**Lopatcong Township Board of Education**
**Special Meeting – Presentation of the 2015-2016 School District Budget**
**Minutes - April 29, 2015**

*President Glennon called the meeting to order on April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

**ROLL CALL**
*Present: David Corrado, Yvette Day, Ernest Gallant, Bruce Hall, Debbie Hille, Gena James, William Taggart, & Terry Glennon*
*Absent: Robert McFarlane*

**READING OF MISSION STATEMENT** *Mrs. Roncoroni read the Mission Statement*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** - *None*

**PRESENTATION – PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET**
by Bill Bauer

*During the presentation, Mr. Bauer answered questions and listened to comments from:*
*Mr. Gallant – Board member*
*Mr. Dave Lorimer – resident – concerned about a tax increase similar to Phillipsburg*
*Mr. Taggart – Board member*
*Mrs. Wodzisz – PTA President*
*Lisa Zittis – District Social Worker – stated that Basic Skills is not Special Education*
*Mrs. James – Board member*
*Mr. Hall – Board member*
*Mr. Corrado – Board member*

*Motion by William Taggart, second by Bruce Hall ,*

**R-311-15 Approval of the Final 2015-2016 School District Budget**
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Final 2015-2016 School District Budget in the amount of $18,094,119 as follows:

| General Fund | **Tax Levy** | **Total** |
|---|---|---|
| Special Revenue Fund | $12,532,892 | $16,766,478 |
| Debt Service Fund | 0 | 226,835 |
| **TOTAL** | 889,272 | 1,100,806 |
| | $13,422,164 | $18,094,119 |

Also resolved, that the Board of Education approve the use of the Emergency Reserve and Health Care Cost adjustment within this Budget.

**Roll Call:**

*Yes: David Corrado, Yvette Day, Ernest Gallant, Bruce Hall, Debbie Hille, Gena James, William Taggart, & Terry Glennon*
*No: None*
*Motion Carried*

**FINANCE**
*Motion by Bruce Hall, second by William Taggart*

**R-312-15 Authorize Submission of Project to the New Jersey Department of Education**
The Lopatcong Township Board of Education authorizes Settembrino Architects to submit the Interior Corridor Door Project at Lopatcong Elementary School. – NJDOE Project No. (2790-050-15-1000), to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval. The District is submitting this application as another capital project and is not seeking any state funding.

*Voice Vote: All in Favor*
*Motion Carried*

**EDUCATION**
*Motion by Ernie Gallant, second by William Taggart*

**R-313-15 Accept Staff Member's Resignation**
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accept the resignation of David Maccagnan, effective July 1, 2015.

*Voice Vote: All in Favor*
*Motion Carried*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS -** *None*

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lopatcong Township Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Personnel Matters

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Motion by, Ernie Gallant and second by, Gena James to go into executive session at 7:58p.m.

**Voice Vote:** *All in Favor*
*Motion Carried*

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**
*Motion by, David Corrado and second by, Gena James to leave executive session at 8:44p.m.*

**Voice Vote:** *All in Favor*
*Motion Carried*

**ADJOURMNMENT**
*Motion by, Ernie Gallant and second by, William Taggart to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m.*

**Voice Vote:** *All in Favor*
*Motion Carried*

Respectfully submitted,

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William Bauer
Bd. Secretary/B.A.

Terry Glennon, President