

Minutes of the proceedings of the **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** held on Monday, March 18, 2024, in the in-person at the Teaneck High School located at 100 Elizabeth Avenue and streamed live virtually via Zoom app, at 8:00 PM. *Clara Williams, 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 Monday, March 18, 2024, in-person at the Teaneck High School located at 100 Elizabeth Avenue and streamed live virtually via Zoom app, at 8:00 PM. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to the Record and The Start Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the school district website at www.teaneckschools.org, on March 15, 2024."

III. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Ms. Fisher (Victoria) - Attended Virtually	x	
Dr. Gruber (David)	x	
Mr. Ha (Edward)	x	
Dr. Kirshenbaum (Gerald)	x	
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x	
Mrs. Reyes (Kassandra)- Vice President	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)		x
Mrs. Williams (Clara) - President	x	
Mr. Wolff (James)	x	

Student Board Liaison	Present	Absent
Mostafa Abouganba		x
Alfred Lewis		x
Liora Pelavin	x	
Blake Ricketts		x

IV. Reaffirmation of District Goals

V. Superintendent's Report

NONE

VI. Public Comment I (Agenda Items only)

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

<https://www.eduvision.tv/?eLORLeO>

VII. 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

Please click on the link below to view the 24-25 Budget presentation:

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

VIII. Agenda Items

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

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

IX. Public Comment II (Agenda and non-Agenda Items)

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

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

X. Adjournment

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn the special public meeting at 11:03pm. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Ha and carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: K. Reyes	Second: E. Ha			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)	x			
Dr. Gruber (David)	x			
Mr. Ha (Edward)	x			
Dr. Kirshenbaum (Gerald)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mrs. Reyes (Kassandra) - Vice President	x			
Mr Rodriguez (Jonathan)				x
Mrs. Williams (Clara) - President	x			
Mr. Wolff (James)	x			

Respectfully submitted,

Haquisha Q. Taylor, SBA/BS

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.

FINANCE AND BUDGET 01 THRU 05

March 18, 2024

1. **WHEREAS**, the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, approves the Preliminary 2024-2025 School Year Budget in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-6 as follows and,

Transfer to Charter Schools (Fund 10)	\$ 8,039,558
Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$108,825,236
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 1,293,786
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$118,158,580
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 9,055,579
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 647,950
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$127,862,109

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the Final 2024-2025 School Year Budget will be conducted during the April 17, 2024 Board of Education Regular Public Meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen approves the Preliminary 2024-2025 School Year Budget.

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

Allowable Tax Levy Adjustment including Weighted Enrollment Increase	\$ 2,006,838
Allowable Increase in Health Care Costs	\$ 0
Base 2023-2024	\$100,341,919
Total Available Tax Levy Authority	\$102,348,757

WHEREAS, the Board has approved that there should be raised, for the General Fund, a tax levy of \$102,348,757 which includes a 2% tax levy increase in the amount of \$2,006,838.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey approves that the unused, unexpired taxing authority of \$0 (Banked Cap) be held for potential use in the subsequent allowable fiscal years.

3. **WHEREAS**, this budget includes withdrawal from Capital Reserve, in the amount of \$912,300 with a net anticipated balance in Capital Reserve in the amount of \$1,832,426 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.

BRYANT	Pre-k Cafeteria turn into two(2) classrooms
LOWELL	Parapet recoating & roof replacement Parking lot repavement
TEANECK HIGH SCHOOL	Parking lot repavement Abatement of pipe tunnels

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve account is \$912,300.

4. **WHEREAS**, 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 2024-2025 school year, and;

WHEREAS, the maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2023-2024 was \$70,800 and;

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$46,601 as of March 1, 2024,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2024-2025 at the sum of \$82,100 and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded.

5. **WHEREAS**, the State’s estimated Medicaid Eligible Special Education student count (298) is higher than the actual October 2023 Medicaid Eligible Special Education student count (141), and;

WHEREAS, the State’s projected 2024-2025 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Reimbursement Revenue based on its estimated student count is \$109,061.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey approves Teaneck Special Education Services requesting county approval for a SEMI Alternate Revenue Projection of \$53,805.60 based on the District's actual October 2023 Medicaid Eligible Special Education population for the 2024-2025 budget.

Motion: V. Fisher	Second: K. Reyes			
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Fisher (Victoria) - Virtually	x			
Dr. Gruber (David)	x			
Mr. Ha (Edward)	x			
Dr. Kirshenbaum (Gerald)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mrs. Reyes (Kassandra) - Vice President	x			
Mr Rodriguez (Jonathan)				x
Mrs. Williams (Clara) - President	x			
Mr. Wolff (James)	x			