

## WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING –MARCH 16, 2017

The **Special Meeting** of the Wanaque Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm, in the Haskell Elementary School Gymnasium, Haskell, New Jersey.

### MEETING

#### I. Call To Order/Sunshine Statement

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Suburban Trends. In addition, notices were posted at the schools and Borough Clerk's Office, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Flag Salute/Public Participation Statement/Roll Call

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	x	
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	x	
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	x	
Ms. Imbasciani (Dana)	x	
Ms. Nitkinas (Jill)	x	
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)		x
Mr. Strobel (Charles)	x	
Mr. Tully (Richard)	x	
Mr. Velante (Jason)	x	

#### Attendance

Ms. Donna Cardiello, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Nancy DiBartolo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Molly Rieth, Confidential Secretary to the Business Administrator  
Public 22  
Press 1

#### II. Resolutions

##### A. Finance/Budget

##### 1) Adoption of Tentative Budget 2017-2018

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2017-2018 Year using the 2017-2018 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

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	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>2017-2018 Total Expenditures</b>	17,398,792	374,000	1,243,650	19,016,442
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<u>3,281,817</u>	<u>374,000</u>	<u>422,841</u>	<u>4,078,658</u>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>14,116,975</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>820,809</u>	<u>14,937,784</u>

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held in the Haskell School Gymnasium on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.

**2) Health Benefits Adjustment**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education has been approved by the Department of Education for an adjustment to the base tax levy in the amount of **\$100,201** due to an increase in health care costs. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefits.

**3) Banked Cap Adjustment**

**RESOLVED** that the Wanaque Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of **\$9,931** for the purposes of providing classroom supplies and materials to support district initiatives with differentiated instruction in the Primary Grades. The district intends to complete said purposes by December 1, 2017.

**4) Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education requests the approval of a **capital reserve withdrawal** in the amount of **\$350,000**. The district intends to utilize these funds for completion of the ADA Toilet Renovations at the Haskell School. Long Range Facilities Project # 5440-050-17-1000.

**5) Appropriation of Excess 2015/2016 Extraordinary Aid**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education approves the appropriation of excess 2015-2016 Extraordinary Aid in the amount of **\$48,666**.

**6) Appropriation of 2015/2016 Transportation Aid**

**RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2015-2016 Transportation Aid in the amount of **\$14,467**.

**7) Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2017-2018**

**WHEREAS**, the Wanaque 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

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

**WHEREAS**, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

**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 **\$25,000** for all staff and board members.

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MOTION: Ms. Nitkinas	SECOND: Mr. Camisa		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Ms. Imbasciani (Dana)	X		

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Ms. Nitkinas (Jill)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	Absent		
Mr. Strobel (Charles)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**III. Public Comment**

Mr. Hain – Wanaque – asked a question on the budget.  
Ms. Demetriou – Thanked Mr. Hain for his comments.

Mr. Cohen – Wanaque – asked questions with regards to the budget, special education, Individualized Educational Plans (IEP’s) and bussing. He also commented on the traffic study, drinking water and the teacher’s contract.  
Ms. Demetriou – Thanked Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Walters – Wanaque – Questioned the effects of not moving forward with the reconfiguration.  
Ms. Demetriou – Thanked Mr. Walters for his comments and explained that the Board of Education is doing their due diligence and are looking forward.

Mr. Healy – Wanaque – Agreed with Mr. Walters and had questions on the budget, negotiations and the health benefits contribution.

Ms. Kohlhase – Haskell – Questioned the information required to move ahead with the reconfiguration.

Mr. Hain – Wanaque – Questioned whether the district had budgeted for a mandated Spanish teacher.  
Ms. Cardiello – Replied that we do have a Spanish teacher.

Ms. Pasznik – Haskell – Asked a question with regards to the budget.  
Ms. Cardiello – Explained that the board had tasked the administration with preparing the budget that was presented this evening.  
Ms. Demetriou – The board has been meeting regularly with Ms. Di Bartolo and Ms. Cardiello.

Ms. Severs – Wanaque – Had a question on the budget and the 2008 traffic study.  
Ms. Cardiello – Replied to her inquiry.

Mr. Strobel – Made a comment with regards to science labs and band.

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Mr. Barnhardt – Asked to see a budget preparation document and how it relates to the open public records act.

Ms. Di Bartolo – Responded that we will ask the attorney.

Mr. Walters – Wanaque – Expressed his opinion on moving forward with a reconfiguration.

Ms. Demetriou – Responded to the question.

Mr. Velante – Thanked the board for doing their due diligence and asked if there are still questions.

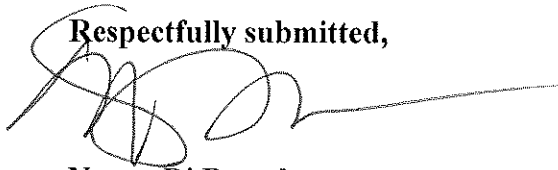
Ms. Severs – Wanaque – Thanked the board for all their hard work and hope it continues.

**IV. Executive Session**

**V. Adjournment**

7:46 – A motion was made by Mr. Camisa and seconded by Ms. Nitkinas to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nancy Di Bartolo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Nancy Di Bartolo  
Board Secretary**