

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Board Secretary
13 Swift Drive
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MINUTES

March 7, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING

President Della Barca called the special meeting of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education to order at 6:01 PM on March 7, 2017 at the Alder Avenue Middle School Board Room.

At the President's request, Mrs. Anaya, Business Administrator, read the following statement: "On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, notice of this meeting was mailed to "The Press" and "The Current of Egg Harbor Township." Notice was also delivered that day to the Egg Harbor Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall."

Roll Call: Mr. Pete Castellano, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Jack Haines, Mr. Justin Riggs, Mrs. Marita Sullivan, Mrs. Amber Umphlett, Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi, Mr. Lou Della Barca

Absent: Mr. Chris Moran

Also Present: Mr. Fred Nickles/Interim Superintendent; Dr. Kim Gruccio/Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Donna Haye/Interim Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Chandra Anaya/Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dr. Carolyn Gibson/Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Attorney; Mrs. Jamie Shoemaker/Supervisor of Accounting

Mr. Della Barca led the flag salute.

Mr. Della Barca read a statement about the transgender policy.

Mrs. Anaya gave a budget update. Items discussed were:

- Governor address: flat state aid
- Charter school tuition increase
- Email from state – budget 75% entitlements, not 85%
- Benefits experience report

Mr. Castellano asked Mrs. Anaya to further explain surplus and fund balance.

Mr. Nickles discussed the Governor's State of the State address that gave the State Assembly and State Senate 100 days for a new funding formula and he feels the district can only benefit from a new formula.

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Mr. Ellis left the dais at 6:13 PM and returned at 6:14 PM.

Mr. Nickles discussed the budget cuts due to lack of state aid funding; Fernwood Avenue Middle School lost sixteen teachers over the last five years, freshman sports elimination, no security increases, loss of seven staff members and two assistant principals.

Mr. Castellano asked for public input, Board discussion and hopefully a resolution.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR BUDGET

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – asked for clarification of assistant principal budget cuts, consolidation of supervisors and vice principal with regards to regarding discipline.

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – discussed student enrollment, staff totals and special education.

Mrs. Anaya discussed enrollment. Mr. Nickles discussed the educational audit.

Mr. Castellano asked for Board discussion on the budget.

Mrs. Szilagyi and Mrs. Anaya discussed the cost of one penny.

Mr. Haines and Mrs. Anaya discussed tax rate for calendar and fiscal year.

Mr. Riggs discussed the security ad hoc committee, freshman sports, and consolidation of vacant central office positions to save teaching staff.

Mrs. Umphlett questioned the seven cut positions, IDEA, Insight, safety training for bus drivers, forty-two personnel positions and the assistant business administrator vacancy.

Mr. Castellano discussed Board majority change, assistant business administrator vacancy, charter, choice, ACIT and out of district placement tuition rates.

Mr. Haines discussed the assistant business administrator vacancy.

Mr. Della Barca discussed the budget process and reported on March 14th the Board will vote on submitting the budget dollar amount to the county office.

Mr. Haines discussed the county superintendent budget review process.

Mr. Riggs asked if the county superintendent could attend a Board meeting to discuss the budget review process at the county level.

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Mr. Castellano discussed flat state aid, budget cuts and the budget cap.

Mr. Della Barca thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Mico Lucide, 24 Westover Circle – discussed the student organization of support for transgender rights tonight.

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – suggested audio of meetings be available on the district website.

Kathy Waszen, EHTEA Association President – discussed staff cuts, test scores, and effects of budget cuts on students.

- 1- On a **motion** by Mrs. Szilagyi seconded by Mr. Riggs, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chandra D. Anaya, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary