

SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 26, 2021

A public hearing meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 26, 2021. Meeting was held in-person and remotely through the use of electronic equipment.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the President, Mr. Donatello

Mr. Donatello read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on April 22, 2021. Said notices were posted at the South Hackensack Municipal Building, in the Lobby of Memorial School, and the South Hackensack School District Website.

Roll call was taken by Elizabeth Schaefer, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Ms. Davis (entered at 7:12 p.m.) Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan
Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Yannetti

Absent: Mr. Lemonie

Also Present: Mark Hayes, Elizabeth Schaefer, Mrs. Messery, Mr. Chirichella

Approximately 10 people in attendance

Mr. Donatello led the Board in the Flag salute

Presentations: Mrs. Messery reviewed the 2021-2022 Budget with the board and the citizens. The presentation included budget highlights, General Fund Tax Levy calculation, appropriations, expenditures, revenues, combined statements of revenue and overall impact on South Hackensack Households. The presentation and the 2021-2022 user friendly budget would be posted on the schools website.

Public Discussion on Agenda Resolutions: None

Mr. Donatello read the following statement:

Residents are requested to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the District are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The following resolution was moved by Mrs Maria, seconded by Mr. Yannetti

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the South Hackensack Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 school year budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 9,927,245	\$ 8,097,591
Total Special Revenue	\$ 512,420	N/A
Total Debt Service	\$ 575,395	\$ 575,395
Grand Total	\$11,015,060	\$8,672,986

And

Be it Further Resolved that the 2021-2022 school year budget includes a withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$420,000 towards the roof repair and replacement, and a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$225,000 towards the soccer field replacement.

Roll Call:

Ayes:	Mr. Donatello, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan, Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Yannetti
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ms. Davis, Mr. Lemonie

Resolution Approved

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mrs. Patrica Lemonie inquired about the soccer field and what sports the district was planning on using the field for besides soccer. Mr. Donatello stated that the district is still in the planning stages. The district has a gym which is currently used for basketball games. Dr. Hayes stated that the field will also be enhanced for the children to use during recess.

Mrs. Lemonie asked if the school was moving forward to be back to full time and plans for next school year. Dr. Hayes stated as reported at the last board meeting the school has had the majority of the students back 5 days a week and that he is hoping by September that the district will be back to normal. Mrs. Lemonie thanked Dr. Hayes and the board for all that they are doing.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Tornambe, seconded by Mrs. Regan

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabete Schaefer
Board Secretary