

Minutes.Special.3.1.2011

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WAYNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WAYNE, NEW JERSEY**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
March 1, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the Wayne Board of Education Meeting was held on March 1, 2011 in the Wayne Board of Education Conference Room, 50 Nellis Drive, Wayne, New Jersey 07470. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the terms of the Sunshine Law.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mr. Robert Ceberio, Board President.

“Adequate notice of this Special Meeting, setting forth time, date and location, has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act by:

**STATEMENT  
OF  
COMPLIANCE**

1. Prominently posting a copy on the bulletin board on February 18, 2011 in the lobby of the offices of the Board of Education, which is a public place reserved for such announcements.
2. Transmitting a copy of this notice to The Record and the Wayne Today on February 18, 2011
3. Transmitting a copy of this notice to the Municipal Clerk on February 18, 2011

**ROLL CALL**

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**PRESENT:** Robert Ceberio, Mitch Badiner, Jane Hutchison, James Jimenez, Allan Mordkoff, Joan Walsh, and Don Pavlak, Jr.

**ABSENT:** Darren Del Sardo  
Franco Mazzei

**ABSENT**

**LATE ARRIVAL:** Darren Del Sardo arrived at 6:08 p.m.  
Franco Mazzei arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**LATE  
ARRIVALS**

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** Michael Roth, Interim Superintendent, Juanita A. Petty, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Nathanya Simon, Board General Counsel, 10 Administrators, and approximately 20 members of the public

**ALSO  
PRESENT**

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**BUDGET 2011-2012**

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2011-2012**

Mrs. Juanita A. Petty provided overview of documents presented for discussion on the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Discussion ensued.

**8 Period Day – presented by Scot Beckerman and Bob Reis**

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Scot Beckerman reviewed handout document and responded to the following questions:

- Don Pavlak, Jr. questioned credit requirement, indicating the need to know before we approve.
- J. Walsh – questioned whether students would choose elective first, then be denied. Also questioned the change in credits and whether students were struggling with 135 credits. Questioned what is alternate if an 8 period day is not done? Michael Roth would have to recommend \$910,000 in alternate cuts.
- D. Del Sardo – questioned if electives have same GPA as other classes. Yes. Noted that other top schools have different types of students. We offer more. Teachers help students in study hall. Also questioned how class sizes are affected.
- J. Hutchison – commented on AP courses. Feels that more time on task from move to 8 period day is instructionally sound.
- M. Badiner – questioned how long this change has been studied. Noted for 15 years.
- R. Reis – informed the Board that they just need direction and they will make it work.

**G.A.T.E.S.**

- Asked for assessment of how well the program is running since information provided does not address what was asked. M. Roth will get an assessment from staff and Principals. Dr. Maryrose Caulfield-Sloan will be presenting information in March. School Committees will bring data together. Requested that information be distributed to entire Board. Will try to move up compilation of information to get to BOE as soon as possible.
- J. Walsh – point of clarification on why information was requested, asking how changes could be made to the program only after 6 months. Discussion ensued. Came up during discussion if we had extra money – was not to eliminate program, only to enhance it.
- M. Caulfield-Sloan – will pull together information and can provide information on number of students serviced, etc. (Will get information as soon as possible.)
- Intent of question was to identify if more funds were needed to improve or expand program.

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DISCUSSION  
(CONTINUED)****Textbook Adoptions and Math Adoptions**

- Detail on adoptions was provided. Question on how middle school is affected if Math Connects adopted K-5. Dr. Labate responded that they actually infuse basics now since class period does not allow for Connected Math as it is supposed to be presented.

**Progress Reports – Report Cards**

- Discussion ensued on parents looking at grades as teachers post them. If not mailed, savings could be \$24,000.
- Asked how much does it cost to make software changes. Tim Carlin – to post grades as they are scored, all must use the same grade book. Can take information now from SIS and post to School Fusion. Basically, no cost to do.
- J. Walsh – stated we are falling behind. Other Districts have systems to look at attendance, etc.
- Consensus to cut the \$24K.

**Educational Jobs Funding**

- Cannot be used to fund contract for wraparound program, but can use for staffing which then frees up the money.
- Board requested that Proposal for Wraparound Program be emailed to them.

**Clubs and Programs**

- Requested that Board be provided with all that are paid at Wayne Valley.

**Elementary Spanish**

- M. Badiner – questioned whether it is taught by class teacher and if it meets the World Language requirement. Nathanya Simon responded that the State only lists guidelines, not mandates.

**Copier Contract**

- Noted that over 2 million copies are made per month.

The Board took a 10 minute recess.

**BOARD  
RECESS**

The Board reconvened into public at 8:00 p.m.

**RECONVENE  
INTO PUBLIC**

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R. Ceberio restated change in tax levy due to ratables.

Board continued its discussion:

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION  
(CONTINUED)**

**8 Period Day**

- Discussion – what is the alternative?
- M. Roth – can provide other scenarios tomorrow. Reduce positions, adoptions, benefits, capital. Could give by category with amounts.
- Discussion on WEA issue – waiting for legal opinion.
- What about middle school level impact since there were contractual issues last year? Can numbers be provided if this is changed also?
- Dr. Labate advised that the recommendation is that in 2011, the District go to an 8 period day at the high schools only, and that in 2012, we move to an 8 period rotating block at the high schools and an 8 period day at the middle schools. Explained problem with contract issue at middle school last year.
- Nathanya Simon concurred with problem in contract language.
- D. Pavlak, Jr. – noted the issue was getting rid of middle school aides last year. Questioned how you know how many staff if they cannot say where they would make cuts.
- J. Hutchison – must decide what will be offered before students make choices. Referenced State Report Cards; middle school has 10 minutes less than state average and elementary has 12 minutes less than state average. Need more instruction time with students. Supports 8 period day. Our failure is trying to be all to everyone, offering too much.
- F. Mazzei – only concern was both Principals were on Board, but Mr. Reis now seems uncertain by stating it will not work on paper. Looks to them for recommendations and effect of those decisions.
- M. Badiner – agrees with Franco, but does not have enough information. Skeptical to move forward without more information. Is there enough time to implement? Do not have full-blown study.
- J. Walsh – cannot stand making decisions at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Promised public we would start early this year and we kept asking. If the Principals will determine, what will they cut? Also questioned the difference between 8 period day and block schedule. What is plan B? M. Roth responded. Hills would probably reduce Freshman Seminar; Valley would reduce study halls. But, can give alternatives tomorrow. Explain some advantages.
- Board noted that if this is what is wanted, sell it to us. If not, what are the other alternatives?
- Mr. Ceberio noted it appears majority does not want to do 8 period day. Find additional \$910,000.

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2011-2012**

- J. Walsh - Principals used to come in and speak to Board on what is going on, what they see, etc. Perhaps throughout the school year. M. Roth responded they should meet twice per year (Oct./Nov. and Mar./Apr.)
- R. Ceberio – asked Board for recommendations to look for additional cuts, noting to get to 1.5%, need \$1.5M in cuts. Discussion ensued.
- J. Hutchison – questioned if Administrative staff is being reduced. Also, questioned if we are increasing guidance and salaries. Seem to be discrepancies in high schools. Why does Board pay for flowers for example for graduation? Wants to know where we are cutting and adding? Do not see it in Budget Detail.
- Look at PTO survey for some direction.
- Noted that budget already contains \$2.73M in one shot amounts, such as surplus and breakage.
- Final consensus to find \$1.5M – last place is classroom. Look first in Administration, efficiencies like \$24K, cut paper, beautification cut all, look at scantron, SE supplies to grants, delay Math ( adopt 3-5 only), buildings and grounds. Get options from Administrators.
- D. Del Sardo - does not want to make cuts, but does not want to increase.
- M. Roth recapped process used and indicated we have a good sense of where cuts can come from.
- Discussion on documents presented and percentage of increases on comparison.
- Provide revisions for changes. Need back-up rationale.

A motion was made to open the meeting to public comment on any item.

**Motion: A. Mordkoff Second: J. James Vote: 9-0**

**OPEN TO  
PUBLIC ON  
AGENDA  
ITEMS**

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COMMENTS**

- Mark Klypka- Am I only taxpayer not involved with the Board. Healthcare – how can you budget with expired contracts? What number are we using? Have \$123M in tax levy. Should start there and then go up. Look at what we are copying? 8 period-day – had rotating schedule when he was in school, and it was fine. Are we paying to provide newspapers? 2% surplus. Do not spend it. ICS Program – do we look at programs annually? What is in-class support? Can we do it cheaper? Direct Administration to find cuts. Problem is a lot of waste out there.
- Brenda Portelli – concerned about going to 8 period day. Students need opportunity to take electives. Be careful what you remove from budget. Do not water things down.
- Andrew Im, Chemistry teacher, Wayne Valley - in 42 minutes, he can get job done. Extra 6 minutes cannot do another activity. Became science teacher because of electives he was able to take at high school level.
- Marlene Polinik – budget information – must demand all back-up before you meet again. Do not take 8 period day off table. Get information you expect. Pure and simple – about saving money. Call your assemblyman. Talk about what charter schools do. Teachers – understand classes and schedules. Children may have to wait to take a class. Mr. Reis is afraid you are going to take away his auto class. Must take strong stand with legislators to get money we were promised. Probably will have enough retirements to keep staff in. Would squeeze Principals for 8 period day. You pay them well – tell them to get the job done – work 24/7.
- Kathy Hanenberg – concern over 8 period day with struggling students. Need electives. Are top schools in our DFG? Read email from parent with student in auto program.
- Mark Klypka – emailing progress reports, etc. – seriously need to look at.
- Marlene Polinik – what have we done with energy costs? Solar, lighting, retrofit, energy analysis. Can someone look into PSE&G to have another company perhaps service the District? Must hold political bodies accountable. Now starting to affect quality of education. Why do we continue to vote for them?

As there were no other comments from the public on any item, a motion was made to close to public comment.

**Motion: M. Badiner Second: J. Jimenez Vote: 9-0**

**CLOSE TO  
PUBLIC  
COMMENT  
ON AGENDA  
ITEMS**

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As there being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. and go into Executive Session.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

**Motion: A. Badiner Second: J. Jimenez Vote: 9-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Juanita A. Petty, RSBA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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