



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WAYNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WAYNE, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING
March 20, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Wayne Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in the Wayne Hills High School Auditorium, 272 Berdan Avenue, Wayne, New Jersey 07470. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the terms of the Sunshine Law.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Ceberio.

Reading of "Sunshine Law" Statement

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting, setting forth time, date and location, has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act on February 22, 2012 by:

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: Robert Ceberio, Kim Essen, Laura Stinziano, Robyn Kingston, and Donald Monteyne

ABSENT: Mitch Badiner, Jane Hutchison, Allan Mordkoff, and Donald Pavlak, Jr.

LATE ARRIVALS: J. Hutchison arrived at 7:12 p.m. and A. Mordkoff arrived at 7:15 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Raymond A. Gonzalez, Superintendent, Juanita A. Petty, RSBA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Marysol Berrios, Assistant Superintendent, Nathanya Simon, Board General Counsel, 3 Administrators, and 50 members of the public

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Administrative Summary Report

Discussion of 2012-2013 Proposed Budget

Dr. Raymond Gonzalez, Superintendent, and Mrs. Petty, Business Administrator, presented the budget.

Jane Hutchison arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Allan Mordkoff arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Allan Mordkoff took the Chair.

Some public questions were answered as presentation proceeded.

Open to Public

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any topic during their five minutes.

A motion was made to open the meeting to public comment.

Motion: To Approve, Moved by Board Member KIM ESSEN, Seconded by Board Member ROBYN KINGSTON. Passed. 7-0-0. Board Members voting Aye: CEBERIO , ESSEN , HUTCHISON , KINGSTON , MONTEYNE , MORDKOFF , STINZIANO . Board Members Absent: BADINER , PAVLAK .

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Klypka -

- Why didn't we show history of tax levy impact?
- Breakout salary and benefits instead of combining
- Budget cap scenario - if we had no improvements, why can't we show a budget with no increase?
- Proposed reduction for savings - is savings from winter reflected in?
- Preschool - parents should pay
- Transportation - what is capacity?
- What about consolidating bus routes because buses are empty?
- Clifton budget for maintenance is less than ours - about \$4M - why not contract out? Must look at every penny.
- Outraged about taking away right to vote

Janine Long -

- Assistant Superintendent - where does her salary fall? Is it in 11-12 and 12-13 budget?
- Increase in Guidance Counselors - 2 years ago - eliminated - now bringing them back
- Where is PR budgeted? Mr. Ceberio noted position has been funded last 5 of 6 years.

Joyce M. -

- Feels last few years cuts have hit high school the most. Can't have more cuts at high school.
- Concern over re-hire of elementary counselors. Is it a significant problem?

Jack -

- Appreciates everyone's time
- Is Assistant Superintendent position really needed?
- Education starts at home - School Districts who do well have strong home support.
- How many teachers per student? Statistics show about 11 per student. Does District look at this?
- Also, amount spent per student. Where do we fall as far as averages go?
- When was the last time a teacher was let go for bad performance? How do you address that?

Frank H. -

- With home budget, can't buy if no money. In District, it doesn't seem to matter.
- Largest portion is staff - must look at carefully.

Stuart R. -

- Originally from California - astonished that public can't vote on the budget. Respectfully disagrees on matter. One way to save money - all lights were on field with only about 10 people on field. Tonight, entire parking lot lit up - maybe alternate lights.
- Representative of Concerned Citizens of Wayne - new group - First meeting is March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at library.

Helene McKnight -

- Concern on proposed budget - her increase will be about 50%. Discussion ensued and the impact was clarified.
- In regard to hiring outside PR firm - what are you expecting to get? New Superintendent now has Assistant Superintendent to assist in this regard. Feels all are well-spoken and don't need.
- How to impose Goal I with new NCLB waiver

Tom K. -

- Why was decision made to take vote away from public? Mr. Ceberio responded because of:
 1. Uncertainty of long-term planning, and
 2. Why do only schools have a vote?

Member of Public -

- Doesn't envy position of Board. Prior Boards gave away the farm and you are stuck with it.

- Doesn't feel they are getting results of all the money they voted for.
- If PR firm has been in budget, how has it been communicated with us? We haven't seen it.
- Class size is not important.
- Try your best to cut - Kids will be O.K.

Member of Public -

- Knows Board wants to do their best. Wants to vote - fought in two wars for right.

Mr. Ceberio asked Mrs. Hutchison if she would have supported vote to eliminate budget. Mrs. Hutchison stated it doesn't feel fair to only vote on school budget, and uncertainty causes her to feel she supports decision. Would rather circumstances changed - suggests Legislation be lobbied.

Joseph F. -

- Municipal budget is nothing compared to school budget. When was last time budget reduced?
- Doesn't understand why cuts can't be made.

Since there were no further comments from the public, a motion was made to close the meeting to public comment.

Motion: To Approve, Moved by Board Member ROBERT CEBERIO, Seconded by Board Member ROBYN KINGSTON. Passed. 7-0-0. Board Members voting Aye: CEBERIO , ESSEN , HUTCHISON , KINGSTON , MONTEYNE , MORDKOFF , STINZIANO . Board Members Absent: BADINER , PAVLAK .

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.

Motion: To Approve, Moved by Board Member ROBERT CEBERIO, Seconded by Board Member LAURA STINZIANO. Passed. 7-0-0. Board Members voting Aye: CEBERIO , ESSEN , HUTCHISON , KINGSTON , MONTEYNE , MORDKOFF , STINZIANO . Board Members Absent: BADINER , PAVLAK .

Respectfully submitted,



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

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