

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Waldwick, New Jersey**

**REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER - OPENING STATEMENT/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, May 6, 2022. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Julie Mangler
Trustee Mary Beth Nappi
Trustee Timothy O'Hare
Trustee Troy Seifert
President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ABSENT: Trustee Christine Figliuolo
Vice President Andrew Frey

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2022-2023 BUDGET HEARING

A. BUDGET PRESENTATION

- Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of School
- Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

B. APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF FINAL 2022-2023 SCHOOL BUDGET

Offered by Trustee O'Hare, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 21, 2022, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 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	\$38,310,979	\$31,873,783
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$703,651	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$1,487,095</u>	<u>\$1,227,379</u>
Totals	\$40,501,725	\$33,101,162

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 2022-2023 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum expenditure amounts for the 2022-2023 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 \$2,633,560 in State Aid less the \$30,028 assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding for a net total aid of \$2,603,532, and State funding for Extraordinary Special Education Aid estimated at \$251,938 for the 2022-2023 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2022-2023 school year budget includes a \$50,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the fifth yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the HS/MS Turf Field and \$1,223,655 in Capital Outlay - Transfer to Capital Projects and \$2,000,000 in withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Transfer to Capital Projects for a total of \$3,223,655 for the estimated cost for the

upgrade of the Hopper field and surrounding areas.

C. DISCUSSION – 2022-2023 BUDGET – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY

Trustee O'Hare commended Business Administrator Griffin, President Marro and Dr. Casarico for their forward thinking, especially the Hopper Field Project. He commented on the .91% increase and thanked them as a resident.

Trustee Mangler commented that she was so proud that there is a new Guidance Counselor in the budget.

Trustee Nappi also commented positively on the budget.

Trustee Seifert commented that the budget with a local tax increase of .91% is huge.

President Marro asked to consider a Director of Guidance.

D. OPEN FLOOR – 2022-2023 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A resident asked about out-of district tuition.

A resident asked if the capital projects were in priority order.

E. CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo				X
Vice President Frey				X
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Trustee O'Hare	X			
Trustee Seifert	X			
President Marro	X			

REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Casarico announced end of year dates for National Honor Society - May 17, Senior Awards - May 25, 5th Grade - June 14 and Middle School - June 15 Promotions and High School Graduation - June 15. He stated that the two emergency days that had not been used will mean that the Memorial Day weekend will be extended to include Friday, May 27 and Tuesday, May 31 as days off.

B. Board President - President Marro commented that the referendum

projects are moving forward and all are on schedule as of now. He wished the teachers a belated Teacher's Appreciation Day.

C. Committee Reports - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Trustee O'Hare, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

April 18, 2022

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo				X
Vice President Frey				X
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Trustee O'Hare	X			
Trustee Seifert	X			
President Marro	X			

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Mangler, seconded by Trustee Seifert:

12-A-1 through 12-A-22	Administration
12-F-1 through 12-F-4	Finance
12-P-1 through 12-P-28	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
Vice President Frey				X
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			

Trustee O'Hare	X			
Trustee Seifert	X			
President Marro	X			

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT

A parent commented great job on the budget and that he is interested in an update on the sex education curriculum and also commented that he is against it.

A resident asked about summer learning.

Two residents commented on the substitute shortage.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT

President Marro thanked the teachers union for extending the contract and it was a win-win.

The Board discussed the usage of the baseball field by the Men's Baseball League and decided to revoke usage of the field and to return their facility usage fee.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on motion of Trustee Mangler, seconded by Trustee Seifert.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GRIFFIN
Board Secretary