

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 7, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

The mission of the Freehold Township Schools, in partnership with our community, is to prepare all students to be responsible citizens and life long learners.

The Freehold Township Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Board Office of the Freehold Township School District, 384 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, County of Monmouth.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Marion read the following statement in conformance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", Chapter 231, PL1975, effective January 19, 1976:

"A notice listing the time, date and place of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board of all Freehold Township Schools, on the entrance door to the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, on the district website, at the Office of the Freehold Township Clerk, and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 12, 2017 and the News Transcript on Wednesday, January 18, 2017."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Marion led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Amoroso, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy, Mr. Marion

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Dr. Ross Kasun, Superintendent; Mr. Neal Dickstein, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Pamela Haimer, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Robert DeVita, Business Administrator; Mrs. Ilene Tepper, Assistant Business Administrator; staff members; township residents.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Marion thanked everyone for attending the budget hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. DeVita presented the proposed 2017-2018 Budget to the Board. The presentation focused on the changes to the budget since the previous budget hearing on February 21st.

Dr. Haimer presented the financial aspects of the Curriculum budget with the focus on the digital content providers to be used during the 2017-2018 school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lia Viera, 31 Pittenger Ave., asked why the administrative costs were so much lower in the proposed budget.

Mary Cozzolino, 55 Cornell Court, asked about Freehold Borough's impact on needing to purchase so many new buses, why the math curriculum purchases needed to be made next year and about the process used for testing the school's water for lead.

Kerry Vendettoli, 56 Old Post Road, asked about the impact of legal fees for special education and their impact on the budget.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Patten and seconded by Mr. Levy, and by unanimous voice vote of those present, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DeVita
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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