

Minutes Special Meeting March 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:15 PM

FLAG SALUTE

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows: by having the time, date and place of the meeting posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building March 15, 2018; by sending a copy of the meeting notice to the Star Ledger Newspaper and the Union County Local Source on March 15, 2018; and by filing a copy with the Township of Hillside and Hillside Public Library on March 15, 2018.

ROLL CALL:

Allende	6:15 p.m.		Thomas	6:25 p.m.	
Chapman	6:15 p.m.		Watson	6:29 p.m.	
Chiles-Bass	Absent		Thompson-Epps	6:15 p.m.	
Lofton	6:15 p.m.		Gayles	6:15 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
Menza	6:15 p.m.		Gonzalez	6:15 p.m.	
Stanley	6:15 p.m.		Kleen	absent	

Dr. Gayles presented the 2018-19 budget being submitted to the County for preliminary approval.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

Motion: Menza                      Second: Lofton  
Motion carried by Unanimous voice vote

Angela Lawler asked a question about the dollar amount allocated for the Woodfield Stadium renovations, stating that she thought the cost was \$750,000. Dr. Gayles explained that the \$750,000 was the amount transferred from capital reserve in a prior year for Woodfield Stadium, but not the cost of the renovations. She also asked if \$5,000 is all that is needed for the high school HVAC and Dr. Gayles explained that was just a place holder in the budget and that when we get the actual cost for the HVAC, the amount will be revised.

Nancy Mondella asked what % increase was being proposed.

Angela Lawler asked if the budget was set in stone. Dr. Gayles explained it is a preliminary budget and we will have a full budget meeting in April, asking her to recollect what happened last year. Ms. Lawler said she wanted to make sure we don't make the mistake we did two years ago.

The Board members asked various questions about the budget and discussed when the next Board meeting will be. They also asked when they will get a full explanation of what's in the budget. Ms. Thomas asked if we were voting on passing the budget and Dr. Gayles explained we are just voting on submitting the budget to DOE.

Ms. Watson asked a question about process.

Mr. Chapman asked if it is possible to send the budget with 0% and then add up.

**Motion to close Public Comments**

Motion: Menza                      Second: Chapman  
 Motion carried Unanimous voice vote

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only**

George Cook brought up what happened a few years ago, (the 4% tax levy) and cautioned the Board to look at all scenarios.

Angela Menza said the \$67 taxpayer increase is per \$100,000 tax assessment.

Motion: Menza                      Second: Lofton  
 Motion carried Unanimous voice vote

**Board Action**

**FINANCE – Thomas/Stanley**

1. Adoption of Tentative Budget 2018-19

**BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2018-19 School Year using the 2018-19 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2018-19 Total Expenditures</b>	\$55,959,392	\$4,200,348	\$60,159,740
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	25,432,897	4,200,348	29,633,245
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>\$30,526,495</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$30,526,495</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Union County Local Source or Star Ledger, based on publishing schedules, in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at Hillside High School, 1085 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey on April 26, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. and May 3, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2018-19 School Year.**

- 2. **BE IT RESOLVED that the Hillside Board of Education requests a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$1,470,652 and such action be made a part of the tentative budget for the 2018-19 School Year to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval. The district intends to utilize these funds for:**



**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Menza

Second: Allende

Motion passed unanimous voice vote

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Hillside Board of Education held on March 22, 2018.

  
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Darice S. Gonzalez  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary