

March 29, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The Board of Education held a Special Budget Meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Summit High School Library/Media Center. Those present: Ms. Miller, presiding, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Colón, Mr. Cho, Ms. Primack, and Mr. Weinreich. Dr. Wong arrived at 6:32 PM.

Also present were Mr. Hough, Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, and Ms. Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator. There were two members of the public in the audience.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

The following notice was presented:

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

President Miller stated that she will reserve her comments for the Board of School Estimate meeting and asked that Mr. Hough begin the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hough stated there were no changes to this budget since submitted to the County, and he will reserve additional comments for the Board of School Estimate meeting.

Mr. Pepe stated the same.

DISCUSSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Bonner said he spoke in depth at the last meeting on his support of the budget, and has no additional comments.

Mr. Colón stated he will hold his comments for the Board of School Estimate meeting, but that this budget represents fiscal prudence while maintaining educational excellence.

Mr. Cho seconded Mr. Colón's comments, and added that there was a lot of rigor and discipline in this budget – and the same will be needed in future years.

Ms. Primack stated it is paramount that our eyes are on the students of Summit. This year in particular, the entire district has made remarkable achievements. Thanks to Mr. Pepe and his entire team, especially Kathy Sarno. Thanks also to all the administrators who have worked so hard on this budget. You are all extraordinary and as always, you have put the students first. Finally, thank you to my fellow board members on the Operations Committee. I am very pleased to support the budget because it is a reflection on the wonderful education that Summit provides.

Dr. Wong thanked Mr. Pepe, the Board of Education, and Superintendent Hough. You have all done a great job even though it has been a tough year.

Mr. Weinreich stated he is delighted to support the budget. It represents a balancing act of maintaining fiscal discipline and the extraordinary education this district has to offer. Thanks to Mr. Hough, Mr. Pepe and the Operations Committee. The transparency of this process has been wonderful, too, and it has brought our community together.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET RESOLUTION:

Mr. Colón moved the following:

RESOLVED that the final budget be approved for the 2021-2022 school year as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools and advertised in accordance with the statutory deadlines:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2021-2022 Total Expenditures	\$74,718,784	\$ 915,026	0	\$75,633,810
Less Anticipated Revenues	6,212,030	915,026	0	7,127,056
Local Tax Levy to be Raised	\$68,506,754	0	0	\$68,506,754

RESOLVED that there is a need for \$296,660 of the unused spending authority, known as “banked CAP,” to be included in the base budget; and that this amount of unused spending authority must be completed by the end of the budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time; and

RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from capital reserve in the amount of \$162,024 to include \$129,000 for paving at LCJ Summit Middle School and \$33,200 for air conditioning at Franklin Elementary School; and

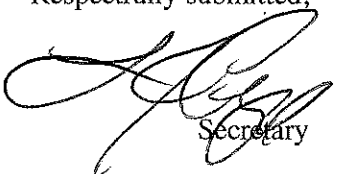
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from maintenance reserve in the amount of \$327,547 to include \$93,625 for flooring and concrete work at Summit High School and \$233,922 for concrete and flooring repairs at Washington Elementary School.

Seconded by Mr. Weinreich. The roll was called, and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bonner, seconded by Dr. Wong, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary