

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET  
MARCH 29, 2011**

- Location/Time:** 7:00 PM, Brick Township High School  
346 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick, NJ 08723
- Present:** Mr. Campbell, Ms. Terebush, Mr. Reid, Mr. Talty  
(Ms. Suter arrived at 8:00 PM)
- Absent:** Mr. Cuppari and Ms. Kight
- Also present:** Mr. Hrycenko, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Lorusso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Sahradnik, Legal Counsel  
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Talty 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, the Star Ledger and Municipal Clerk's Office.

**PRESENTATION:**

- **2012-2013 School District Budget**

Mr. Hrycenko, through a Power Point Presentation, outlined the proposed final 2012-2013 School District budget (as attached). He thanked all who helped in the process. Mr. Reid indicated that now that there is no election in April, the budget deadline should be extended to get a better budget, using more complete information. He asked that everyone encourage their legislators to push the deadline back. The intricacies of the process for any changes from this point forward were explained. Four members of the public asked questions or commented on:

- number of Board members needed to vote
- comparison of Capital Projects budget to last year's
- minimum tax levy
- State funding dollar for dollar when under educational adequacy
- the Special Services Professional Services line
- the prescription drug cost
- Motorola radios in the budget
- perfect attendance stipend
- security cameras

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- athletic fees
- Early Retirement Incentive Program
- team rooms
- Possibility of Schedule change for budget for next year
- resolution to Legislators to make the deadline change
- \$35,000 extra
- transfer procedure
- increase in supplies due to very old furniture
- # of retirements estimated
- swipe card system
- student response system
- needs and benefits of the marching band
- term of the budget vs. election of new members in November

Mr. Reid explained that all budget transfers pass through the Operations Committee and if it is for the benefit of the students, the Board members approve the transfer.

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**MINUTES:**

1. February 16, 2012 Regular Meeting

Mr. Talty presented the minutes listed above for approval.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Mr. Reid

Questions/Comments from the Board: None

On the motion made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Mr. Reid, the Board of Education approved the above listed minutes with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Cuppari	Absent
Ms. Terebush	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Campbell	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Kight	Absent

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEM 1**

Ms. Lorusso presented Curriculum & Instruction item 1 for approval.

Motion: Ms. Suter

Second: Mr. Reid

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: None

On the motion made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Mr. Reid, the Board of Education approved entering Curriculum & Instruction item 1 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Cuppari	Absent
Ms. Terebush	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Campbell	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Kight	Absent

**1. to approve a contract with Alvernia University for a college student Occupational Therapy Field Experience, as attached**

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET**

Mr. Edwards presented a Resolution for the adoption of a 2012-2013 School District Budget

Motion: Mr. Reid

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Reid thanked the Administration for bringing in a 0% increase budget while maintaining all programs for students.

On the motion made by Reid, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education approved the Resolution for the adoption of a 2012-2103 School District Budget with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Cuppari	Absent
Ms. Terebush	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Campbell	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Kight	Absent

**to approve a Resolution to adopt a School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, as follows:**

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2012-2013 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brick Township Board of Education approve the School District Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, as follows:

	BUDGET	LOCAL TAX LEVY
Total General Fund	\$ 137,060,712	\$ 95,145,685
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 4,243,217	-
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,104,869	\$ 2,494,661
	\$ 144,408,798	\$ 97,640,346

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**OPERATIONS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4**

Mr. Edwards presented Operations items 1 through 4 for approval.

Motion: Mr. Reid

Second: Ms. Suter

Questions/Comments from the Board or public: Mr. Campbell asked questions regarding the gym floor and an infrared survey of the roof. Ms. Suter asked about the need for an architect on renovated projects vs. new ones. Mr. Campbell asked for a clarification on Architect's fees. One member of the public asked for before and after pictures of these projects on the website. On the motion made by Mr. Reid, seconded by Ms. Suter, the Board of Education approved entering Human Resources items 1 through 4 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Cuppari	Absent
Ms. Terebush	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Mr. Campbell	Yes
Ms. Suter	Yes
Mr. Reid	Yes
Ms. Kight	Absent

1. to approve a Resolution to award the bid for Gym Lighting Replacements, as follows:

