

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Hearing on 2011-2012 Budget
30 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ 08004

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **02/08/11**. It was advertised in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Atlantic City Press and posted in all schools, the Administration Office, the Municipal Building, the Library, Bud Duble Center and Winslow Township Post Offices.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The *Mission* of the Winslow Township School District, a large diverse and growing community, is to educate all students to become independent, life-long learners, critical thinkers and caring and confident members of their community. The District, in partnership with the community, and in a climate of cooperation and mutual respect, will provide an academic environment which values excellence and diversity, encourages students to strive for personal excellence, and assists them in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

III. ROLL CALL – In roll call the following Board Members were noted present:

Present	Eartha Mitchell	Angelia M. Tutt
	Julie A. Peterson	Cheryl Pitts, Vice President
	Aleta Sturdivant	Deborah Yanez, President

Absent	Mark Benjamin, Sr.
	Dino Capaldi

Also Present	H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent
	Ann F. Garcia, Ed.D., Bus. Admin./Bd. Secretary
	Damon Tyner, Parker McCay, P.C., Solicitor

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER

- At all Times:** Maintain confidentiality; Follow the chain of command; Maintain an open-mind; Listen and speak with respect for others.
- Before a Meeting:** Be prepared for board meetings by reading packets prior to board meetings; Refuse to become involved (collectively, as individuals, or in our communities) in micro-management; Get the answers to questions and concerns prior to the board meeting.
- During a Meeting:** Listen and speak with respect for others at all times; Vote with conviction; Align our actions as closely as possible to stated goals and objectives; Create an open, problem-solving management climate in which differences and problems are met head-on and clarified rather than swept under the rug or smoothed over; Promote mutual involvement and interdependency rather than selfish competition or subversive rivalry.

4. ***After a Meeting:*** Develop trust; Uphold all decisions made by the Board; Periodically follow-up on district, board and CSA goals; Understand and respect the separate roles and responsibilities of the board and the administration to confine activities within the boundaries of those roles.

If any board member feels that another board member has violated any provision of this agreement, that board member shall personally talk with the offending board member in an attempt to resolve the issue. If the attempt fails, the board member who feels that another board member has violated this agreement shall bring the matter to the attention of the entire board. Any grievances that arise should be dealt with at the earliest practical opportunity.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

1. School Board Candidate – Ballot Positions April 27, 2011

For your information, the ballot positions for the Annual School Board Election Candidates are as follows:

Three (3) Year Terms

1. John Korostowski
2. Lorraine Dredden
3. Deborah Yanez
4. Patricia Davis
5. Gulab H. Gidwani
6. Angelia Tutt
7. Narcissa Alwan

One (2) Year Unexpired Term

1. Joanne Masciocchi
2. Eartha Mitchell

Budget Presentation

Dr. Ann Garcia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary presented the 2011-2012 School District Budget. The Camden County Executive Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Nicolosi, approved the budget with no changes. After the presentation the meeting will be open for questions.

Dr. Poteat, Superintendent, presented a District overview:

- Past 3 years maintained progress – all programs even with costs
- No extra curricula cuts – athletics, after school programs, music programs
- Retained curriculum: supplies; math tutoring; HSPA; Title 1; Extended year; reading programs systems 44; math and reading coaches; math and language supervisors, Dibels assessments.
- Continue: Study Island, G/T Programs; Win Soar, Advanced Placement.
- QSAC recommendations
- New textbooks
- Technology – continue to provide smart boards, train staff
- Provide IEP Services
- Replace the Middle School and High School Library Roofs; School # 5 and 6 and

- Solar projects on roofs – tax savings
- Paint all classrooms in High School
- Replace 6 school buses
- Child Development Academy
- Before and After School Care Program
- Class sizes are smallest in the state, we may not be able to continue low class size

Questions/Comments on the budget were taken from the public:

- Thanks for updating website
- Aramark contract renewal
- Dirty Schools
- Budget Meeting – not advertised as Board Meeting
- Vote on Aramark once reorganization is here
- Are increases in salaries included in the budget
- Parents were urged to vote yes on the school budget
- New Jersey Regional Day School balance due Winslow – contract ends June 30, 2011
- What will we do with the New Jersey Regional Day School building
- Company overseeing Aramark
- Chesilhurst – money owed Winslow, Chesilhurst teachers
- Creative financing to save jobs and taxpayers
- Charter School – per student amount Winslow has to pay Charter School

Dr. Poteat and Dr. Garcia responded to each question/comment.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)

A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to open the meeting for Public Comments at 7:37 p.m.

Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items – The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to comment. Please respect the following procedures:

1. State your full name and address.
2. Please limit your comments to five minutes.
3. Submit your questions to the Board of Education with your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. Your questions will be answered within a reasonable time.

<i>Voice Vote: All in favor</i>

John Korostowski – Resident

Mr. Korostowski stated that he was one of seven individuals on the ballot for a seat on the Board of Education. He urged everyone to vote and said that out of a population of 30,000 with 10,000 registered voters only 2,000 – 3,000 vote in the School Election. Schools drive the health and wealth of the community.

Ellery Karl – Resident

Mr. Karl was surprised to find out that it was a complete Board Meeting because it was not advertised as a Board Meeting. He recommends that the items on the agenda be postponed.

Gulab Gidwani – President Winslow Township Business Association

Mr. Gidwani stated that sometimes questions asked are not answered. Why don't we share services with the Township and tell them what we are getting for our bids.

Dr. Poteat responded to Public Comments. Ask the question and it will be answered. We let the Township know that we were going out for a cheaper price than what we were getting through shared services. He is in contact with the Township through conversations and Liaison Meetings which include members of the Board.

We will continue to do what is best for the District.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Tutt, to adjourn Public Comments at 8:32 p.m.

Voice Vote: All in favor

IX. ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET (2011-2012)

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Pitts to approve the Annual School District Budget for 2011-2012.

1. Annual District Budget (2011-2012)

Approve to adopt the 2011-2012 School Budget for submission and resolve that there should be raised for General Funds \$43,158,135.00 for the ensuing school year 2011-2012.

Fund	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$ 91,661,467.00	\$43,158,135.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,634,950.00	\$ -----
Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,250,911.00	\$ 1,746,925.00

Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	absent	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	absent	Ms. Tutt	yes
Ms. Mitchell	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes

Motion Carried

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Resolution A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve adoption of the Executive Resolution and adjournment to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education will entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive/Closed Session for the purpose of:

- Student Hearings
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Matters
- Discussion of Contracts

The information discussed in Executive/Closed Session may be disclosed to the public after formal action is taken by the Board of Education on these issues. Certain information that will be discussed in Executive/Closed Session is not to be disclosed to the Public; however, the Board may contemplate taking action at the conclusion of Executive/Closed Session.

PRESIDENT

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Voice Vote: All in favor

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to return to Public Session at 10:00 p.m.

Voice Vote: All in favor

Open Public Meeting Act

Mr. Damon Tyner, Board Solicitor, Parker McCay spoke about the Open Public Meeting Act:

- It is beyond passing the Budget.
- OPRA guarantee Notice of Public Meeting.
- Allow the Public to assemble and watch the proceedings being conducted.
- No requirements for Action to be Taken – No Action to be Taken.
- Only notice of meeting and public to attend is needed.
- Does not require Agenda to be published – only public to watch
- If voided reposting of the meeting and same action will be taken.

OPINION – Board taking action tonight is not illegality. The Board is free to conduct and have action on the Agenda.

X. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Tutt, to approve Action Items # 1, # 2 as recommended by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

A. THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR BOARD SECRETARY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Renewal of the Following Contracts
 - Aramark
 - Mission One
 - South Jersey Technology Partnership
 - Sodexo
2. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Professional Services

Approve the advertisement of the Request for Proposals for each of the following professional services:

- Architect
- Auditor
- Engineer

- Health Insurance Broker
- Insurance Broker
- Medical Officer(s)
 - Elementary Schools
 - Middle School
 - High School
- Solicitor(s)
 - General
 - Labor Counsel
 - Special Education

Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	absent	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	absent	Ms. Tutt	yes
Ms. Mitchell	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes

Motion Carried

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann F. Garcia, Ed.D.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary