

WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Waldwick, New Jersey

REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023

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 5, 2023. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2022-2023 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Casarico announced the Teachers of the Year along with three Principals.

2023-2024 BUDGET HEARING

A. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the 2023-2024 Final Budget.

B. APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF FINAL 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

Offered by Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Frey:

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 13, 2023, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 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	\$38,256,913	\$32,625,453
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$770,370	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$1,568,413</u>	<u>\$1,088,959</u>
Totals	<u>\$40,595,696</u>	<u>\$33,714,412</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 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$90,000, 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 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum expenditure amounts for the 2023-2024 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 \$300,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023-2024 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 \$114,194, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to accept the \$2,425,057 in State Aid less the \$30,028 assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding for a net total aid of \$2,395,029, and State funding for Extraordinary Special Education Aid estimated at \$251,938 for the 2023-2024 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2023-2024 school year budget includes a \$50,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the sixth 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 first yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the Hopper Turf Field.

C. DISCUSSION – 2023-2024 BUDGET – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY -
None.

D. OPEN FLOOR – 2023-2024 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Two members of the public asked questions about the budget.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

REPORTS

A. Student Representative

Ms. McGovern spoke about the AP testing currently going on in the High School. She stated that an ice cream truck and therapy dogs were at the High School and May 1 was college decision day.

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Casarico reported on the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

C. Board President - President Marro stated that on May 16th is Honor Society Induction and May 16 is the Senior Awards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Seifert:

April 17, 2023
April 17, 2023

Regular Meeting
Closed Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Giardina, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

23-A-1 through 23-A-26	Administration
23-F-1 through 23-F-5	Finance
23-P-1 through 23-P-14	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 Giardina	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
President Marro	X			

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT

Several members of the Lions Club spoke and requested that the Board approve usage of its property for the Carnival.

Several residents spoke in favor of allowing the Lions Club carnival on school property.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT - None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on motion of Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Frey.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN GRIFFIN
Board Secretary