

**OCEAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARETOWN, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 25, 2017**

Mr. Denning, Vice President of the Ocean Township Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the Media Center, at the Frederic A. Priff School.

Those present- Annette Stride, Board President – via speakerphone
Shawn Denning, Jr., Board Vice President
Robert Lange, Jr., Member
Evelyn McDowell, Member
Kelly Zuzic, Member
Steven Terhune, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Christopher Lommerin, Superintendent

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 19, 2017 to the Asbury Park Press, Atlantic City Press, Times Beacon and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Ocean Township, a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Open Public Forum: There was no public comment.

The Board and Administration discussed the reduction in 2017-2018 State Aid and the actions available to address the resulting budget deficit. Options discussed were a reduction in appropriations accounts, an increased use of unreserved fund balance and a combination of the two options. The Board also discussed the possible impact on benefit costs based on rumored increases to the State Health Benefits program.

Finance:

Motion by Mr. Lange, seconded by Mrs. McDowell to approve, on recommendation of the Superintendent, the following revisions to the 2017-2018 School Year budget to address the reduction in State Aid in the amount of \$139,108. Notification of this reduction in State Aid was received by the district on July 14, 2017. In addition, the Superintendent and Business Administrator are authorized to submit said revision to the NJ Department of Education by the August 7, 2017 deadline.

- Increase use of Unreserved Fund Balance in the amount of \$139,108 pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(b)* and (c). It is understood that appropriated Fund Balance funds that are unexpended/unencumbered and fall to Unreserved Fund Balance at June 30, 2018 will be included in the audited excess surplus calculation.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Denning, seconded by Mr. Lange, to adjourn at 7:50 pm.
The motion carried by unanimous vote. Mrs. Zuzic was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Terhune

Business Administrator/
Board Secretary