

**SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2019, 6:30 PM**

I. Call to order: Mr. Worth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act," C.231, PL. 1975, notices of the meeting were forwarded to newspapers, to Board members and were posted as required.

Roll Call	Present	Arrived at	Absent	Time:	6:30	PM
Mr. Worth	X					
Mrs. Giblin	X					
Mr. Ferraro	X					
Mrs. Matuch	X					
Mrs. Valori	X					

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

II. Flag salute

III. Referendum Financial Considerations Discussion - Mrs. Mary Lyons - Mr. Worth introduced Mrs. Lyons and informed the public he would entertain public comment following the presentation. Mrs. Lyons reviewed the definition of a referendum as well as the state-approved dates for a referendum. She reviewed that the September date is a date of preference for school districts. Documents should be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) five to six months prior to the referendum. Approval of projects has time lengths depending on the projects (e.g. room renovations vs. roof replacements, etc.). School districts generally seek timing that aligns when existing debt expires. Debt service aid theoretically is 40% for approved projects, in practice prorated 15%, which provides a 34% actual return for almost 10 years. Spring Lake Borough School District currently has an AAA rating, the highest. Capital reserve may be utilized to pay for debt service. School districts may have multiple questions on the referendum ballot. Presented as sample considerations:

1. \$1,7 M, 3.6%, 15 years - Amount that could be borrowed with no additional tax impact
2. \$6.2 M, 3.5%, 15 years - Amount that was originally estimated by architect with an average tax impact of \$184.93

Public Comment - Mr. Roche - Asked about the cost of an election, Mrs. Lyons replied \$20,000 - \$30,000, Mr. Clark - Asked if it known how much of the \$6.2 M list would be reimbursed, Mrs. Lyons replied she believed the entire list would be reimbursable, Mr. Roche - Asked about curbs and sidewalks, Mrs. Lyons explained that is why she estimated 30% as opposed to 34%, Mrs. Giblin asked about the accuracy of the estimations, Mrs. Lyons explained over estimation is not a problem prior to final decision-making, adding something that is not in the submission could be a problem, Mr. Clark - Asked if it is unusual to split referendum questions, Mrs. Lyons stated it is not unusual and a local decision, Mrs. Dubach - Asked about if the school district spent less than the borrowed amount, Mrs. Lyons explained this is an unusual situation for school districts, Mrs. Dubach - Asked about regionalization and debt, Mrs. Lyons explained that regionalization implies taking on another entities date.

IV. Board of Education Buildings and Grounds Committee Update - Mr. Ferraro - Mrs. Worth passed over the discussion to Mr. Ferraro who distributed the architect's list with the following

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indicators: T for collaboration with town, N for items near term projects perhaps with general operating funds, and ? for items with questions. Mr. Ferraro also prepared a one page summary of the three areas and the four items that may be considered for a referendum due to their magnitude: original roof, 1971 roof, HVAC, and science room fume hood (also on near term project list).

Public Comment - Mr. Monello - Commented that the list appears to be a needed capital list in a time when the school district's current debt service is dropping off in a uniquely favorable to borrow funds and thanked Mr. Ferraro for his presentation, Mrs. Hansen - Concurred interest rates are low but believes we are looking at this in a vacuum in reference to program and declining enrollment and to consider the history, Mr. Roche - Believes there are open rooms that could be used for storage, Dr. Boccuti - Later followed up that there is only one classroom in the building not being utilized throughout the entire school day, Mr. Worth - Expressed that the Buildings and Grounds Committee is in agreement on the near term project list and does not believe there is adequate planning time for a referendum, Mrs. Valori - Expressed disagreement with Mr. Worth and concern we are continuing to "kick the can" down the road expressing the public needs to make this decision, Mrs. Giblin - Asked about the items on the list that are not worked in one of the three categories, expressed the school district should prioritize the entire list, expressed the school district should also have a technology plan as a component of this, expressed the school district needs to track down a prior architect's work on the locker rooms, expressed not being in favor of having a referendum discussion without firmed out numbers, Mr. Ferraro - Explained the list was originally prioritized by the architect, reviewed six times by the current Board of Education Buildings and Grounds Committee, and discussed the need for a referendum discussion on the four large items.

A full Board discussion followed that encompassed the long range plan, referendum, near term, long term resulting in:

1. Technology plan
2. Updated costs of near term project list
3. Referendum lists

Mrs. Valori made a motion to focus on the costs of the four items on the referendum list separated out, Mr. Ferraro seconded the motion,

On motion by Mrs. Valori, and seconded by Mr. Ferraro:

Further discussion - Mr. Worth - Expressed he did not agree with the top HVAC option.

Roll Call: Failed 3-2

<u> </u> Y Mr. Ferraro	<u> </u> N Mrs. Giblin	<u> </u> N Mrs. Matuch	<u> </u> Y Mrs. Valori	<u> </u> N Mr. Worth
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Mrs. Giblin made a motion to focus on costs for the summary list minus the T list, inclusive of a technology plan, Mrs. Matuch seconded the motion, No discussion, Motion passes 5-0

On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch:

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V. Public Comments on Agenda Item Only - Mr. Worth moved on as he previously provided public comment opportunity.

VI. 2019-2020 School Calendar - Dr. Boccuti - Re-presented the recommended calendar at the March 25, 2019 Board of Education regular meeting as it was discovered that the Board requested calendar addition to the Board approved calendar presented a conflict with the Spring Lake Education Association collective bargaining unit agreement.

VII. Facilities Utilization:

Jersey Shore Babe Ruth League
H.W. Mountz Baseball Fields
Saturdays-April 20, 2019-June 29, 2019
Requested by: Mike Condon

Spring Lake Daisy Troop
All Purpose Room
April 11, 2019
3 pm-4pm
Requested by: Jennifer Cozzarelli

On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch for approval of VI. and VII.:

Discussion - Mrs. Giblin expressed outside organizations be informed they need to take care of the recently renovated athletic fields.

Roll Call: Passed 5-0

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VIII. 2018-2019 Staff Salaries Retroactive to July 1, 2018 - See Appendix A, Appendix B, and Addendum

Addendum to “VIII. 2018-2019 Staff Salaries Retroactive to July 1, 2018” on Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda

RESOLVED: that the Spring Lake Borough Board of Education approve the retroactive salary stipends for the following former support staff employees from July 1, 2018 through the time they respectively resigned during the 2018-2019 school year:

1. Bruce Blattner, Lunch/Recess Aide - \$56.05
2. Lucy Muhlenbruck, Reception/Lunch/Recess Aide - \$155.96

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On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch to approve Addendum:

Discussion - Mr. Worth requested 3% per contract and footnote one employee recommended for more due to a promotion prior to period of status quo, Mrs. Giblin - Questioned retroactive stipend for former support staff employees on the addendum, Dr. Boccuti and Mr. Griggs explained reasons, Mr. Ferraro - Confirmed he did not have a conflict with MOESC through Mr. Griggs before voting.

Roll Call: Passed 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
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IX. Public Comments on Any Topic - Mrs. Lynch - Questioned the Buildings and Grounds Committee roof scan and locker room proposal, questioned communication regarding a safety and security false alarm, Dr. Boccuti explained the safety and security false alarm, Mr. Roche - Served Mrs. McCarthy questions in reference to residency fraud, Mr. Clark - Commented on the architect's fee structure, Mrs. Dubach - Expressed concerns about the tarps on the athletic fields, Mrs. Hansen - Mentioned she lives on Tuttle Avenue and the curbs are being done, Mr. Worth reported on his follow up with Spring Lake Borough Manager Mr. Dempsey, Mrs. Hansen - Questioned five year plan needs in consideration of declining enrollment.

X. Adjourn

On motion by Mrs. Giblin, 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
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.