**RESOLUTION - GYM LIGHTING**

**WHEREAS**, the bids were received and opened publicly and read aloud on March 14, 2012 and

**WHEREAS**, the results were reviewed and approved by the Business Administrator, Architect and Board Attorney,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education award the bid for gym lighting replacements, as follows:

<b>VENDOR:</b>		Sodon's Electric 25 West Highland Avenue PO Box 408 Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716	
		Base Bid	\$129,800
0530-025-10-1038	Brick Memorial High School	Alternate #GC-1	\$ 16,000
0530-020-10-1039	Brick Township High School	Alternate #GC-2	\$ 13,000
0530-030-10-1045	Drum Point Elementary School	Alternate #GC-3	\$ 7,000
0530-043-10-1061	Lake Riviera Middle School	Alternate #GC-4	\$ 9,000
0530-090-10-1077	Veterans Memorial Middle School	Alternate #GC-5	\$ 8,000

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2. **to ratify a contract for an Out-of-District student placement, as attached**
  
3. **to authorize DRG, Design Resources Group, Architect of Record, to work on behalf of the District with the New Jersey Department of Education to prepare all plans, specifications, drawing and bid-related documents for the Brick Memorial High School Gym Floor**
  
4. **to authorize DRG, Design Resources Group, Architect of Record, to work on behalf of the District with the New Jersey Department of Education to prepare all plans, specifications, drawing and bid-related documents for the Emma Havens Young Elementary School Roof**

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**BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Campbell gave a list of items that he has been asking to see implemented in the District. They are:

1. Written evaluation of the Freshmen Learning Experience – strengths & weaknesses and Action Plans
2. Written evaluation of High School Departmental Exams, Fall Semester Exams, Fall Semester Grade, Final Exam and Final Grade
3. Benchmark assessments results for K-5 Story Town and Everyday Math and Action Plans
4. Evaluation of Math Program - Action Plans
5. Introductory Webinar Supplemental Math K -5
6. Change number of required credits for graduation – not enough challenge in the Senior Year – 55% of students have nothing to do
7. Mr. Kleissler’s Career Technical Education Academies – Action Plan

Mr. Hrycenko stated that the Administrators in the High Schools work hard. Yes students want to get out early - some of them take a college course in January. He asked for a supportive, not critical attitude towards the Administrative staff. Mr. Campbell said the District is losing 200 students a year, the District needs the Bio Tech Program Academies etc. Mr. Hrycenko indicated that both Toms River and Jackson are losing students also. Mr. Hrycenko gave a list of what the Administrators are doing, and asked that they be appreciated for their hard work. Mr. Talty indicated that the Board wants better evaluation of programs and Mr. Hrycenko answered that they are working on it. Ms. Lorusso said they have already begun an evaluation on Story town. Everyday Math has been used for only 2 years – NJ ASK scores are increased in more proficient, indicating that the program is doing a good job. She had looked at the Dream Box and would update Mr. Campbell at another time on that. Mr. Reid said we are all here for the education and kids. We have to keep it civilized, and appreciate the people who come out to the meetings. Sometimes “passion” makes someone sound a bit abrasive, but no disrespect was intended. He felt that with more time, a better budget could have been explored – perhaps including full day Kindergarten. Discussion continued on various ways full-day Kindergarten could be achieved. Mr. Talty congratulated the Administrators and Business Office staff who were involved in the Budget process – it was a hard job and it is a good budget. He indicated that the vast majority of teachers and administrators are doing their best.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

One member of the public asked about the content of the April 4<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat. Mr. Talty indicated that there may be a change in the schedule because of the necessity of cancelling the Closed Session scheduled for tonight. It was suggested that the Township be informed that the District budget has been passed. Thanks was given again on the "0" increase budget. There was some discussion of \$2.4 million being made available by the State for a new teacher evaluation system.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

April 4, 2012	Board Retreat & Executive Session – Personnel BTHS Library, 6:00 PM
April 6-13, 2012	Spring Recess, Schools Closed
April 19, 2012	Regular Meeting & Executive Session – Personnel BTHS, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, at 8:59 P M a motion was made by Ms. Suter, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with the following roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting

Motion: Ms. Suter  
Second: Mr. Reid  
Mr. Cuppari Absent  
Ms. Terebush Yes  
Mr. Talty Yes  
Mr. Campbell Yes  
Ms. Suter Yes  
Mr. Reid Yes  
Ms. Kight Absent

Respectfully submitted,

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



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