

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

MEETING MINUTES

03/03/2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of Totowa was held at Washington Park School Media Center, 10 Crews Street, Totowa, New Jersey on March 3, 2020.

1. Call To Order

Vice President Antonucci called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M. and led all present in the salute to the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for our past and present troops.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Ms. Alesandrelli, Ms. Antonucci, Ms. Carr, Ms. DeCeglie, Mr. Kerwin,
Mr. Reynoso and Mr. Tangora

Members Absent: Mr. Bierach and Mr. Guarneri

Also Present: Patricia Capitelli, Superintendent of Schools
Vincent Varcadipane, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Raymond B. Reddin, Board Attorney

3. Open Public Meeting Notice

The following statement was read by Mr. Varcadipane:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Municipal Building and notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald News and The Record.

4. Public to be Heard

There was no public to be heard.

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5. Executive Session

A request for executive session was made to discuss personnel matters and other business excluded from the Open Public Meeting by Law. The Board entered executive session at 7:14 p.m.

Mr. Reddin said, in Executive Session the Board will be discussing personnel and legal matters. The discussion will last approximately five (5) to ten (10) minutes and no action will be taken.

Motion for approval of item 5

MOTION: Ms. DeCeglie
SECONDED: Mr. Tangora
VOTE: Unanimous

The Board returned from executive session at 7:41 P.M.

6. Approval of Adoption and Submission of 2020-2021 Tentative School Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends the Board adopts and submits the 2020-2021 tentative School budget. (See attachment #1)

7. Approval of Travel Expense

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, recommends that the Board approve the travel expense for regular business travel not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the 2020-2021.

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8. Approval of Maximum Travel Expenditure 2020-2021

The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, recommends that the Board establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2020-2021 school year of \$10,000.00 in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-7.3. The total expenditure in the pre-budget year to date is \$2,359.00.

Motion for approval of item 6-8

MOTION: Mr. Reynoso
SECONDED: Mr. Tangora
VOTE: Unanimous

9. Old Business

There was no old business.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

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11. Hearing and Petition of Citizens

Ms. Antonucci read the following statement. "For the record please state your name and address. We appreciate you coming forward here tonight. Please speak clearly. You do have three minutes to speak and please note we as a board take all concerns, views, and or statements very seriously. However, we may or may not have the opportunity to address your concerns at this time.

Ms. Maya Buono of 84 Hobart Place, Totowa NJ 07512 stepped forward. Ms. Buono asked that this meeting was reschedule and was originally listed as a Budget Approval (tentative), is there a budget presentation tonight?

Mr. Varcadipane replied by stating that this meeting is a tentative budget approval to submit the budget to the County Department of Education only. The budget presentation will, tentatively, be done at the March 25, 2020 Public Hearing after the district receives approval from the County Department of Education.

Ms. Capitelli stated that the last meeting of February or the first meeting of March is dependent on the Governor's budget address and release of State Aide figures.

Ms. Antonucci thanked Ms. Buono.

12. Other Matters of a Timely Nature

There were no other matters of a timely nature.

13. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Reynoso and seconded by Ms. DeCeglie this meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent Varcadipane
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary