

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL****LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2021****CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Lacey Township Board of Education was held on April 26, 2021 in the Lacey Township High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Board President Donna McAvoy at 6:02 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
	Frank Palino, Vice 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:	Harold "Skip" Peters, Jr.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Clark welcomed everyone to the Budget Workshop III.

## **BOARD COMMENT**

Board comment included questions regarding private school placements. Mr. DeGeorge responded. Thank you to Mr. DeGeorge for developing a balanced budget without personnel cuts. Inquiry if a date has been selected to hold a meeting to discuss revenue ideas. Dr. Clark and Mrs. McAvoy responded. Comment on substitute pay increase and hope to align with other districts. Thank you to Mr. Scanlon for suggesting the Budget Workshops for the Board members and the public to attend. Comment regarding the Board participation, input, concerns, and questions during the process of developing the budget. Concern with Chapter 44 and the future effect on the District.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public thanked Mr. DeGeorge and the Board for the time put into the development of the budget. Comment regarding the perspective of a taxpayer and the tax comparison to residents' previous home locations. Significant percentage of overall taxes is school tax. Mr. Scanlon responded and suggested a community member consider becoming a Board of Education member. Public inquiry on the average cost per pupil. Mr. DeGeorge responded. Public comment regarding the consolidation of schools and the future loss of taxes. Loss of taxes fall back on the taxpayers. Thank you to the Board members who attended the Lacey Township meeting and voiced their opinion regarding the legalization of marijuana and opposition to the sale of marijuana in Lacey Township.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Move to adjourn the Special Meeting.*

*Motion by Mrs. Discenza, seconded by Mrs. Downing. All in favor.*

*The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:22 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