

Minutes of the proceedings of the **SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING** held on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the virtually via Zoom app, at 6:00 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 Monday, March 20, 2023, virtually via Zoom app, at 6:00 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 17, 2023."

III. Roll Call

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)-Vice President	x	
Mr. Ha (Edward)	x	
Ms. Hosein (Nadia)	x	
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x	
Mrs. Reyes (Kassandra)	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x	
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)-President	x	
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x	
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	x	

IV. Reaffirmation of District Goals

V. Executive Session (If Needed)

NONE

VI. Public Comments (Agenda and non-Agenda Items)

NONE

VII. Budget Presentation (2023-2024)

Please click on the link below to view the 23-24 Budget Presentation:

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

VIII. Agenda Items

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

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Fisher motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 8:00pm. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Sanders and carried by a unanimous vote.

<i>Motion: V. Fisher</i>	<i>Second: D. Sanders</i>			
<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Fisher (Victoria)- Vice President	x			
Mr. Ha (Edward)	x			
Ms. Hosein (Nadia)	x			
Dr. Klein (Dennis)	x			
Mrs. Reyes (Kassandra)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Jonathan)	x			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian) - President	x			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	x			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	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

MARCH 20, 2023

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 2023-2024 School Year Budget in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-6 as follows and,

Transfer to Charter Schools (Fund 10)	\$ 7,704,637
Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$106,363,707
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 684,986
SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$114,753,330
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 8,479,343
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 663,700
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$123,896,373

Whereas, a Public Hearing on the Final 2023-2024 School Year Budget will be conducted during the April 26, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.

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

Allowable Tax Levy Adjustment including Weighted Enrollment Increase	\$ 2,450,440
Allowable Increase in Health Care Costs	\$ 968,522
Base 2022-2023	\$ 96,922,957
Total Available Tax Levy Authority	\$100,341,919

Whereas, the Board has approved that there should be raised, for the General Fund, a tax levy of \$99,830,646, which includes a 3% tax levy increase in the amount of \$2,907,689,

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 \$511,274 (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 \$410,000, with a net balance in Capital Reserve in the amount of \$1,797,985, 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:

Theodora Smiley Lacey Playground Site Work and Equipment Installation	\$410,000
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Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the amount authorized to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve account is \$410,000.

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 2023-2024 school year, and

Whereas, the maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2022-2023 was \$117,231; and

Whereas, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$88,180 as of March 1, 2023,

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 2023-2024 at the sum of \$70,800, and,

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**, 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 - School Physician	\$83,500
11-000-216-320	Purchased Student Related Support Services	\$1,256,456
11-000-217-320	Purchased Professional Extraordinary Services	\$2,000,812
11-000-218-320	Student Guidance Services - Medical Screenings	\$0
11-000-219-320/390	Purchased Prof-Ed Services - Educational/Medical Services Provided to Students	\$606,627
11-000-221-320/500	Improvement Instruction Purch Ed Serv	\$270,207
11-000-222-320/390	Educational Media Purch Services	\$34,000

11-000-223-320/390	Purchased Professional Development Services	\$8,500
11-000-230-331	Legal Services	\$475,000
11-000-230-332	Auditor Fees	\$50,000
11-000-230-334/390	Architect/Engineer Services	\$15,000
11-150-100-320	Hospital Based Homebound Instruction	\$20,000
11-190-100-320/340	Purchased Professional Education/Tech Services	\$712,550
11-190-100-500	Regular Program Inst Other Purchased Services	\$118,110
12-000-400-334/390	Capital Projects - Architect/Engineer Services	\$2,066
	Total	\$5,652,818

Whereas, the Administration will 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

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 2023-2024 school year.

6. **Whereas**, the State’s estimated Medicaid Eligible Special Education student count (291) is higher than the actual October 2022 Medicaid Eligible Special Education student count (166), and;

Whereas, the State’s projected 2023-2024 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Reimbursement Revenue based on its estimated student count is \$111,046,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey approves Teaneck Special Services requesting County Approval for a SEMI Alternate Revenue Projection of \$63,345 based on the District's actual October 2022 Medicaid Eligible Special Education population for the 2023-2024 budget.

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