

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
**LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING - MAY 7, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Lacey Township Board of Education was held on May 7, 2024 in the Lacey Township High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Harold “Skip” Peters, Jr. at 4:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Peters led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Adequate Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Beacon on Thursday, May 2, 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 Meeting Act.

**ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE**

Members Present:      Harold “Skip” Peters, Jr., President  
                                 Kim Klaus, Vice President  
                                 Salvatore Armato  
                                 Linda A. Walker  
                                 Jack Conaty  
                                 Cheryl Armato  
                                 Dan Bell

Also Present:            Dr. Vanessa R. Pereira, Superintendent  
                                 Sharon Ormsbee, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
                                 Matt Stellar, MaryEllen Leder, Angela Jefferies - Cenergistic  
                                 Robert Romano, Energy Specialist

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Vanessa Pereira welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Pereira provided an update on the 2024-2025 Budget and the need for a referendum to bring the district infrastructure up to date.

- Matt Stellar, Cenergistic Representative, provided a report on the Energy Savings Program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments included inquiry if the district has a grant writer. Comment regarding the low salary of teachers and difficulty replacing teachers. Suggestion to bring programs into the district, raising of taxes, and returning the band staff.

## **BOARD COMMENT**

Board member comments included the importance of our staff and students. Happy to see the public participating in these workshop meetings and would like to continue to hold these meetings. Some would be in favor of raising taxes if needed. Frustrated, the district is put in this financial position while other districts are not. Would not like to see families have to pay to participate in programs. will continue to provide the best education for our students, proud of the students who attend the meetings and speak about their concerns, the need for revenue ideas for the district, budget challenges the district is facing, tenure laws, continue to contact our legislatures, the governor, and our representatives in Trenton.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Move to adjourn the Special Meeting.*

*Motion by Mrs. Walker. All in favor.*

*The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m*

*Respectfully submitted,*



Sharon Ormsbee

Business Administrator/Board Secretary