

Minutes of the proceedings of the **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in the virtually via Zoom app, at 8:00 PM. *Sebastian Rodriguez, Board President, presided.*

I. Salute to the Flag

II. Presiding Officer's Meeting Notice Statement

"I hereby call to order the Special Public Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, virtually via Zoom app, at 8:00 PM. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to the Record, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the school district website at www.teaneckschools.org, on March 18, 2022."

III. Roll Call

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Burns (Linda)	x	
Mr. Cooper (Damen) arrived @ 8:16pm	x	
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)-Vice President	x	
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x	
Dr. Klein (Dennis)		x
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x	
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x	

IV. Reaffirmation of District Goals

V. Public Comment (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)

Please click on the link below to view the public comments:

<https://www.eduvision.tv/l?etDtyAy>

VI. Agenda Items

Please click on the link below to view the public meeting:

<https://www.eduvision.tv/l?etDmyyA>

2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Presentation:

<https://www.eduvision.tv/l?etDtyAO>

VII. Executive Session

Mrs. Gee motioned to adjourn the public meeting and convene into the executive session (items to be discussed matters related to student discipline) at 9:35 pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Fisher and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: D. Gee	Second: V. Fisher			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Burns (Linda)	x			
Mr. Cooper (Damen)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria) Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)				x
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			

Ms. Fisher motioned to adjourn the executive session and convene back into the public meeting at 10:11 pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Gee and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: V. Fisher	Second: D. Gee			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Burns (Linda)	x			
Mr. Cooper (Damen)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria) Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)				x
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)				x

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Gee motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 10:12 pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Fisher and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: D. Gee	Second: V. Fisher			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Burns (Linda)	x			
Mr. Cooper (Damen)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Ms. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)				x
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)- President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)				x

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno
Interim Business Administrator

Teaneck Public Schools

Mission: The Teaneck Public School District educates and empowers students by providing a high-quality, rigorous educational experience which prepares students for success within a diverse, global society.

Vision: The Teaneck Advantage: Educational Excellence for All

Board Goals

GOAL 1: Teachers and administrators in the Teaneck Public Schools will further elevate academic programs by creating varied learning pathways and by improving student supports.

GOAL 2: The Teaneck Public Schools will continue to improve facilities and technology in support of 21st Century learning opportunities.

GOAL 3: The Teaneck Public Schools will execute effective communications and solidify quality relationships with educational partners within and throughout the community.

GOAL 4: The Teaneck Public Schools will create equitable and inclusive learning opportunities for all students.

GOAL 5: The Teaneck Public Schools will ensure operational excellence in hiring, developing and retaining staff.

Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Finance and Budget resolutions:

1. **Whereas**, the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, approves the Preliminary 2022-2023 School Year Budget for submission to the Department of Education for review and approval in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-6 as follows and,

Transfer to Charter Schools (Fund 10)	\$ 8,019,886
Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$102,604,769
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 3,405,112
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$114,029,767
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 9,218,207
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 694,400
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$123,942,374

Whereas, the said budget will be advertised in the Bergen Record in accordance with the format promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law; and

Whereas, a Public Hearing on the budget for the 2022-2023 school year will be conducted during the April 27, 2022 Board of Education Meeting;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the GENERAL FUND tax levy of \$96,922,957 and DEBT SERVICE tax levy of \$694,400 are approved to support the 2022-2023 school year budget.

2. **Whereas**, the district has a taxing authority which is comprised of:

Banked Cap Expiring in 2022-2023	\$ 0
2% Allowable Tax Levy Adjustment	\$ 1,900,450
Base 2021-2022	\$ 95,022,957
Total Available Tax Levy Authority	\$ 96,922,957

Whereas, the Board has approved that there should be raised, for the General Fund, a tax levy of \$96,922,957 which includes a 2% tax levy increase in the amount of \$1,900,450.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey approves that the unused, unexpired taxing authority of \$0 (Banked Cap) be held for potential use in the subsequent allowable fiscal years - none available this fiscal year.

3. **Whereas**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2(a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service, a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and
Whereas, the budget includes the following appropriations:

Account Code	Professional/Technical Service	Amount
11-000-213-300	Health - Medical Related Services	\$ 298,355
11-000-216-320	Purchased Student Related Support Services	\$1,157,299
11-000-217-320	Purchased Professional Extraordinary Services	\$1,818,640.
11-000-218-320	Student Guidance Services - Counseling, Programs, Testing	\$ 22,000
11-000-219-320/390	Purchased Prof-Ed Services - Educational/Medical Services Provided to Students	\$ 653,031
11-000-221-320/500	Improvement Instruction Purchase Ed Services	\$ 253,000
11-000-222-320/390	Educational Media Purchase Services	\$ 39,000
11-000-223-320/390	Purchased Professional Development Services	\$ 22,300
11-000-230-331	Legal Services	\$ 485,000
11-000-230-332	Auditor Fees	\$ 51,000
11-000-230-334/390	Architect/Engineer Services	\$ 320,000
11-150-100-320	Hospital Based Homebound Instruction	\$0
11-190-100-320/340	Purchased Professional Ed/Tech Services	\$ 941,500
11-190-100-500	Regular Program Inst Other Purchased Services	\$ 137,769
12-000-400-334/390	Capital Projects - Architect/Engineer Services	\$ 904,250
	Total	\$6,815,144

Whereas, the Administration needs to notify the Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums, upon which the Board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal Board action; and

Whereas, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. **Be It Resolved**, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), which provides that the Teaneck Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted or such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 school year, and
Whereas, school district policy and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Teaneck Board of Education established in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022; and
Whereas, the maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 was \$40,000; and
Whereas, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$25,344.65 as of March 1, 2022,
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 at the sum of \$117,231 and,
Be It Further Resolved, that the Interim School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded.

5. **Whereas**, this budget includes a withdrawal from Capital Reserve, in the amount of \$2,810,450 with a net balance in Capital Reserve in the amount of \$2,826,754 and
Whereas, the transfer of these reserves supports the following capital projects that are in addition to the Facilities Efficiency Standards determined by the Commissioner of Education necessary to achieve the Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education:

Elevator Upgrade/Modernization	Teaneck High School
Fire Alarm Upgrade	Bryant Elementary School
Fire Alarm Upgrade	Whittier Elementary School
Fire Alarm Upgrade	Teaneck High School
Electrical Upgrade	Ben Franklin Middle School
Electrical Upgrade	Teaneck High School

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve account is \$2,810,450.

6. **Whereas**, this budget included a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve, in the amount of \$250,000, with a net balance in Maintenance Reserve of \$1,012,910 and
Whereas, the transfer of these reserves supports maintenance and other facilities improvements that must be included in the district’s annual M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (the minimum amount that must be allocated to facilities maintenance),
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Maintenance Reserve Fund is \$250,000.

APPROVE BUDGET ITEMS # 1-6

Motion: V. Fisher	Second: D. Gee			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Burns (Linda)	x			
Mr. Cooper (Damen)	x			
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)-Vice President	x			
Mrs. Gee (Danielle)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)				x
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			