

RUMSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rumson, New Jersey

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Time: 7:30 pm Special Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Higgins Library, Forrestdale School

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 7:35p.m., in the Higgins Library of the Forrestdale School, Rumson, New Jersey.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Notice of Meeting**

Announcement of this meeting has been sent to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, an Agenda has been posted in the Deane-Porter and Forrestdale School, Rumson Borough Hall and the Oceanic Library.

4. **Roll Call**

Mrs. Beyer	Present	Dr. Jones	Present	Mrs. O'Connor	Present
Mr. Binns	Present	Mrs. MacGillis	Present	Mrs. Simons	Present
Dr. Connors	Present	Mrs. Melia	Present	Mrs. Swain	Present

Also present: Dr. John Bormann, Superintendent; Ms. Debra Allen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and the public.

5. **Welcome Visitors**

6. **Communications**

To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments we ask that the public:

- Wait to be recognized
- Preface comments with your name and address
- Direct all comments to the presiding officer
- Discuss only concerns that have been previously addressed through proper administrative channels
- Refrain from using any pupil or staff member's name

The Board is happy to listen to all comments, but this may not be the forum for any and all questions.

7. **Tentative Budget 2016-2017**

a. **Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2016-2017**

WHEREAS, the Rumson Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel as defined in NJAC 6A:23A-1.2, which includes attendance at regularly scheduled in-State county meetings, Department or Association sponsored events or in-State professional development activities for which the registration fee does not exceed \$150.00 per employee or board member, where prior Board approval shall not be required unless the annual threshold for a staff member exceeds \$1,500 in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

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WHEREAS, the Rumson Board of Education established \$50,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$45,620.03 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$60,000 for all staff and board members for the 2016-2017 school year.

b. Adoption and Submission of the Tentative Budget 2016-2017

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget as listed below for submission to the County Office of the N.J. Department of Education.

Adjustment Health Benefits

RESOLVED that the Rumson Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increases costs of health benefits in the amount of \$105,526. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefits.

Adjustment Banked Cap

RESOLVED that the Rumson Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$37,629 for the purposes of improving program. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2016.

Forrestdale Gym Floor

RESOLVED that the Rumson Board of Education requests the approval of a reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$200,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for the Gym Floor Renovation at the Forrestdale School.

Health Benefit Increases over 4%

RESOLVED that the Rumson Board of Education requests the approval of an emergency reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$100,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for the increased cost of health benefits for district staff.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2016-2017 School Year using the 2016-2017 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2016-2017 Total Appropriations	\$15,952,480	\$456,636	\$822,120	\$17,231,136
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$1,207,433	\$456,636	\$99,896	\$1,763,965
Taxes to be Raised	\$14,745,047	\$0	\$722,224	\$15,467,271

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the Higgins Library of the Forrestdale School, Rumson, New Jersey on April 27, 2016 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

Moved: Mrs. Beyer Seconded: Dr. Connors

Roll Call: AYES: 9

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Moved: Mrs. Simons Seconded: Mr. Binns

Roll Call: AYES: 9

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Debra Allen, BA/BS