

West New York Board of Education
Public Hearing 2010-2011 School Budget Minutes
March 31, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting of the West New York Board of Education was held in the Auditorium of PS #4, 6300 Palisade Avenue, West New York, New Jersey. The order of business and agenda for the meeting were:

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 P.M. president Tedesco called the meeting to order.

II. FLAG SALUTE

President Tedesco led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

III. ROLL CALL

Vice-President Cirillo	Present
Trustee Flores	Present
Trustee Jimenez	Present
Trustee Locatelli	Present
President Tedesco	Present

Also Present: Dr. Robert C. Van Zanten, Superintendent
Rena Hendrick, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Rosemary Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent
John Fauta, Assistant Superintendent
Stacy Olivero, Director of Special Education
Beverly Lazzara, Director of Educational Programs
Allan Roth, Special Administrative Assistant to Director of Special Services
Bruce Padula, Board Attorney

IV. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT –

Ms. Hendrick read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the Public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of any public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the act, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.

the Jersey Journal
the Star Ledger
the Administration Bulletin Board
the Public Library
and by filing with the
Clerk of the Municipality

V. Dr. Robert Van Zanten and Rena Hendrick

1. 2010-2011 Proposed School Budget Public Hearing

Dr. Van Zanten introduced the power point presentation. He outlined the fiscal crisis' impact on the upcoming school year budget. Ms. Hendrick reviewed the details of the overall spending plan, with Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Olivero providing further specificity. A copy of the presentation shall become an integral part of these minutes.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (Board Secretary)

Public Session Discussion

Matters of Finance – Presentation and Discussion of Resolution

Ms. Rosa Melgard, 315 57th Street, WNY, was unclear as to why the district was paying to send preschoolers out of district. Ms. Hendrick and Ms. Donnelly explained the funds come directly to the district for disbursement to the preschool providers, who hold contracts with the NJ DOE and are monitored by the district for compliance.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: at 6:07 p.m.

Motion made by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Seconded by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Roll Call:	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
Vice-President Cirillo	X		
Trustee Flores	X		
Trustee Jimenez	X		
Trustee Locatelli	X		
President Tedesco	X		

Executive Session Notice:

VII. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Ms. Hendrick read the following notice:

The public portion of the meeting is now concluded. The Board will now go into Executive Session to discuss items which fall within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits board to have private discussion since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b:

- Matters of Personnel - Affecting current or prospective employees
- Matters of Collective Bargaining
- Matters of Litigation
- Matters of Individual Privacy
- Other Matters as rendered confidential by law

BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education will recess into Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as practical.

Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board may take action on these items following executive session.

Executive Session Discussion

Other Confidential Matters

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene in Public Session at 6:42 p.m.

Motion made by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Seconded by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Roll Call:	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
Vice-President Cirillo	X		
Trustee Flores	X		
Trustee Jimenez	X		
Trustee Locatelli	X		
President Tedesco	X		

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda items only)

There were no comments at this time.

IX. Consent Resolution

(All matters hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed and acted upon separately, immediately following the consideration of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. A motion or a second is not required to remove an item(s) from the Consent Agenda. All resolutions enacted upon at this meeting are available to be viewed this evening and copies can be obtained by contacting the School Board Secretary's Office).

FINANCE

Board Secretary: Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented or modified

Motion made by: CC VF **AJ** AL RT

Seconded by: CC VF AJ AL **RT**

Roll Call:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
Vice-President Cirillo	X		
Trustee Flores	X		
Trustee Jimenez	X		
Trustee Locatelli	X		
President Tedesco	X		

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION

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1.1 WREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education requires school districts to submit their 2010/2011 District Budgets and all Supporting Documentation to the Hudson County Executive Superintendent of Schools by March 22, 2010, and

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has presented the following synopsis of the 2010/2011 Revised District Budget to this Board of Education which includes an increase in Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$14,369,214.00 and an overall State Aid Decrease of \$5,073,628.00 .

REVENUE SOURCES:

General Fund Balance	\$ 2,740,000.00
Local Tax Levy	\$ 14,369,214.00
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 150,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 200,000.00
Revenue from State Sources	\$ 75,182,700.00
Revenue From Federal Sources (SEMI)	\$ 166,613.00

Total Operating Budget \$ 92,808,527.00

Grant and Entitlements:

State Sources	\$ 16,039,173.00
Federal Sources	\$ 5,894,820.00
Transfers from Operating Budget Pre-K	\$ 276,210.00
Total Revenues/Sources	\$115,018,730.00
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers	\$114,742,520.00

APPROPRIATIONS:

General Current Expenditures	\$ 35,143,594.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$ - 0 -
General Fund Contribution to SBB	\$ 57,598,270.00
Charter Schools	\$ 66,663.00

Operating Budget Grand Total \$ 92,808,527.00

Grants and Entitlements

Preschool Education Aid	\$ 15,698,816.00
Other State Projects	\$ 616,567.00

Federal Projects	\$ 4,165,355.00
Grants & Entitlement Contribution to SBB	\$ 1,729,465.00

Total Grants and Entitlements \$ 22,210,203.00

Total Expenditures \$115,018,730.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES NET OF TRANSFERS \$114,742,520.00

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the 2010/2011 School District Budget as presented,

BE IT RESOLVED that, this Board approves the West New York School District Budget for the 2010/2011 School Year and the supporting documentation containing an itemization of certain expenditures as required under Chapter 23A Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Procedures,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, this Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designees to submit this Budget to the Hudson County Executive Superintendent of Schools, the NJ State DOE Fiscal Monitor Manager, and the West New York Board of School Estimate for approval.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There were no comments from the public at this time.

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENTS

A. Board Member Comments

B. President's Statement

President Tedesco thanked Dr. Van Zanten and the Cabinet for their work on preparing the annual school budget.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President: Asks the Board Secretary to request a motion to adjourn:

Secretary: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion made by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Seconded by: CC VF AJ AL RT

Ayes Nays Abstentions

Vice-President Cirillo	X		
Trustee Flores	X		
Trustee Jimenez	X		
Trustee Locatelli	X		
President Tedesco	X		

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rena G. Hendrick
School Business Administrator**