

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL****LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2021****CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Lacey Township Board of Education was held on April 21, 2021 in the Lacey Township High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Donna McAvoy at 6:09 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. McAvoy 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, April 15, 2021, 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: Donna McAvoy, Board President

Linda Downing

Regina Discenza

Harold "Skip" Peters, Jr.

Edward Scanlon

Kim Klaus

Also Present: Dr. Vanessa P. Clark, Superintendent

Stephen J. Decker, Assistant Superintendent

Patrick S. DeGeorge, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Frank Palino, Vice President

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Clark welcomed everyone to the Budget Workshop II.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comment on the loss of Federal funds if marijuana is sold in the state and the effect on the District budget. Mr. DeGeorge and Mr. Scanlon responded.

Mr. DeGeorge confirmed there were no public comments received via the Google Public Comment platform.

## **BOARD COMMENT**

Board member requested to set up a meeting to discuss ideas of revenue. Mrs. McAvoy responded. Questions were asked in regards to the 2021-2022 Budget, as well as future budgets. Can a balanced budget be presented for next year without eliminating programs and staff? Mr. DeGeorge detailed areas in the budget that allowed for the creation of a balanced budget, as well as the cost of benefits based on level of coverage. Inquiry if the District can use another insurance provider, as well as an insurance broker. Question if the budget will change before the May 6, 2021 Public Hearing. Question regarding the number of retirees. Question regarding the tax history. Comment on grants in the budget. Capital projects that are projected for next year and the future. Mr. DeGeorge responded to all. Inquiry if any student programs were removed from the budget. Dr. Clark, Mr. Decker, and Mrs. McAvoy responded. Staffing inquiries. Cost per pupil inquiry and cost per total classroom instruction inquiry. Suggestion to return Adult Education Programs for revenue. Thank you to Mr. DeGeorge for the work put into developing a balanced budget. Comment regarding more extra-curricular participation options for sixth graders. Inquiry to the process pertaining to cuts. Dr. Clark responded. Student involvement was discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Move to adjourn the Special Meeting.*

*Motion by Mrs. Downing, seconded by Mr. Peters. All in favor.*

*The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick S. DeGeorge", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick S. DeGeorge  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary