

May 7, 2019

MINUTES
MOUNT ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 7, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PRESENT: Sheila Studint, President
Rachel Byrne, Vice President
Liz Cangiano
Karl Svenningsen

ABSENT: Edwin Botero, Melissa Eckert, Al Roldan

ALSO PRESENT: Monica A. Rowland Superintendent of Schools
Tonya M. Flowers, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Mount Arlington Public School, in the media center, declared a quorum present and read the following notices.

The Mount Arlington Board of Education is meeting for action and discussion about business before the Board today.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the public's right to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, the Board of Education has sent notice of today's meetings and copies of the Agenda to the:

Roxbury Register
Daily Record
Star Ledger
Municipal Clerk
Board Members

Notice of today's meeting and copies of the Agenda have been posted in the following places:

Mount Arlington School
Edith M. Decker School
Mount Arlington Public Schools Website: www.mtarlingtonk8.org

All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

Ms. Rowland and Ms. Flowers gave a detailed budget presentation.

PUBIC SESSION:

None

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Ms. Flowers discussed the motions before the Board as shown on the agenda.

BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

FINANCE:

Motions 050719-B-1 was moved by Mr. Svenningsen and seconded by Mrs. Studint. BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for the Mount Arlington Board of Education be approved for the 2019-2020 School Year using the 2019-2020 state aid figures 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:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2019-2020 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>12,601,076</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>234,400</u>	<u>12,960,476</u>
LESS: ANTICIPATED REVENUES	<u>1,811,339</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,936,339</u>
<u>TAXES TO BE RAISED</u>	<u>10,789,737</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>234,400</u>	<u>11,024,137</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in Accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according with law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be funds raised by taxes for the General Fund, in the amount of \$10,789,737 and Debt Service in the amount \$234,400 for the ensuing school year 2019-2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public meeting be held at the Mount Arlington Public School, 235 Howard Boulevard, Mount Arlington, New Jersey on May 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education policy and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2019-2020 School Year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2018-2019 School Year was \$20,830; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$5,298 as of March 13, 2019; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education in the County of Morris New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2019-2020 school year at the sum of \$19,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record professional service costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A:5.2(a) mandates Boards of Education to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations:

Service	Cost
Legal	\$23,000
Auditing	\$23,560
Related Services	\$173,353
Other Professional Services	\$13,593
Repair and Services	\$176,572
Professional Development	\$18,500
Transportation	\$675,867

WHEREAS, the Administration needs to notify the Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums. Upon which the Board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal Board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Arlington Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

CLOSED SESSION:

It was moved by Mrs. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the Mount Arlington Board of Education move to Closed Session at 7:40 PM, to discuss certain HIB matters with no action expected to follow.

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Closed Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

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WHEREAS, the Mount Arlington Board of Education has determined it necessary to move to Closed Session to discuss legal matters, which are included in the aforesaid exceptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Arlington Board of Education that it does hereby move into Closed Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matters with no related action to follow, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Closed Session or at such time as any litigated or personnel matters are concluded; or upon conclusion of any negotiations or related discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

It was motioned by Mrs. Studint and seconded by Mrs. Byrne that the meeting return to open session at 7:45 P.M., with all in attendance in favor and none opposed.

Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 3 Absent

ADJOURN

Motioned by Mrs. Cangiano and seconded by Mr. Svenningsen that the public meeting be adjourned. Unanimously carried at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tonya M. Flowers
Board Secretary