

WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Waldwick, New Jersey

REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2021

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 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, April 30, 2021. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Andrew Fowler
 Vice President Andrew Frey
 Trustee Julie Mangler
 Trustee Mary Beth Nappi
 Trustee Timothy O'Hare
 Trustee Donna Sherry
 President Daniel Marro, Sr.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2021-2022 BUDGET HEARING

A. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of School and Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the details of the 2021-2022 School Budget.

B. APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF FINAL 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Sherry:

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 15, 2021, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 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	\$35,710,116	\$31,586,347
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$766,723	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$662,500</u>	<u>\$662,500</u>
Totals	\$37,139,339	\$32,248,847

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 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 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 the 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum expenditure amounts for the 2021-2022 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/engineering services at the sum of \$300,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to accept the \$2,244,162 in State Aid less the \$30,028 assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding for a net total aid of \$2,214,134, and State funding for Extraordinary Special Education Aid estimated at \$251,938 for the 2021-2022 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021-2022 school year budget includes a \$50,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the fourth yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the HS/MS Turf Field and a \$1,452,919 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account for the potential upgrade of the High School/Middle School and other District upgrades.

C. DISCUSSION – 2021-2022 BUDGET – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY - None.

D. OPEN FLOOR – 2021-2022 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING - None.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Fowler	X			
Vice President Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Trustee O'Hare	X			
Trustee Sherry	X			
President Marro	X			

REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Casarico reported the results of the April 20th referendum vote and thanked the following: the residents, the Board of Education Trustees, the administrative team, the groups associated with the schools and the Referendum committee. He reported on Violence and Vandalism cases since his report in January. He announced the changes to the school calendar and year end events.

B. Board President

President Marro thanked the community for their support in the passing of the referendum. He thanked the Trustees, the PSO's and Boosters, the administration. He thanked Dr. Casarico and Mr. Griffin for keeping the District financially sound. He congratulated the softball player of the week. He announced that the BOE meetings would be relocating back to the Middle School/High School Media Center starting with the June 7, 2021 meeting.

C. Committee Reports - None.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Susan Elias presented on the summer program and Mental Health Initiatives to address the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Several parents asked questions and commented negatively on virtual learning and lack of students returning to the classroom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Sherry:

April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting
April 5, 2021 Closed Minutes

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Fowler	X			
Vice President Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Trustee O'Hare	X			
Trustee Sherry	X			
President Marro	X			

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Fowler:

01-P-20 was added to the Consent Agenda.

01-A-1 through 01-A-20	Administration
01-F-1 through 01-F-4	Finance
01-P-1 through 01-P-20	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 Fowler	X			
Vice President Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Trustee O'Hare	X			

Trustee Sherry	X			
President Marro	X			

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT - None.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT

Trustee Nappi thanked President Marro for his years of dedication to the schools and for knowing what the schools need.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion of Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Sherry.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GRIFFIN
Board Secretary