

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2018**

Mr. Denning, President of the Ocean Township Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm in the Media Center, at the Frederic A. Priff School.

Those present-Shawn Denning, Jr., Board President

Daniel Eberenz, Member

Brian Tart, Member

Kelly Zuzic, Member

Christopher Lommerin, Superintendent

Steven Terhune, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Evelyn McDowell, Member (participated by phone from 6:37 pm to 7:07 pm)

Pledge to the Flag

Open Public Meetings Act:

This is to advise the general public that in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Ocean Township Board of Education caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 64 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, NJ and faxed on July 17, 2018 to the Asbury Park Press, Atlantic City Press and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Ocean Township, a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Eberenz, seconded by Mrs. Zuzic to open public forum

Open Public Forum: Agenda Items Only No members of the public present wished to address the Board

Motion by Mr. Eberenz, seconded by Mr. Tart to close public forum

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Mr. Terhune discussed the past 18 years of school aid in the district, how the formula is determined, the factors that affect the formula and how those have changed over the past 18 years, the initial state aid notice from March, the revised state aid notice received July 13, the options and recommendations to address the reduction in state aid for 2018-19, the emergency aid application, enrollment projections going forward and the worst case and likely case scenarios for state aid reductions in the future. Mrs. McDowell participated in this discussion by speakerphone from 6:37 pm until 7:07 pm.

Motion by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Eberenz to approve the following adjustments to the 2018-2019 school year budget in response to the reduction in State Aid approved through the State Appropriations Act and to authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator to communicate these adjustments to the NJ Department of Education prior to the August 1, 2018 deadline.

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Education issued projected State Aid amounts for the 2018-2019 budget on March 15, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the school district adopted the 2018-2019 school year budget on April 30, 2018 based on this projected State Aid, and

WHEREAS, the State of NJ adopted a State Budget on June 30, 2018 that altered the formula used for State Aid for school districts, and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2018 the NJ Department of Education released revised State Aid amounts for the 2018-2019 budget that resulted in a total reduction in aid of \$436,274 for the Ocean Township School District, and

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Education released guidance on July 13, 2018 that requires the school district to adopt revisions to the approved 2018-2019 budget prior to August 1, 2018

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Ocean Township Board of Education approves the following alterations to the 2018-2019 school year budget and authorizes the Business Administrator and Superintendent to implement these changes effective immediately:

Budget Adjustments:

Reduction in Appropriations Accounts –

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- Account 11-000-291-270 – Health Insurance – (\$100,774)
- Account 12-120-100-730 – Equipment – (\$20,000)
- Account 12-000-260-730 – Equipment – (\$7,500)
- Account 11-000-262-520 – Insurance – (\$5,000)
- Account 11-120-100-101 – Teacher Salaries – (\$40,000)
- Account 11-000-222-600 – Media Center Supplies – (\$5,000)
- Account 11-000-221-104 – Curriculum Development – (\$3,000)
- Account 11-000-223-320 – Professional Development – (\$5,000)
- Total Appropriation Account Reductions – (\$186,274)

Request for Withdrawal of Emergency Reserve Funds – \$250,000 required to continue providing a thorough and efficient education due to the unanticipated general fund expense incurred upon the reduction of State Aid on July 13, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ocean Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and the Business Administrator to submit the application in the amount of \$436,274 for Emergency Aid to the NJ Department of Education by the August 7, 2018 deadline in response to this unplanned reduction in State Aid to permit a continued implementation of a thorough and efficient education program in the school district.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Mrs. McDowell was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Eberenz to open public forum.

Open Public Forum: No member of the public present wished to address the Board.

Motion by Mr. Eberenz, seconded by Mr. Tart to close public forum.

Board Comments: The Board appreciated all of the members of the school community that attended tonight's meeting on such a critical and important topic.

Adjourn

Motion by Mrs. Zuzic, seconded by Mr. Eberenz, to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Terhune

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary