

**FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 20, 2018**  
**Budget Workshop 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 Regular Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 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 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Levy 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 10, 2018 and sent to the News Transcript on January 8, 2018."

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:	Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mr. DiBlasio, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Levy
Board Members Absent:	Mrs. Holtz
Also Present:	Dr. Ross Kasun, Superintendent; Mr. Neal Dickstein, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Pamela Nathan, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Robert DeVita, Business Administrator; staff members; township residents.

**COMMUNICATION - None**

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS** - Mr. Levy announced that Board and Freehold Township Police Department would be scheduling a meeting on school security. Information would be going out to parents in the near future with the details of the event.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** - Dr. Kasun thanked the Administrative team and the Board for all of their work so far on the 18-19 budget. He described the proposed budget as a maintenance budget and a work in progress.

Mr. De Vita presented the proposed 18-19 budget. He discussed the significant unknowns, such as the renewal rate for health benefits and State Aid, the proposed revenues and appropriations. The projected tax rate for 18-19 would be down 0.7% due to the increase in the town's assessed value. Lastly they discussed the next steps in the budget process.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Debbie Campbell, 64 Rustic Way, asked how the parents would be notified of the security presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. DiBlasio, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

RESOLVED, this board met in executive session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 8:10 p.m., for the purposes of discussing the Payserve Payroll error and options to make employees whole, from which the public may be excluded under the Open Public Meetings Act, PL 1975, Chapter 231. It is anticipated that matters discussed in this executive Session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mrs. Lambert left the meeting.

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AT 8:50 P.M.

On a motion of Mr. DiBlasio, seconded by Mr. Patten, the board reconvened as follows:

**Motion carried by voice vote as follows:**

Ayes:	Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mr. DiBlasio, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy
Nays:	
Abstain:	
Absent:	Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Holtz

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Amoroso and seconded by Mrs. Patten, and by unanimous voice vote of those present, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DeVita  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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