

MARCH 29, 2011

A Special Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen, New Jersey, was held in the Teaneck High School, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center, Teaneck, New Jersey, on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 8:11 p.m. Dr. Ardie Walser, President of the Board, presided.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

"I hereby call to order the Special Public Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in the Teaneck High School, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center, Teaneck, New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to The Record, filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Teaneck and posted inside the Teaneck Board of Education, One Merrison Street, on Thursday, March 24, 2011."

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mrs. Margaret Angeli  
Mr. Herbert Burack  
Dr. David Diuguid  
Mrs. Margot Fisher  
Dr. Henry Pruitt  
Mr. Sebastian Rodriguez  
Mrs. Gervonn Rice, Vice President  
Dr. Ardie Walser, President

Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Barbara Pinsak, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Robert S. Finger, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING** opened at 8:17 p.m., questions from the Board members, closed at 8:55 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA**

The public hearing on matters appearing on this meeting's business agenda commenced at 8:55 p.m. and ended at 10:00 p.m. The following persons were recognized and addressed the Board on the indicated agenda matter.

Barbara Toffler, Councilwoman – Impressed with process that she has observed this evening. Municipal budget said that school going up 4.5% should be .0045%, Town tax levy going up 2.4% vs. school .0045%. Offered to print and distribute flyers to vote **yes** on the budget.

John Gerow, Teamsters President – spoke about custodians

Susan Griffin, Teacher – spoke about outsourcing custodians and the mistake that the Township made concerning the school budget tax levy, how are we going to get the word out that it was a mistake.

Gary Sternberg, Custodian – read letter concerning outsourcing custodians

John Robinson, Manager of Operations & Maintenance – spoke about custodians

Karen Hughes – TTEA Vice President and Thomas Jefferson M.S. Teacher – spoke about outsourcing custodians

Henson Ince, Custodian – spoke about outsourcing custodians

Tasha Morton, Former Teaneck Teacher – spoke about outsourcing custodians

Patricia King-Butler, Teaneck Resident and Co-President PTO- spoke about outsourcing custodians and courtesy bussing for grades k-4.

Theresa Edwards, Resident – spoke about outsourcing custodians and spoke about the error that the Township made with the school budget and what can be done.

Clara Williams, Resident – The public cannot hear this meeting which is unfortunate.

Aaron Campbell, High School Student – was concerned about the increase in building use fees, if we raise them will it hurt the groups that use the buildings. Also was concerned about the hiring of one new teacher is it to restore or sustain what we have and will it affect the high school or the lower grades.

Regina Melnyk, High School Teacher – spoke about outsourcing custodians and the Building Quality Management Team that meets once a month.

Mrs. Hamilton, Teaneck Resident – spoke about the budget and how it betters the future for our children in Teaneck if the budget passes.

Alan Sohn, Resident – spoke about budget cuts from last year and in future years and how it will impact the Teaneck school children.

Shelly Megerman, Resident – spoke about ways to get the budget passed.

Charles Powers, Resident – spoke about the great job the Board did on the budget and the way they have handled the presentations with including the public.

Ray Moore, Resident – congratulated all of the Board members for the work that they are doing. Spoke about how all of us have benefited from Public Education.

### **FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

The Board of Education took the following actions on the business agenda items for this meeting.

On a Motion made by Dr. Diuguid seconded by Mr. Rodriguez:

167. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves the school district's 2011-2012 budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$87,134,702	\$77,452,263
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,681,509	\$ N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 1,782,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,863</u>
Total	\$90,599,074	\$79,235,126

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves this budget after a Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education authorizes this budget be submitted to the Executive Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves the Ballot Question as follows:

Resolved, that there should be raised General Fund Tax Levy for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$77,452,263.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves the maximum General Fund budgeted travel and related expense reimbursements in the amount of \$89,730, that the maximum amount approved in the pre-budget year was \$85,930 and that as of February 28, 2011 the total amount expended on travel is \$5,417.21 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves the maximum amounts for contracted professional services as follows:

Legal Services	\$ 300,000
Audit Services	\$ 60,000
Physician Services	\$ 100,000
Therapist Services	\$1,250,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education approves the maximum amount for Extracurricular Activities in the amount of \$200,000.

168. the board approved a settlement of Agency Reference 2011-16740 in the amount of \$25,500. Furthermore, that the Board President is authorized to execute the confidential settlement agreement, in a form acceptable to the Board Attorney and that disbursement shall be made in accordance with the agreement's terms.

Roll call; Motion approved 8-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA**

The public hearing on matters other than those appearing on this meeting's business agenda commenced at 9:58. No one wished to address the Board, and the hearing was declared closed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Dr. Diuguid and seconded by Mrs. Fisher, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert S. Finger, CFE, CGFM  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary