

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING

Board of Education Office
March 16, 2017
5:30 P.M.

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:37 pm.

B. President Holzberg read the following 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. Roll Call: Cantatore, Governale, Kirtane, Verna, Woods, Holzberg
Absent: Alevrontas

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Holzberg led the flag salute.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A. Board members reviewed the items.

IV. ACTIONS

1. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of Demarest, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator, approves the following preliminary 2017-2018 school year budget using the 2017-2018 state aid amounts and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to submit the preliminary 2017-2018 school year budget to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with statutory submission dates:

General Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$15,216,813
Capital Expenditures (Fund 12)	<u>\$ 685,952</u>
Total General Current Fund	\$15,902,765

Special Grants & Entitlements (Fund 20)	\$125,692
Repayment of Debt (Fund 40)	<u>\$607,400</u>

Total Appropriations

\$16, 635,857

Be it Further Resolved, that the General Fund tax levy of \$13,583,542 is approved to support General Current Expenses and \$607,400 is approved to support Repayment of Debt for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the 2017-2018 school year budget includes the automatic adjustment for health care costs in the amount of \$124,788, in accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:7F-39(e), as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

3. It was moved by Governale, seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the a portion of the Banked Cap Tax Levy Adjustment permitting the tax levy to increase above 2% is utilized in the amount of \$493,143 for the purpose of replacing univents and casework at County Road School, installation of a second boiler at Luther Lee School and repaving of parking lots at Luther Lee Emerson School and Demarest Middle School, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator. These projects need to be completed in their entirety at one time and should not extend over a period of time since the project scope does not warrant completion of the projects over an extended period of time.

4. It was moved by Governale , seconded by Woods and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Demarest Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with school district Policy No. 6471 the Board of Education establishes per N. J. A. C. 6A:23A-7.3, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500.00 per staff member for the 2017-2018 school year and 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, the Board of Education established a maximum amount of \$35,000 for the 2016-2017 school year and incurred travel and related expenses for the 2016-2017 school year as of February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$10,037.21; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements, in accordance with school district Policy No. 6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$35,000 for all staff and board members for the 2017-2018 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Woods, seconded by Kirtane and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 P.M.

Sincerely,

Thomas Perez
Business Administrator and Board Secretary