

WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Waldwick, New Jersey

REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING

President Marro called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated that this is a REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING of the Waldwick Board of Education for which adequate notice has been given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975. In addition to providing the annual notice of board meetings required under Section 13 of the Act, a separate written advance notice of this meeting under Section 3(d) of the Act specifying the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting was posted at the School Administration Building and hand delivered to the Waldwick Borough Clerk on Friday, May 3, 2024. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Christine Figliuolo
 Trustee Andrew Frey
 Trustee Julie Mangler
 Trustee Mary Beth Nappi
 Vice President Troy Seifert
 Trustee Amy Weiner
 President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

A. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the Final 2024-2025 budget.

B. APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF FINAL 2024-2025 SCHOOL BUDGET

Offered by Trustee Figliuolo, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 11, 2024, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 budget has been held on this date and all persons desiring to be heard were heard, and

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-28, the budget in total be as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$45,229,203	\$33,507,183
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$799,503	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$1,583,588</u>	<u>\$1,099,494</u>
Totals	<u>\$47,612,294</u>	<u>\$34,606,677</u>

WHEREAS, school district policy number 3540 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2024-2025 school year at the sum of \$90,000, the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 School Year is \$90,000, of which, \$20,863.77 has been spent and \$2,145.00 is encumbered as of May 2, 2024, and

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.2 (a)1 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for public relations and each type of professional service for 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum expenditure amounts for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: public relations at the sum of \$35,000 and legal services at the sum of \$125,000, audit services at the sum of \$75,000, architectural and engineering services at the sum of \$400,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to accept the \$2,233,597 in State Aid less the \$30,028 assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding for a net total aid of \$2,203,569, and State funding for Extraordinary Special Education Aid estimated at \$251,938 for the 2024-2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes automatic adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 for an automatic adjustment to the base tax levy cap adjustment for increase in enrollment of \$39,548, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes automatic adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 for an automatic adjustment to the base tax levy cap adjustment for increase in healthcare costs of \$229,221, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes the use of Banked Cap generated in 2022-23 in the amount of \$17,950 to offset the net reduction from P.L. 2020, c.44 adjustments and the increase in the automatic enrollment adjustment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 school year budget includes a \$50,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the seventh yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the HS/MS Turf Field and a \$60,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the second yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the Hopper Turf Field and \$6,000,000 in withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Transfer to Capital Projects for upgrades to District facilities.

C. DISCUSSION – 2024-2025 BUDGET – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY -
None.

D. OPEN FLOOR – 2024-2025 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING -
A resident asked about continuing education for teachers.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Casarico announced the Teachers of the Year:
Crescent School - Sarah Colaianni, Kindergarten
Traphagen - Jennifer Boyd, 1st Grade
Middle School - Christina McCann, Language Arts
High School - Daniel Freeman, Social Studies

- B. Board President - President Marro stated that he, Vice President Seifert and Trustee Frey attended the National Honor Society Induction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Frey:

34-A-1 through 34-A-29	Administration
34-F-1 through 34-F-4	Finance
34-P-1 through 34-P-21	Personnel

- B. Discussion – any item on Consent Agenda – Board of Education only - None.
- C. Open Floor to public comment on Consent Agenda only - None.
- D. Close public participation
- E. ROLL CALL VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			

President Marro	X			
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COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT

A parent expressed concern about the class size of Crescent School 2nd grade. She stated that there is a leak in the gym. And spoke about the safety of students on the grounds from strangers, coyotes and fox. There should be proper fencing around both playgrounds - Traphagen and Crescent.

A parent asked about a Middle School program for school recognition. She asked the procedure of Blue Ribbon designation for Crescent School.

A parent spoke about the lacrosse program and said that he is displeased with the Board of Education's lack of effort and support in challenging the NJSIAA decision.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT

Trustee Figliuolo thanked the Board for their help with the Chamber of Commerce 5K.

President Marro stated that the District needs to look at generating fees due to the loss of State Aid.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on motion of Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Mangler.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN GRIFFIN
Board Secretary