

March 5, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The Board of Education held a Special Budget Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020 in the Summit High School Library/Media Center beginning at 7:55 PM. Those present: Ms. Primack, presiding, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Colón, Ms. McCann, Ms. Miller, Mr. Weinreich, and Ms. Wong.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, and Ms. Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator. There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

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 Primack thanked everyone for coming and opened the floor to questions from the Board of Education members.

DISCUSSION – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Ms. Miller thanked the administration for their hard work, and asked about value of what we do to get that perfect point between great instruction and fiscal responsibility. Mr. Chang responded.

Ms. McCann thanked the administration for a great presentation and cautioned that the incoming superintendent should be prepared for any state aid shortfalls in the coming years.

Mr. Bonner said we need to highlight the investing that's been done in the past, including full-day kindergarten which helps all students; he then asked Mr. Chang what he sees as an area that we need to invest in the future.

Mr. Weinreich stated that we need to keep our eye “on the prize” of maintaining the high standard of excellence for students and balancing fiscal responsibility. Mr. Pepe responded.

Mr. Colón commended Mr. Pepe and Mr. Chang for their work on this budget; stated he would like to see administrators start from a high demand perspective and then have the discussions of “give and take” in regards to quality of education vs. money.

Dr. Wong said all kids will benefit from our programming and that the budget continues to be a great balance between fiscal and educational responsibilities.

DISCUSSION - PUBLIC

Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Pepe and his team for bringing the budget in under cap; appreciated Mr. Naidu's comments relating to the additional state aid usage; stated Summit has a high tax bill compared to other Union County towns; suggested that not use it, and let the banked cap expire at the end of three years.

Ms. Anderson inquired about class size; she asked that class sizes at Brayton School, where her children attend, be reconsidered; stated we need to put more resources into the gifted and talented students.

ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2020-2021

Mr. Weinreich moved the following:

V. Approval of 2020-2021 School Budget Resolution:

RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2020-2021 School Year and sent to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the statutory deadline for review and approval:

| | GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL REVENUES | DEBT SERVICE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2020-2021 Total Expenditure | \$74,944,137 | \$ 1,076,502 | 0 | \$76,020,639 |
| Less Anticipated Revenues | 8,071,496 | 1,076,502 | 0 | 9,147,998 |
| Local Tax Levy to be Raised | \$66,872,641 | 0 | 0 | \$66,872,641 |

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Local Source in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing be held in City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey on March 30, 2020 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations is \$1,400,000 for deposit into the board of education's approved Capital Reserve Account for funding of the Summit H.S. Roof Replacement Project. This deposit represents expenditures for construction elements that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from capital reserve in the amount of \$1,400,000 for the Summit H.S. Roof Replacement Project, including \$44,000 for architectural services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from maintenance reserve in the amount of \$229,712 to include \$84,000 for flooring projects at Brayton and Washington Elementary Schools and \$145,711.49 for Direct Install lighting upgrades and HVAC work at all five elementary schools and Wilson, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education authorize the approval of withdrawal from emergency reserve in the amount of \$20,000 for school security improvements in the form of additional security cameras at the elementary schools.

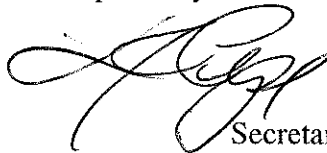
NOTE: Figures subject to change up to the time of adoption of this resolution based on state aid figures or other adjustments

Seconded by Dr. Wong. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bonner, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary