

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Board Secretary
13 Swift Drive
Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234

MINUTES

**February 11, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING**

President Della Barca called the special meeting of the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education to order at 8:35 AM on February 11, 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. Chris Moran, Mr. Justin Riggs, Mrs. Marita Sullivan, Mrs. Amber Umphlett, Mrs. Barbara Szilagyi, Mr. Lou Della Barca

Also Present: Mr. Fred Nickles/Interim Superintendent; Dr. Kim Gruccio/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 welcomed all and thanked the public for their attendance reminding all that student achievement should be in the forefront of all discussions.

Mr. Nickles gave an overview for today's budget meeting.

Mr. Castellano read a prepared statement that was given to the Senate Select Committee and the Education Assembly on education funding.

Mr. Nickles discussed the two proposed budget bills and anticipates a compromise bill with a nine to fifteen million dollar increase to Egg Harbor Township in state aid for the 2018/2019 school year.

Mrs. Anaya discussed the budget process, December budget freeze, Principal and Director 10% budget cut, tax calculations and 17/18 budget packet.

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Mr. Nickels discussed the proposed budget cuts.

Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Umphlett left the dais at 8:55 AM.

Mrs. Cannerelli discussed special education cuts.

Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Umphlett returned at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Nickles stated if we receive additional funding next year, the Board may consider re-hiring staff whose positions may be cut in the 2017/2018 budget process.

Mrs. Houck-Elco explained reduction in force, tenure and seniority lists.

Mr. Castellano and Mrs. Anaya discussed the student enrollment breakdown including charter schools and out of district tuition.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Shae Dailyda, 55 Marshall Drive – discussed budget for ELA benchmarks, Chromebooks and reading supplies.

Arthur Richman, 330 Sunflower Drive – discussed staff resignations and reductions, special education enrollment, charter school tuition and class sizes.

Carl Mason, 3057 Fernwood Drive – discussed staff raises.

Kathy Waszen, EHTEA Association President – discussed budget cuts and her willingness to work with administration.

Melissa Tomlinson, 89 Somers Avenue – discussed PARCC, charter schools and teacher salaries.

Tom Spengler, 1252 Old Zion Road – discussed teacher salaries and insurance contributions.

Mr. Nickles thanked the public for their attendance and asked the public to submit ideas in writing or call his office prior to Tuesday night's meeting for consideration with the budget process.

Mr. Della Barca thanked all and reported the next budget meeting is scheduled for March 21st.

Mr. Haines thanked Mrs. Waszen for her comments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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