

**SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM**

I. Call to order: This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act," C.231, PL. 1975, and notices were forwarded to newspapers, to Board members and were posted as required.

Roll Call	Present	Arrived at	Absent	Time:	PM
Mr. Worth	X				
Mrs. Giblin	X				
Mr. Ferraro	X				
Mrs. Matuch	X				
Mrs. Valori	X				

Dr. Raymond J. Boccuti - Superintendent, CSA; Denise McCarthy - SBA/BS; Paul Griggs, Esq.- Board Attorney

II. Flag salute

III. Executive Session

RESOLVED: The Spring Lake Borough Board of Education hereby convenes to executive session for discussion of the following subjects: Attorney/Client Privilege, Legal, Personnel.

It is anticipated the executive session will take approximately one hour; the Board will not take action when it reconvenes to public session; and the minutes of the executive session shall be released to the public when the reason for the executive session discussion no longer exists.

On motion to enter Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. by Mrs. Giblin and seconded by Mr. Ferraro:

Roll Call: 5-0

<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mr. Ferraro	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Giblin	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Matuch	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Valori	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mr. Worth
-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	---------------------------------

On motion to exit Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. Ferraro and seconded by Mrs. Matuch:

Roll Call: 5-0

<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mr. Ferraro	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Giblin	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Matuch	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mrs. Valori	<u> </u> Y <u> </u> Mr. Worth
-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	---------------------------------

IV. Adoption of Tentative Budget 2019-2020, Travel and Reserves

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2019-2020 School Year using the 2019-2020 State Aid award and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline of March 20, 2019:

**SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>DEBT</u>	
	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
*2019-2020 Total Expenditures	<u>\$7,799,568</u>	<u>\$355,872</u>	<u>\$161,200</u>	<u>\$8,316,640</u>
*Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$1,250,857</u>	<u>\$355,872</u>	<u>\$49,672</u>	<u>\$1,656,401</u>
*Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$6,548,711</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$111,528</u>	<u>\$6,660,239</u>

(*Indicates to be revised.)

Addendum to "IV. Adoption of Tentative Budget 2019-2020, Travel and Reserves" on Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>DEBT</u>	
	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
*2019-2020 Total Expenditures	<u>\$7,773,876</u>	<u>\$280,752</u>	<u>\$161,200</u>	<u>\$8,215,828</u>
*Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$1,225,165</u>	<u>\$280,752</u>	<u>\$49,672</u>	<u>\$1,555,589</u>
*Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$6,548,711</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$111,528</u>	<u>\$6,660,239</u>

RESOLVED, that the Spring Lake Board of Education requests the approval for a Maintenance Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$50,000. The District intends to use these funds to make necessary repairs and improvements to the school building.

And to advertise said tentative budget in The Coast Star 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 in the library of H.W. Mountz Elementary School, 411 Tuttle Ave, Spring Lake, New Jersey on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30 PM, in the library, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2019-2020

WHEREAS, the Spring Lake 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

SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2 et seq. 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

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular District business travel as defined in NJAC 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State county meetings, Department or Association sponsored events or in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed \$150.00 per employee or Board member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless the annual threshold for a staff member exceeds \$1,500 in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$25,000 for all staff and Board members for the 2018-2019 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Spring Lake Board of Education requests the approval for a Capital Reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$20,000. The District intends to utilize these funds to partner with the PTA in a library/media center renovation.

V. Public Comments on Agenda Item Only - Mrs. Hansen - Expressed she does not understand why a town with declining enrollment has to raise taxes 2% or higher, mentioned staff members by name which will not be included in these minutes, believes the mathematics program needs to be reviewed, believes we are overstaffed, need to cut without deconstructing. Mrs. Vajori and Mr. Ferraro stated that it is difficult to stay under the 2% cap because of tuition and health insurance costs. Mr. Worth - Expressed that the BOE directed Administration bring actuals, Mr. Clark - Encouraged the Board to look at non-instructional cuts, Mrs. Panzini - Expressed disagreement with social studies consideration, Mr. Patterson - Questioned Brown & Brown as the school district's insurance broker and related costs, Mr. Worth - Stated his experience found bringing a new broker in saving money, Mrs. Lynch - Recommended cutting in the areas of Superintendent/Principal, Assistant Principal/Director of Student Services, secretaries, and made comments on scheduling, Mr. Moran - Recommended the Board has a representative attend Manasquan, questioned unallocated, questioned how many students live in Spring Lake who do not attend Mountz which may impact attendance, believes administration is heavy, Mr. Daino - State school budgets are tough, tuition and benefits have increased 3.5% of items you cannot control, Mrs. Martin - Stated social studies teacher is a part of the Blue Ribbon status, Mr. Moran - Commented on the PTA available money, Mrs. Hansen - Questioned services from shared services agreement with Avon, Mrs. Lynch - Questioned evaluation of teachers, Mr. Griggs - Explained teacher evaluation, certification, reduction in force, tenure, and non-tenure, Mr. Clark - Questioned the shared services agreement with Wall Township, Dr. Boccuti- Explained the Wall shared services agreement ends at the end of this school year, Mrs. DiFeo - Questioned a variety of general topics and specifically the social studies position, Mrs. Hansen - Stated people care about the budget and staffing, Mrs. Lynch - Believes cuts should be made in mathematics, art, and shared services, stated we will lose students, Mrs. Farmer - Expressed she talks to parents all the time.

**SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM**

Motion: Mrs. Valori, Mrs. Matuch

Board Discussion - Mr. Worth - Explained this is to submit the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent, Mrs. Valori - Thank you to Dr. Boccuti, Mrs. McCarthy, and Finance Committee, the BOE has been under tremendous pressure to make massive cuts, with increased costs, Mr. Ferraro - Explained the historical path of the Finance Committee to increase educational programs and quality while lowering the excessive surpluses of the past not utilized for reserves or building improvements, Mr. Worth - Shared Mrs. Hansen's concern with 2% increase, stated in the last three years we have lost 50 students with similar budgets even with inflationary creep, believes we have reduced reserves, Mrs. Matuch - Problem is that the numbers do not change drastically at budget voting time.

Roll Call: Failed 3-2

<u>Y</u> Mr. Ferraro	<u>N</u> Mrs. Giblin	<u>N</u> Mrs. Matuch	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Valori	<u>N</u> Mr. Worth
----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	--------------------

VI. Public Comments on Any Topic - Mrs. Lynch - Questioned Extended School Year (ESY), Mr. Clark - Expressed pleasure see the Board not be forced to into a budget, Mrs. Panzini - Expressed her opinion on collapsing the building and not spending on building improvements, Mrs. Hansen - Expressed looking at reducing the mathematics program offerings.

VIII. Executive Session

RESOLVED: The Spring Lake Borough Board of Education hereby convenes to executive session for discussion of the following subjects: Attorney/Client Privilege, Legal, Personnel.

It is anticipated the executive session will take approximately one hour; the Board will not take action when it reconvenes to public session; and the minutes of the executive session shall be released to the public when the reason for the executive session discussion no longer exists.

On motion to enter Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. by Mrs. Giblin and seconded by Mr. Worth:

Roll Call: 5-0

<u>Y</u> Mr. Ferraro	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Giblin	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Matuch	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Valori	<u>Y</u> Mr. Worth
----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	--------------------

On motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Worth and seconded by Mrs. Matuch:

Roll Call: 5-0

<u>Y</u> Mr. Ferraro	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Giblin	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Matuch	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Valori	<u>Y</u> Mr. Worth
----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	--------------------

Discussion: Board of Education discussed inviting Kevin Settembrino of Settembrino Architects to the March 25, 2019 Board of Education regular meeting to discuss the long range facilities plan.

**SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM**

VII. Adjourn

On motion by __Mrs. Giblin____, and seconded by _Mr. Worth_____:

Roll Call: 5-0

<u>Y</u> Mr. Feraro	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Giblin	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Matuch	<u>Y</u> Mrs. Valori	<u>Y</u> Mr. Worth
---------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	--------------------

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.