

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

March 23, 2011

East Hanover Middle School Auditorium

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

Absent: Mr. Barisciano

Also Present: Dr. Ricca, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Slunt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. Ricca dedicated the new auditorium, thanking the Board and staff. Mr. Brunini spoke thanking the members of the foundation.

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1. Presentation of the 2011-2012 School Budget – Dr. Ricca presented the 2011-11 school budget. One member of the public spoke.
2. Public Hearing – Mr. Brunini moved and Mrs. Pfund Olsen seconded the motion to close the public hearing.
3. Adoption of the 2011-2012 School Budget.

Mr. Brunini moved and Mr. Hadley seconded the motion to approve

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the East Hanover Township School District, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the 2011-2012 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

General Fund	\$17,146,639
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 360,879
Debt Service	\$ 842,746

Requiring a tax levy of:

General Fund	\$16,670,904
Debt Service	\$ 796,570

AND WHEREAS, the district has available a maximum taxing authority of \$17,353,929 for the 2011-2012 school year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the unused taxing authority of \$340,273 be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

- 4. WHEREAS, the school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the East Hanover Board of Education shall establish in its annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year, and

WHEREAS, the East Hanover Township School District allotted \$8,000 for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-2011 school year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2011-2012 school year is \$8,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

- 5. WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year, and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 school district budget includes the following appropriations:

Legal Services	35,000
Accounting Services	32,000
Election Services	4,400
Other Administrative Services	129,256
Contracted Services for Special Needs	331,384
Professional Development	10,870

AND WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notify the Board of Education if there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the Board of Education may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Hanover Township School District Board of Education establishes these maximums for public relations and professional development in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2011-2012 school year.

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hadley moved and Mr. Troise seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Voice vote all yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Katine Slunt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary