

LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SPECIAL MEETING

**ADOPTION OF THE
2024-2025 AMENDED TENTATIVE BUDGET**



Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Lacey Township High School Lecture Hall

4:00 p.m.

MEETING OUTLINE

June 11, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Adequate notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Beacon on June 6, 2024, and by posting the notice in the Forked River Post Office and the Lanoka Harbor Post Office, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Lacey Township Clerk, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

4. **ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE**
5. **RESOLUTION PERMITTING REMOTE MEMBER PARTICIPATION AND VOTING DUE TO A FAMILIAL MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

MOTION: Move that the Board approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Board believes that in-person meetings are the best way for members to be engaged and participate in the deliberative process; and

Whereas, Board Policy 0131 provides, “The Board may, under emergency circumstances, suspend the operation of a bylaw, policy, or regulation and adopt, revise, or abolish a bylaw, policy, or regulation without prior notice. The emergency adoption, revision, or abolishment of a bylaw, policy, or regulation shall terminate at the next meeting of the Board or at such earlier date as may be specified by the Board unless further acted upon by the Board in accordance with this Bylaw;” and

Whereas, Board Member Linda Walker is unable to attend the June 11, 2024 meeting due to a familial medical emergency, but nonetheless wishes to partake in the deliberative process and Board Meeting; and

Whereas, the Board finds that under these circumstances, it shall suspend its regular practice of in-person attendance and permit Mrs. Walker to attend the meeting via telephone and vote on all matters as if she were present; and

Whereas, this exception shall apply for the current meeting only, unless otherwise authorized by resolution of the Board.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Lacey Township Board of Education that Board Member Linda Walker shall be permitted to participate and vote in the meeting on June 11, 2024 via telephone; and

Be it further resolved that such remote participation be conditioned on the ability of the public and Mrs. Walker to be heard as if she were physically present.

6. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Presentation of 2024-2025 Tentative Budget
 - a. Dr. Vanessa R. Pereira, Superintendent
 - b. Ms. Sharon Ormsbee, Business Administrator
 - c. Mr. William W. Zylinski, Assistant Superintendent

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. BOARD COMMENT

9. ADOPTION OF AMENDED TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION: Move that the Board adopt the amended tentative budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the amended tentative budget for the 2024-2025 school year be approved using the 2024-2025 state aid figures, and that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following amended tentative budget to the Ocean County Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the amended statutory deadline:

	General	Special	Debt	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Expenditures	\$71,318,748	\$7,885,167	\$3,302,700	\$82,506,615
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>12,859,719</u>	<u>7,885,167</u>	<u>560,727</u>	<u>21,305,613</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$58,459,029	\$0	\$2,741,973	\$61,201,002

And to advertise said amended tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press and the Beacon newspapers 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 Lacey Township High School Lecture Hall, Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on and adopting the budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, the Lacey Township 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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 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, the Lacey Township Board of Education established \$90,647 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$65,424 as of this date; now

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 \$70,300 for all staff and board members for the 2024-2025 school year.

10. STABILIZED SCHOOL BUDGET AID GRANT PROGRAM AND INCREASED TAX LEVY CAP

MOTION: Move that the Board accept the stabilization aid grant for the 2024-2025 school year.

WHEREAS, P.L.2024, c.13: Stabilized School Budget Aid Grant Program and Increased Tax Levy Cap for Certain Districts, and;

WHEREAS, Under the Stabilized School budget Aid Grant Program, a school district subject to a State school aid reduction in the 2024-2025 school year is eligible for an aid grant equal to 45% of the amount of the school district's State school aid reduction, and;

WHEREAS, Districts were provided notice of the amounts eligible on or about May 15, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, Districts must appropriate these funds no later than July 5, 2024, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lacey Township Board of Education appropriates the additional funds received in the amount of \$1,442,656 in the following budgetary line items:

Budget Line	Amount	Description
11-1XX-100-XXX	\$869,004	CB Replacements & Teachers
11-2XX-100-XXX	\$351,452	Teachers
11-000-218-XXX	\$ 72,200	Counselor
11-000-26X-XXX	\$ 50,000	Maintenance
11-XXX-XXX-2XX	\$100,000	Benefits

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2024-2025:

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11. ADJOURNMENT