

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
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The Wood-Ridge Board of Education of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, convened for a Special Public Meeting of the Wood-Ridge Board of Education on March 18, 2019 at 5:00 pm, at the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's Auditorium.

This is a Special Public Meeting of the Wood-Ridge Board of Education and is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, tapinto.net and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's website.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mr. Ambrosio, Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Garvin

ABSENT: Mr. Monti & Mr. Nieves

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Cipriano, Assistant Superintendent DeNobile, Board Secretary Murray and Board Attorney Roberts

Mr. Biamonte read the following statement: The Wood-Ridge Board of Education now has a need to discuss issues regarding the following topic areas:

Finance

all of which fall within an exception to our policy entitled "Public and Executive Sessions", which permits this board of education to have private or closed discussions on topic areas which are exceptions contained in the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-2b.

I will entertain a motion to enter into closed session. On the motion of Mr. Garvin seconded by Mr. Fallon the meeting will be adjourned into closed session. The motion was passed unanimously. It is hereby resolved that the Board will now go into private or closed session to discuss:

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Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practicable. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene the public meeting at the conclusion of the closed session.

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At 5:10 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Ambrosio seconded by Mr. Fallon, the Board voted unanimously to reopen the public meeting. The public meeting reconvened at 5:12 p.m. and Mr. Biamonte read the following statement

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This meeting is for the approval of the preliminary 2019-2020 school year budget. Once approved, Ms. Murray will forward the budget to the county for approval.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mr. Ambrosio, Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Garvin

ABSENT: Mr. Monti & Mr. Nieves

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Cipriano, Assistant Superintendent DeNobile, Board Secretary Murray and Board Attorney Roberts

Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions only)

Mr. Jerry Caputo stated he is concerned about the Pre-K 3 being cut. Mr. Caputo also inquired if any additional programs will be cut next year.

Mr. Caputo asked the Board if they had a plan regarding the growth in population. Will a conversation take place with town & council about the future. If not, could one be arranged.

Bonnie Taylor ask the Board if a committee has been established to discuss the future. Ms. Taylor inquired if the Governor's 5% increase was included in this budget.

Melissa Crews asked the Board if this budget includes additional teachers at the Doyle Elementary School.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

FINANCE

F1 (M) Approval of Funds and Transfer for the 2019-2020 School Year

Be It Resolved, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the preliminary 2019-2020 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 21,686.720
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 29,875
Transfer to Charter Schools	\$ 80,373

TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,796,968
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Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 357,947
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 1,020,270

TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 23,175,185</u>
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Be It Further Resolved, that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy \$18,284,171 is approved to support Current General Expenses and \$1,020,270 to support **Debt Service**, for the 2019-2020 school year budget.

Be It Further Resolved, that the 2019-2020 school year budget includes automatic Adjustment for health care cost of \$87,330.

Be It Further Resolved, that included in budget line 630 Budgeted Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve 2019-2020 school year budget is withdrawal of \$200,000 for required maintenance costs of the district.

Introduced by: Mr. Garvin
Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio
ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Monti & Mr. Nieves were absent

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F2 (M) Approval of the Maximum Travel Reimbursement for the 2019-2020 School Year

Be It Resolved, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education, approves the maximum school district travel expenditures in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Be It Further Resolved, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education further establish that the above represent current expense accounts only and do not reflect additional funds which may become available through ESEA, IDEA, and any other special dedicated grants.

Be It Further Resolved, the annual maximum shall not exceed \$1,500 per person and shall be subject to the approval requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1.

Be It Further Resolved, the maximum school district travel expenditure for the 2018-2019 school year is \$25, 000 of which \$1,953 has been expended to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum travel reimbursement for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$25,000.

Introduced by: Mr. Garvin
Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio
ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Mr. Monti & Mr. Nieves were absent

MOTION CARRIED

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F3 (M) Approval of the NJSEMI Corrective Action Plan for the 2018-2019 School Year

WHEREAS, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(f), an action plan is required for those school districts that did not meet at least 90 percent parental consent response and/or 100 percent of budgeted revenue by the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, Wood-Ridge School district, as required, will submit the NJSEMI Corrective Action Plan with the 2019-2020 budget submission;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Board of Education approves the NJSEMI Corrective Action Plan for the (FY) 2018 SEMI program performance.

Introduced by: Mr. Garvin
Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Mr. Monti & Mr. Nieves were absent

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

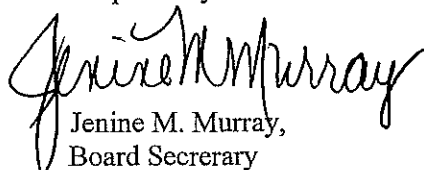
Bonnie Taylor asked the Board where is the CAP that she was told would be on the website. Ms. Taylor's question was answered by the Business Administrator.

Ms. Taylor asked who are our G&T teachers. Mr. Cipriano did not answer the question but will send a list to Ms. Taylor

Adjournment

At 5:39 PM, upon the motion of Mr. Ambrosio seconded by Mr. Fallon the Board voted unanimously to close the Special Public Meeting.

Respectfully submitted


Jenine M. Murray,
Board Secretary