
JERSEY 08701**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Ada Gonzalez, Board President

Mrs. Ada Gonzalez, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Thomas A. D'Ambola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the following:

SUNSHINE LAW

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231, of the Laws of 1976 (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT), Mr. D'Ambola notified the public that notice of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice on the public announcement board of the Lakewood Board of Education Offices, and the Lakewood Township Municipal Building.
2. By mailing such notice to the office of the Asbury Park Press.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of same.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Ada Gonzalez
Mr. Menachem Friedman
Mr. Alex Janklowicz
Mr. Joel Schwartz
Mr. Isaac Zlatkin

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Lee Mund
Mr. Chaim Rosenblatt
Mr. Joshua Weinberger

Also Attending:

Mrs. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas A. D'Ambola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Kevin Campbell, Assistant Business Administrator
Mr. Michael Azzara, State Monitor
Mr. David Shafter, State Monitor
Marc Zitomer, Esq., Board Attorney

III. PRESENTATIONS: 1. Tentative Budget for the 2015-2016 school year

IV. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC: 1. Bill Hobday
2. Fred Rush
3. Noreen Gill
4. Obet Gonzalez

STATEMENT BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Board Policy 0164, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the Board of Education in its deliberations and in the conduct of its meetings. As such, all comments from the public and from other members of the Board should be directed to the Board President who is responsible for presiding over the meeting.

The President shall direct all inquiries or comments to the appropriate Administrator or Board member for response, as appropriate. The law requires a period of public comment at our meetings, not a question or answer session or debate. The board president at his discretion may or may not feel it is appropriate to answer questions raised during the public comment period. The board and administration do take all public comments seriously and consider them when conducting business.

The President may interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive or obscene. In addition, Security Personnel may direct any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum, whether the person is at the microphone or at any other place in the meeting room. New Jersey law makes it a crime for any person to intentionally disrupt a public meeting. Law enforcement will be contacted if a person disrupts the meeting and fails to desist after being directed to do so. Finally, we ask that you silence all electronic devices.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lakewood Board of Education approve the submission of the Proposed School District's fiscal year 2015-2016 Tentative Budget as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$120,630,423	\$90,350,168
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$43,837,404	\$0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$1,306,446	\$543,639
TOTAL	\$165,774,273	\$90,893,807

The Board held a discussion of the Tentative Budget and asked for the recommendations from the Finance Committee. Mr. Friedman gave the Finance Committee's report.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR (failed)

Motion: Mr. Schwartz **Second:** Mr. Friedman

1 Ayes: Mr. Schwartz

4 Nays: Mr. Friedman, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Zlatkin

0 Abstained:

3 Absent: Mr. Mund, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Weinberger

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lakewood Board of Education approve the submission of a tentative separate proposal in the amount of \$5,582,043 account 11-000-270-511 for the purpose to provide courtesy bussing.

MOTION TO APPROVE TENTATIVE SEPARATE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE COURTESY BUSSING (failed)

Motion: Mr. Schwartz **Second:** Mrs. Gonzalez

1 Ayes: Mrs. Gonzalez

4 Nays: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Zlatkin

0 Abstained:

3 Absent: Mr. Mund, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Weinberger

Mr. Michael Azzara, State Monitor, overruled the Board's decisions. Therefore, the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Tentative Separate Referendum Proposal to Provide Courtesy Bussing passed.

3. Motion to approve the Board President & Vice President to file an appeal of the Referendum if the Board Attorney finds a legal basis to do so.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT TO FILE AN APPEAL OF THE REFERENDUM (passed)

Motion: Mr. Zlatkin **Second:** Mrs. Gonzalez

4 Ayes: Mr. Friedman, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Zlatkin

1 Nays: Mr. Schwartz

0 Abstained:

3 Absent: Mr. Mund, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Weinberger

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Mrs. Gonzalez **Second:** Mr. Schwartz

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

I, Thomas A. D'Ambola, Board Secretary of the Lakewood Board of Education, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the approved Minutes from a public meeting held on March 24, 2015.



Thomas A. D'Ambola, Board Secretary

April 21, 2015