

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MAY 1, 2014

The Public Hearing and Final Adoption of Budget Meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Board President, Mr. Irwin.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

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Salute to Flag – Board President  
Roll Call - Board Secretary

<u>    </u> P	Mr. Connors	<u>    </u> P	Ms. King	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Nazir
<u>    </u> P	Mr. Irwin	<u>    </u> Absent	Ms. Lopez	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Okamoto
<u>    </u> P	Mr. Johnson	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Mosier	<u>    </u> P	Mr. Stern

### II. NOTIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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HEREBY BE IT KNOWN that the Piscataway Township Board of Education has complied with the notification requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the announcement of this meeting date and place on April 25, 2014 in the following manner:

- ◆ Posting of the public notice on the posting board for the Board of Education in the Administration Building
- ◆ Email notification to the newspaper serving Piscataway, *The Home News Tribune*
- ◆ Email notification filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Municipal Building on Hoes Lane

This meeting is being digitally recorded. This recording is not an official record or supplement to the minutes and is intended only as a source of information that the public might utilize at a later date to familiarize themselves with the Board's activities.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET

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Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments are limited to three minutes' duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. The Board may require that individuals register to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Participants may submit written material in support of their position.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

Please note: While it is not the Board's intention to stifle comment on matters of legitimate concern to the school community, the public should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law governing defamation or invasion of privacy, they may face personal liability to the injured party. If speakers are uncertain of the legal ramifications of their comments, the Board urges them to seek guidance beforehand from their own legal advisor.

Motion to close:

Moved	<u>    </u> Mr. Okamoto	Seconded	<u>    </u> Mr. Nazir
	Yea <u>    </u> 8		Nay <u>    </u> 0

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following motions, identified as items "A" and "B", be approved as presented:

**A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2014–2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND CERTIFICATION OF 2014-2015 TAX LEVY**

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*Explanation:*

*Having held a public hearing on the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:22-10 the board shall fix and determine by a recorded roll call majority vote of its full membership the amount of money to be raised for the budget according to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-32.*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY to approve a school district budget for the FY 2014-2015 for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$104,805,127	\$83,790,620
Total Special Revenue Fund	2,600,000	0
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>3,541,625</u>	<u>3,541,625</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u><u>\$110,946,752</u></u>	<u><u>\$87,332,245</u></u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-10.3(b) the 2014-2015 budget utilizes \$509,138 in banked tax levy cap to be appropriated in the 2014-2015 base budget because the district has exhausted all of its eligible statutory spending authority. The funds will be utilized and exhausted by the end of the 2014-2015 year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY to authorize the School Business Administrator to make any necessary alterations to the budget related to changes in anticipated Federal or State financial assistance for the FY 2014-2015 for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.

**B. APPROVAL OF REQUIRED TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE 2014-2015 BUDGET**

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WHEREAS, the Piscataway Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$200,000 for all staff and board members

<u>M/S</u>		<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Vote</u>
<u>M</u>	Mr. Connors	<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>
	Mr. Johnson	<u>Y</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Y</u>		
	Ms. King	<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>
		<u>Yea</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>0</u>	

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

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Motion to close:

Moved Mr. Okamoto      Seconded Mr. Stern  
 Yea 8                      Nay 0

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved Mr. Stern                      Seconded Mr. Okamoto  
 Yea 8                                      Nay 0

- - - Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio  
 Interim Board Secretary