

AGENDA
for
SPECIAL MEETING
FY 2024
ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET
MARCH 14, 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Linden, New Jersey

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Interim Superintendent of Schools

Atiya Y. Perkins
Assistant Superintendent for Support

Paul J. Oliveira
Assistant Superintendent for
Academics

John A. Serapiglia, Jr.
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

SALUTE TO FLAG

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

On March 1, 2023 notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, TAPinto and the Clerk of the Municipality.

NO SMOKING NOTICE:

BY STATE LAW, THERE IS NO SMOKING PERMITTED IN THIS BUILDING AT ANY TIME.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members		Others	
Ms. Cintron		Dr. Tomazic	
Mr. De La Cruz		Mrs. Perkins	
Mrs. Flemming		Mr. Oliveira	
Ms. Pino		Mr. Serapiglia	
Ms. Rosado Quezada		Attorney	
Ms. Thomas			
Ms. Armstead			
Ms. Carrillo			
Dr. Berghammer			

The Finance Committee, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, present the following motions to the Linden Board of Education for approval:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the TENTATIVE budget be approved for the SY2023-2024 using the SY2023-2024 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the TENTATIVE budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline, as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$ 161,305,852	\$ 18,351,697	\$0	\$179,657,549
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$ 69,089,936	\$ 18,351,697	\$0	\$87,441,633
Taxes to be Raised	\$92,215,916	\$0	\$0	\$92,215,916

And to advertise said TENTATIVE budget in the Union County Local Source in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Linden Board of Education meeting located at the gymnasium at School 1, 728 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 on April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the SY2023-2024.

Appropriation of SURPLUS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget an appropriation of surplus designated as legal reserve in the amount of \$14,243,640.

MAXIMUM TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of

\$250,000.00 for SY2023-2024. The maximum travel expenditure amount for SY2022-2023 is \$250,000.00, of which, \$48,227.05 has been spent and \$22,169.75 is encumbered as of "03/09/2023".

1. Continued:

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member or district board of education member 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, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$250,000.00 for all staff and board members for SY2023-2024.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, BE IT RESOLVED that the Linden Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the 2023-2024 school year, and that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded as follows:

Architecture/Engineering	\$1,000,000.00
Legal	\$ 300,000.00
Audit	\$ 50,000.00
Physician	\$ 52,000.00
Total:	\$1,402,000.00

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MOTIONS:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron					
Mr. De La Cruz					
Mrs. Flemming					
Ms. Pino					
Ms. Rosado Quezada					
Ms. Thomas					
Ms. Armstead					
Ms. Carrillo					
Dr. Berghammer					

Motions: