

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL****LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 6, 2021****CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Lacey Township Board of Education was held on May 6, 2021 in the Lacey Township High School Auditorium. 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 January 14, 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

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Vanessa Clark welcomed those in attendance. Thank you to the many people for playing a role in building the budget through conversations and collaboration. Challenges still continue with S2.

Mr. DeGeorge provided a brief presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment included additional revenue opportunities. Proposing a hazard waste and radiological ordinance for the town. Town and School District work together. Other communities have this in place. Mrs. McAvoy responded.

Mr. DeGeorge stated there were no Google Doc platform comments.

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*Move that the Board approve the following:*

*Motion by Mr. Scanlon, seconded by Mrs. Klaus. Roll call vote as follows:*

*Mrs. Klaus - aye*

*Mr. Scanlon - aye*

*Mr. Peters - aye*

*Mrs. Discenza - aye*

*Mrs. Downing - aye*

*Mr. Palino - aye*

*Mrs. McAvoy - aye*

## AMENDMENT OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR TENTATIVE BUDGET

MOTION: Move that the Board amend the Tentative Budget for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Budget Acct. Number	Budget Category	Description	Tentative Budget Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Final Budget Amount
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<i>Appropriations</i>					
11-110-100-101	Kindergarten - Salaries of Teachers	Correction to add 1 teacher salary.	\$796,420	\$67,700	\$864,120
11-130-100-101	Grades 6-8 - Salaries of Teachers	Correction to add 1 teacher salary.	\$4,376,953	\$76,200	\$4,453,153
11-212-100-101	Multiple Disabilities - Salaries of Teachers	Addition of 1 MD Teacher - Ages 18 - 21.	\$390,398	\$53,803	\$444,201
11-213-100-101	Resource Room - Salaries of Teachers	Correction to add 1 teacher salary.	\$3,648,478	\$77,200	\$3,725,678
11-214-100-101	Autism - Salaries of Teachers	Correction to add 1 teacher salary.	\$543,849	\$72,200	\$616,049
11-402-100-500	School Sponsored Athletics - Purchased Services	Reclassification of officials fees to Fund 20.	\$173,650	\$(10,750)	\$162,900
11-402-100-610	School Sponsored Athletics - Supplies and Materials	Reduction in bid pricing for supplies and materials.	\$125,074	\$(11,813)	\$113,261
11-000-270-390	Student Transportation Services - Other Purchased Services	Reclassification of line items to the Other Purchased Services account.	\$0	\$17,638	\$17,638
11-000-270-420	Student Transportation Services - Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance	Reclassification of line items to the Other Purchased Services account.	\$18,000	\$(5,000)	\$13,000
11-000-270-443	Transportation - Lease Purchase Payments	Prepayment of 2021-2022 lease payments.	\$218,449	\$(153,449)	\$65,000
11-000-270-800	Student Transportation Services - Other Objects	Reclassification of line items to the Other Purchased Services account.	\$33,338	\$(12,638)	\$20,700
11-000-291-260	Unallocated Benefits - Workers Compensation	Reduction in workers compensation premium.	\$610,831	\$(31,240)	\$579,591

11-000-291-290	Unallocated Benefits - Other Employee Benefits	Reclassification of terminal leave.	\$768,439	\$(310,124)	\$458,315
11-000-270-299	Unallocated Benefits - Unused Sick Payment	Reclassification of terminal leave - net of prepayment of 2021-2022 terminal leave.	\$0	\$170,273	\$170,273
<b>Total Appropriations</b>			<b>\$11,703,879</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,703,879</b>

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*Mrs. Klaus - aye*

*Mr. Scanlon - aye*

*Mr. Peters - aye*

*Mrs. Discenza - nay*

*Mrs. Downing - aye*

*Mr. Palino - aye*

*Mrs. McAvoy - aye*

## **ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET**

MOTION: Move that the Board adopt the final budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

WHEREAS, the Lacey Township School District Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 18, 2021 to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 31, 2021 and

WHEREAS, the approved budget was advertised in the legal section of the Asbury Park Press and the Beacon on April 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the approved budget was presented to the public during a public hearing on May 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public hearing the approved budget was amended to include revisions as outlined above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the budget - as amended - be adopted for the 2021-2022 school year using the 2021-2022 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following adopted budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General	Special	Debt	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Expenditures	\$72,658,823	\$3,874,991	\$3,650,200	\$80,184,014
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>21,692,788</u>	<u>3,874,991</u>	<u>555,287</u>	<u>26,123,066</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$50,966,035	\$0	\$3,094,913	\$54,060,948

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

### **Adjustment for Use of Banked Cap**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$300,000 for the purposes of maintaining instructional programs and staff. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2022.

### **Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Excess Cost**

Included in budget line 600, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$1,634,000 that is for other capital projects - the replacement of boilers at the Lacey Township High School. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$1,634,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

### **Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal**

BE IT RESOLVED that, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2, the Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the withdrawal of \$400,000 from the Maintenance Reserve Account. The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority for required maintenance and must increase the base budget for the purposes of maintaining its facilities - specifically, various plumbing, electrical, and mechanical projects as outlined in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for account 11-000-261-420. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2022.

### **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-7.2 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 \$57,825 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$41,081 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 \$65,500 for all staff and board members for the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Alternative Revenue Projection - SEMI**

Move that the Board of Education approve an alternate revenue projection of \$54,254 for the 2021-2022 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program as approved by the Ocean County Interim Executive County Superintendent.

#### **Authorization to Implement the 2021-2022 Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the 2021-2022 budget pursuant to local and state policies.

#### **A4F – Tax Levy Certification Forms A and B**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount required for school purposes in the school district of Lacey Township, County of Ocean for the 2021-2022 school year is \$54,060,948 and is required to be levied for local school district purposes.

#### **Approval of the 2021-2022 Tax Payment Schedule**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lacey Township School District Board of Education approve the following payment schedule to receive the current expense tax levy and the debt service tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year.

<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Debt Service Fund</b>
July 10, 2021	\$4,500,952	\$4,247,169	\$253,783
August 10, 2021	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
September 10, 2021	4,559,755	4,247,169	312,586
October 10, 2021	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
November 10, 2021	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
December 10, 2021	5,277,775	4,247,169	1,030,606
January 10, 2022	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
February 10, 2022	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
March 10, 2022	5,745,107	4,247,169	1,497,938
April 10, 2022	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
May 10, 2022	4,247,169	4,247,169	0
June 10, 2022	4,247,176	4,247,176	0
<b>Total 2021-2022 School Year</b>	<b>\$54,060,948</b>	<b>\$50,996,035</b>	<b>\$3,094,913</b>

## BOARD COMMENT

Thank you to Mr. DeGeorge for the presentation. Thank you to all involved putting the budget together. Understand hard work put into the process, however does not meet the Boards fiduciary obligation to the taxpayers. Inquiry regarding penalties to pay back loans early. Mr. DeGeorge responded. Comment regarding SREC's and the current solar panels, as well as future solar panel expansions. Thank you to the public for your comment. Thank you to the Board for your support and the very transparent process.


## ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the Special Meeting.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:35 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