

**SOUTH HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Meeting was held remotely through the use of electronic equipment.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 **March 10, 2021 (remote meeting notice)** Said notices was 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 Elizabete Schaefer, Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

Present: Ms. Davis, Mr. Donatello, Mr. Lemonie, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan, (entered at 7:04 p.m.) Mr. Tornambe, (entered at 7:13 p.m.) Mr. Yannetti

Absent: None

Also Present: Dina Messery, Elizabete Schaefer, Jason Chirichella

Mr. Donatello led the Board in the Flag salute

**Private Session:**

Mr. Lemonie motioned, Mr. Yannetti seconded, to Private session @7:04 p.m. – 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

Whereas, in accordance with provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the South Hackensack Board of Education wishes to meet in Private Session for the purposes of discussing matters of confidential nature relating to 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the South Hackensack Board of Education adjourn to Private Session for the purpose of discussing such matters, and

**Be It Further Resolved, that the public be informed of these matters as soon as the need to Remain confidential is no longer necessary at a future date to be determined.**

**Mrs. Regan motioned, Ms. Paladino seconded, to return to public session @7: 30 p.m.**

**New Business:**

**The following resolutions were moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Tornambe**

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

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

**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.**

- 2. WHEREAS, the South Hackensack Board of Education policy #6471 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2020-2021 school year.**

**WHEREAS, the South Hackensack Board of Education appropriated \$1,500 for travel during the 2020-2021 school year and has spent \$237.50 as of March 15, 2021.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the South Hackensack Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021-2022 school year at the sum of \$1,500 and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Ms. Davis, Mr. Donatello, Mr. Lemonie, Ms. Paladino, Mrs. Regan  
Mr. Tornambe, Mr. Yannetti

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

**Resolutions Approved**

**Open Public Hearing:**

**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.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Regan, seconded by Mr. Paladino

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabete Schaefer  
Board Secretary