

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY**

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Meeting A Special Meeting/Public Hearing of the Board of Education was held at the Administration Office on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Ms. Shelkin.

Meeting Notice Ms. Shelkin led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on April 29, 2016 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices and copies sent to newspapers serving Oakland: The Record, Ridgewood News and Suburban News. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Roll Call The following members were present: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Also present were Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Rachel DeCarlo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and one member of the public.

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PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

This Special Meeting has been called, as required by law, as a Public Hearing on the proposed School Budget for the 2017/2018 school year. It is intended to provide the public with information concerning the budget and to answer any questions there may be on that subject. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Education will deliberate, as needed, and take action to adopt a proposed budget for the 2017/2018 school year. The tax levy will be submitted to the voters on April 25, 2017.

2017/2018 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Audience Participation

Mr. Gaffney moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to open meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Marsha Stoltz asked about difference in equipment costs from 16/17 to 17/18 and the fluctuating balance in capital reserve.

Mr. Scerbo moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to close meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Finance

**2016-2017
District Budget**

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded that it be resolved that the Oakland Board of Education adopt the following tentative School District Budget for the 2017-2018 School Year for submission to the voters and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the proposed budget and required supporting documentation to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for approval:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$31,142,625	\$28,140,484
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 452,705	-0-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 350,791</u>	<u>\$ 220,001</u>
Totals	\$31,946,121	\$28,360,485

On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

2017/2018

Tax Levy

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded that it be resolved that there should be raised for General Fund School District Tax Levy \$28,140,484, for the ensuing FY 2017-2018 School Year.

On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Mr. Scerbo – Entire Board involved in budget

Mr. Akovity – Asked Mr. Gaffney to speak on vote

Mr. Gaffney – Voting on budget

Audience Participation

Mr. Scerbo moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to open meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

None

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to close meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to enter Executive Session. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered at 7:30 PM

Return to Open Session

Mr. Gaffney moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to return to open session. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

Open Session was returned to at 9:00 PM

Adjournment

Mr. Gaffney moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to adjourn meeting. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

Meeting was Adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Rachel DeCarlo
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary