

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – PRELIMINARY BUDGET ADOPTION/COW

March 18, 2014

7:00 P.M.

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Board President's Announcement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough Hall and at the Middle School and by notifying in writing two newspapers: The Record and The Suburbanite.

C. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

D. Roll Call: Geisenheimer, Geller, Molina, Verna, Woods and Holzberg were present. Kirtane was absent.

II. PUBLIC DISCUSSION LIMITED TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion, limited to the 2014/2015 preliminary budget.

There was no public discussion this evening.

B. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

III. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Geisenheimer and approved by unanimous roll call vote to approve that the Board of Education of Demarest hereby adopts the following preliminary budget for the 2014/2015 school year and submits to the Executive County Superintendent for approval, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Common Core Curriculum Content Standards and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment: 707

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	
General Current Expense	\$ 13,630,248	Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 1,875,980
Capital Outlay	731,000	Local Tax Levy	12,000,802
Special Revenue Fund	139,300	Misc. Revenue	124,000
Repayment of Debt	644,076	State Aid	324,035
		Federal Aid	139,300
		Debt Service	644,076
		Tuition	36,431
Total Expenditures	\$ 15,144,624	Total Revenue	\$ 15,144,624

III. ACTIONS (Continued)*Resolution # 1 Continued*

As per N.J.A.C 6A:23B-1.2(b), the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement.

The 2014/2015 preliminary budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of \$29,400.

The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Mike Wozny of EI Associates presented to the board information about the Luther Lee Emerson School addition.

2. There were presentations by each of the following Public Relations Firms:

- Laura Bishop Communications
- Zander Consulting LLC
- Syntax Communications

V. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW**A. Instruction – Staffing**

1. Approve substitute(s).
2. Approve paid maternity leave of absence for J. Werner.

B. Instruction – Pupil Programs

1. Approve 2014 Northern Valley track schedule.
2. Approve students to participate in senior service.

C. Support Services – Staffing

None

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Approve use of buildings and/or fields.
2. Approve professional development plan for 2014/2015 school year.
3. Approve conference and workshop attendance.
4. Approve first reading of new policies/regulations.
5. Approve first reading and adoption of revised policies/regulations.
6. Schedule Public Budget Hearing Meeting for April 29, 2014.

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

1. Confirm payroll.
2. Approve February bills.
3. Confirm February budget transfers.

V. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW (CONTINUED)

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management (Continued)

4. Approve Certification of Board Secretary.
5. Approve Certification of Board of Education.
6. Acknowledge receipt of A-148 and A-149 Reports.

F. Other

1. Reschedule Regular Public Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 to Tuesday, April 29, 2014, following the Public Budget Hearing.
2. Schedule Executive Session Meetings Tuesday, April 8 and 29, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations, personnel and/or legal matters.

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Molina and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion.

There was no public discussion this evening.

2. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

There was no additional time necessary.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank G. Chilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary