

**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 Valley Middle School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mr. Scerbo.

Meeting Notice Mr. Scerbo 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 March 25, 2013 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, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Also present were Dr. Jeffrey Feifer, Superintendent and Ms. Joan C. Dunn, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and four members 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 2013/2014 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 2013/2014 school year. The tax levy will be submitted to the voters on April 16, 2013.

2013/2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION

John A. Scerbo - Board of Education President
Welcome and Introductions
Budget Goals
Budget Process
Jennifer Matts - Board of Education Finance Chair
Factors Impacting the Budget
Containing Costs
Budget Provisions
Jeffrey Feifer, Interim Superintendent
Indicators of Success
Test Scores
Enrollment and Staffing
Educational Initiatives
Joan Dunn, Business Administrator
Budget Comparisons
Fund Allocations
Voting Information
Questions/Discussion

Available to the public:

- *2013/2014 Proposed Advertised Budget*
- *2013/2014 PowerPoint Presentation*

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Audience Participation

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to open meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a voice vote: ALL AYES. Meeting was opened to public at 7:55 PM.

1. Ms. Steele asked about the cost of the Kindergarten program and the NJ ASK scores. Ms. Matts and Mr. Scerbo engaged in a discussion concerning the program and the testing projected for the next few years.
2. Ms. Vivian King thanked Ms. Matts for her years of service on the Board. She also thanked the Board for the inclusion of the Kindergarten program in the budget. Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo and Mr. Talamini commented. Ms. King also said she would do her part to get out the vote.

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to close meeting for public comment on the Agenda of this meeting. On a voice vote: ALL AYES. Meeting was closed to public at 8:00 PM.

Finance

2013-2014 Budget Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded that it be resolved that the Oakland Board of Education adopt the following School District Budget for the 2013-2014 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 | \$ 27,239,323 | \$ 26,046,995 |
| Total Special Revenue Fund | \$ 524,311 | |
| Total Debt Service Fund | \$ 350,563 | \$ 229,902 |
| Totals | \$ 28,114,197 | \$ 26,276,897 |

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

**District Tax Levy
2013-2014**

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded that it be resolved that there should be raised for General Fund School District Tax Levy \$26,046,995, for the ensuing FY 2013-2014 School Year. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Finance (continued)

Revised IDEA Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to approve the submission of a revised IDEA Basic and Preschool application as follows:

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| I. | <u>Basic</u> | | |
| | From: Account Code | 100-300 | |
| | Amount | \$51,725 | |
| | To: Account Code | 200-300 | |
| | Amount | \$51,725 | |
| II. | <u>Preschool</u> | | |
| | From: Account Code | 100-300 | |
| | Amount | \$5,537 | |
| | To: Account Code | 200-300 | |
| | Amount | \$5,537 | |

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

Buildings and Grounds

Lewis Thurston Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Mr. Lewis E. Thurston, III as Facilities Maintenance Specialist in the Oakland School District at an annual salary of \$47,500, effective April 1, 2013. All employment requirements have been satisfied. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**LAN Associates
Heights Drainage** Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of LAN Associates for professional engineering services in conjunction with the Drainage Project at Heights School as per the attached proposal. (NJ DOE #3760-050-13-1000) On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**LRFP - Heights
Drainage** Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education of an update to the Oakland School District Long Range Facilities Plan to include the Drainage Project at Heights School with all associated work. (NJ DOE #3760-050-13-1000) On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Buildings and Grounds (continued)

Submission of Heights Drainage Project Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the submission of an application for Heights School - Drainage Project, as prepared by LAN Associates, to the New Jersey Department of Education. (NJ DOE #3760-050-13-1000) On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Camera Equipment Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the award of a contract for camera equipment for all schools to Fire and Security Technologies as per the attached proposal and quote summary. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Regular Education

NJ QSAC Statement of Assurance Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance for School Year 2012-2013, and its submission to the New Jersey Department of Education. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Ms. Matts, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Audience Participation

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to open meeting to public participation. On a voice vote: ALL AYES. Meeting was opened to public at 8:19 PM.

No one wished to comment at this time.

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to close meeting to public participation. On a voice vote: ALL AYES. Meeting was closed to public participation at 8:19 PM.

Adjournment

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to adjourn meeting. On a voice vote: All AYES. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Joan C. Dunn
Board Secretary/Business Administrator