

**MEETING OF THE LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014,
AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 855 SOMERSET AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, NEW
JERSEY 08701**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Isaac Zlatkin, Board President

Isaac Zlatkin, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Marc Zitomer, Board Attorney, read the following:

EMERGENCY MEETING STATEMENT (Sunshine Law)

Public notice of the emergency meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act has not been properly given. The matters to be discussed are of great urgency or importance involving the submission of a proposal to increase the tax levy by more than 2% to the voters of Lakewood at the November 4, 2014 election.

Delay in holding the meeting will result in harm to the public interest because the Board must decide today whether to have a separate spending proposal included on the November 4, 2014 ballot because the State of New Jersey will not grant the Lakewood School District a cap waiver to exceed the 2% cap levy. The Board has deemed that it may be necessary to exceed the 2% cap levy in order to present a balanced budget while at the same time maintaining essential programs, services and staff which affect the educational welfare, health and safety of all Lakewood students. The Department of Education extended the deadline until today to submit this spending proposal to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools. If this meeting is not held, an additional spending proposal which the Board determines may be necessary will not be able to be submitted to the voters.

- (1) The meeting will be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to the matters of urgency and importance set forth above.
- (2) Written notice of the meeting was given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:
 - a. Posting written notice on the official District bulletin board at the Administration Building and at the following locations:
 - District Schools
 - District Website
 - Lakewood Municipal Building
 - Notification of Asbury Park Press
 - Lakewood Scoop

On March 20, 2014, nine hours prior to the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL by Thomas A. D'Ambola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board Members Present: Mr. Alex Janklowicz (Arrived at 6:13 p.m.)
Mr. Lee Mund
Mr. Chaim Rosenblatt
Mr. Joel Schwartz (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)
Mr. Jonathan Silver
Mr. Tracey Tift
Mr. Isaac Zlatkin

Board Members Absent: Mr. Yisrael Friedman
Mr. Zechariah Greenspan

Also Attending: Mrs. Laura A. Winters, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas A. D'Ambola, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Kevin Campbell, Assistant Business Administrator
Marc Zitomer, Esq., Board Attorney

Marc Zitomer, Board Attorney read the follow:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*, was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to provide the public with advanced notice of, and the right to attend, meetings of public bodies such as a board of education; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings without adequate advanced written notice in circumstances of such urgency and importance that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, OPMA permits public bodies to hold emergency meetings subject to certain procedural safeguards, including that three-fourths of its members present vote in favor of conducting the emergency meeting and that prompt notice of the meeting is given to the public by posting and delivery to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board; and

WHEREAS, an urgent situation has arisen due to the fact that the State of New Jersey will not grant the Lakewood School District a cap waiver to exceed the 2% cap levy (other than the automatic cap waivers allowed for certain limited items) and, therefore, the Board must consider putting a separate question on the November 4, 2014 ballot for a public vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board has deemed that it may be necessary to exceed the 2% cap levy in order to present a balanced budget while at the same time maintaining essential programs, services and staff which affect the educational welfare, health and safety of all Lakewood students; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has extended the deadline until today for the Lakewood School District to submit a separate spending proposal to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for placement on the November ballot; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education have determined that an emergency meeting must be conducted to consider such a public question.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education will conduct an emergency meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is to be read at the next scheduled public meeting, which is being held on April 10, 2014, and that the Board Secretary is directed to reflect the same in the minutes and post a copy of this Resolution to deliver it to two newspapers, including the official designated newspaper of the Board.

MOTION TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING (passed)

Motion: Mr. Zlatkin **Second:** Mr. Mund

6 Ayes: Mr. Mund, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Silver, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Tift,
Mr. Zlatkin

0 Nays:

0 Abstained:

3 Absent: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Greenspan, Mr. Janklowicz

- III. RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC:**
1. Pastor Glenn
 2. Annette Kearney
 3. Rabbi Sanders

IV. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/ BOARD SECRETARY:

1. Move that the Board of Education rescinds the motion of March 18, 2014 to accept the Tentative Proposed School District's FY 2014-2015 Budget with the contingency that the Department of Education grant the Board's request for a waiver to exceed the 2% cap levy for a variety of items, including courtesy bussing.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #1 OF THE AGENDA (passed)

Motion: Mr. Schwartz **Second:** Mr. Zlatkin

6 Ayes: Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Mund, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Silver, Mr. Tift,
Mr. Zlatkin

0 Nays:

1 Abstained: Mr. Rosenblatt

2 Absent: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Greenspan

2. Approval of the Proposed School District's FY 2014-2015 Tentative Budget:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$112,203,924	\$84,260,818
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$38,096,234	\$0
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$440,077	\$420,381
TOTAL	\$150,740,235	\$84,681,199

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #2 OF THE AGENDA (passed)

Motion: Mr. Mund **Second:** Mr. Tift

5 Ayes: Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Mund, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Tift, Mr. Zlatkin

1 Nays: Mr. Rosenblatt

1 Abstained: Mr. Silver

2 Absent: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Greenspan

3. Approval of May 1, 2014 for a Special Board Meeting for a Public Hearing and adoption of the School District's FY 2014-2015 Budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #3 OF THE AGENDA (passed)

Motion: Mr. Mund **Second:** Mr. Zlatkin

7 Ayes: Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Mund, Mr. Rosenblatt, Mr. Schwartz,
Mr. Silver, Mr. Tift, Mr. Zlatkin

0 Nays:

0 Abstained:

2 Absent: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Greenspan

4. Motion to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5(d)(9), N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-12.13, permit a Board of Education to submit to the District's legal voters a separate proposal to increase the adjusted tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is no longer granting cap waivers to exceed the statutorily required 2% cap levy, except for the automatic cap waivers set forth in regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education deems it necessary to present to the legal voters a separate proposal to increase the adjusted tax levy in order to maximize the educational opportunities for its public and non-public students alike;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby submits to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools the following public question which it requests be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot for public consideration:

In addition to the regular advertised budget, the Board of Education will seek approval from the district's legal voters to raise an additional \$12,507,468 to provide the following Programs, Personnel And Services: Non-Mandated Transportation for students who reside non-remote from their respective schools, which includes to and from school, late runs for all schools and grade levels and Board approved field trips, and funding for occupational and physical therapy supplemental services for the non-public schools. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that none of the aforesaid items are deemed necessary for pupils to achieve the core curriculum standards; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools following this meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM #4 OF THE AGENDA (passed)

Motion: Mr. Silver **Second:** Mr. Mund

6 Ayes: Mr. Janklowicz, Mr. Mund, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Silver, Mr. Tift,
 Mr. Zlatkin

0 Nays:

0 Abstained:

3 Absent: Mr. Friedman, Mr. Greenspan, Mr. Rosenblatt

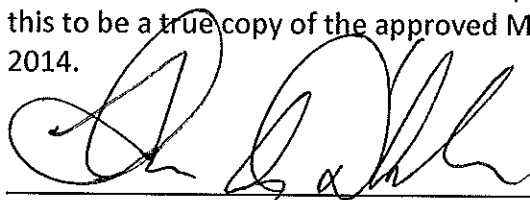
V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Mr. Schwartz **Second:** Mr. Mund

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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 Minute from a special public meeting held on March 20, 2014.



Thomas A. D'Ambola, Board Secretary

April 10, 2014