

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC FORUM ON THE BUDGET
MARCH 15, 2011**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM Veterans Memorial Middle School
105 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, New Jersey

Present: Mr. Cuppari, Mr. Merola, Mr. Pifko, Mr. Wolf
and Ms. Terebush

Absent: Ms. Leone and Mr. Talty

Also present: Mr. Hrycenko, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Lorusso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Elward, Legal Counsel
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Terebush opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, moment of silence and roll call.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Mr. Edwards announced: "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 Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be posted on the Administration Office bulletin board, the official District website and Channel BTV-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hrycenko and Ms. Lorusso, through a 39 slide Power Presentation, answered questions or supplied information on issues requested by the public during the previous budget discussions. Discussion was held or questions answered, as needed, with Board members and members of the public, as the each slide was presented.

Mr. Pifko indicated that Courtesy bussing, privatization of services and solar panels are on the agenda for discussion on March 22nd. Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Elward to look into if the District should eliminate courtesy bussing, can a fee be charged for this service?

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Mr. Pifko asked Mr. Edwards if there had been changes to the budget in the past week. Mr. Edwards outlined the proposed changes. Discussion between Mr. Pifko and Mr. Edwards which resulted in the changes indicated tonight being put on the website, but in a different place than the Tentative Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kight asked questions about fund 60 and 65 and health insurance for the Cafeteria. She thanked the Administration for answering all questions.

Ms. Weldon asked questions about the participation fee for athletes.

Mr. Mercer indicated being pleased by the fabulous detail of the presentation. He made comments regarding privatization, gas and oil prices, and Solar Panel Referendums.

Mr. Zawacki asked questions about Solar Panels and a Power Purchase Agreement, surplus and staying under cap, middle school sports fees, documentation for Free and Reduced Lunch, and students not swiping their ID badges on a particular school bus.

Mr. Reid indicated that it was an excellent presentation. He asked questions or expressed opinions about looking to the projected vs. actual last year etc, expense account adjustments, and the participation fee. He and Mr. Pifko had a discussion about variances in the budget - which are unavoidable.

Mr. Cusanelli asked Mr. Edwards if the Administration had looked into the “not for profit” category for bulk mail.

Mr. Lawrence commented on the good presentation, lack of attendance at the Board meetings, and motivating the public. He has more suggestions that he will e-mail to the Board President.

BOARD COMMENT

None, there is a lot to absorb.

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APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS COACHES

Ms. Terebush asked for a motion to approve middle school sports coaches. Mr. Cuppari made the motion. Mr. Merola seconded. Mr. Pifko asked and had clarified that there were not enough students for Softball at LRMS. On the motion made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Mr. Merola, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education approved middle school sports coaches, as follows:

Mr. Wolf	Yes
Mr. Talty	Absent
Ms. Leone	Absent
Mr. Merola	Yes, except abstain on Michael Cintron, Softball, VMMS
Mr. Cuppari	Yes
Mr. Pifko	Yes
Ms. Terebush	Yes

Lake Riviera Middle School

Activity	Name	Title	Stipend
Baseball	Doyle, Vincent	Head Coach	\$5,457
Girls Track	Hill, Dennis	Head Coach	\$5,457
Boys Track	Heitmann, Ronald	Head Coach	\$5,457

Veterans Memorial Middle School

Activity	Name	Title	Stipend
Baseball	Bonventre, Jack	Head Coach	\$5,457
Boys Track	Coyule, John	Head Coach	\$5,457
Girls Track	Hehn, Suzanne	Head Coach	\$5,457
Softball	Cintron, Michael	Head Coach	\$5,457

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 22	Public Forum on the Budget	7:00 PM, BTHS Library
March 24	Regular Public Meeting	7:00 PM, VMMS Multi-Purpose Room
March 29	Public Hearing & Final Adoption of the Budget	7:00 PM, VMMS Multi-Purpose Room
April 27	Annual School Election	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Mr. Cuppari, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Edwards, Jr. CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary