

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Public Meeting
March 2, 2011
Board of Education Conference Room
20 School Avenue
MINUTES
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sullivan at 6:30 p.m., who read the open meetings statement.

The mission of the East Hanover School District is to prepare our young people to be positive, contributing members of society. Through a diverse curriculum which incorporates the expectation that all students achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) at all grade levels and a school environment that fosters self-esteem, independent thinking, and respect for individual differences, we provide our students with the skills and experiences necessary to assist them in achieving their fullest potential as unique individuals and to meet the challenges of life.

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CALL TO ORDER OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advanced 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 East Hanover Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be forwarded to the Hanover Eagle and Daily Record as official newspapers of the East Hanover Township Board of Education and posted in the Board Office, 20 School Avenue, and forwarded to the Township Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barisciano, Mr. Brunini, Mr. Hadley (arrived 6:38 p.m.), Mrs. Pfund-Olsen, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Troise (arrived 6:32 p.m.)

Also Present: Dr. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools

FINANCE

Mr. Sullivan explained that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the tentative budget and he indicated that the budget hearing will be on March 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Hanover Middle School auditorium. He thanked the Administrators for the wonderful job they did in preparing the budget.

Dr. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools, explained that the entire State Aid amount of \$314,005.00 was applied toward tax relief. He indicated that the proposed tax increase is \$8.62 on an average home assessed at \$360,000.00. This compares to the \$80.00 increase for the current budget.

1. Mr. Brunini moved and Mr. Barisciano seconded the motion to approve the submission of the 2011-2012 Tentative School Budget to the Morris County Executive Superintendent of Schools for review and approval in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$ 17,146,639
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 360,879
Debt Service	\$ <u>842,746</u>
TOTAL	\$ 18,350,264

Requiring a tax levy of:

General Fund	\$ 16,670,904
Debt Service	\$ <u>796,570</u>

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Be It Further Resolved, that whereas school district policies #3340 and #4440, "Job Expenses" and N.J.A.C. 6A23B-1.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel expense reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the East Hanover Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2011-2012 school year at a sum of \$8,000.

Be It Further Resolved, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A citizen asked several questions which were answered by the Board and Administrators.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brunini moved and Mr. Troise seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Voice vote all yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Ricca, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

JLR/cg