



***Barnegat Township
School District***

**BARNEGAT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 10, 2016

Thursday, 5:00 PM – Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Barnegat High School
180 Bengal Blvd.
Barnegat, NJ 08005

MINUTES

Our collective mission is to nurture and educate our children in accordance with all curriculum standards to prepare them for responsible citizenship and success in life.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The notice of this meeting has been forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, and placed in the foyer of the Barnegat High School, in the Barnegat Township Municipal Building and has been filed with the Barnegat Township Municipal Clerk, in conjunction with the Open Public Meeting Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-10.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brown:	Absent arrived 5:13 p.m.
Mr. Geddes	Absent arrived 5:55 p.m.
Mrs. Kropf:	Present
Mr. Oechsle:	Present
Mrs. Pereira:	Present
Mrs. Sarno:	Present
Mr. Sherman:	Present
Mr. Watts:	Present
Mr. Sarno:	Present

Also present: Karen Wood, Superintendent
Lourdes LaGuardia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Jerry Dasti, Esq., Board Attorney
Martin Buckley, Guest Attorney

IV. FLAG SALUTE

All: Pledge of Allegiance

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND/OR ADDITIONS

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was moved by Mrs. Pereira and seconded by Mr. Oechsle.

All were in favor

VI. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to enter into public session. The motion was moved by Mrs. Kropf and seconded by Mr. Oechsle.

All were in favor

The Barnegat Township Board of Education appreciates and welcomes public comment, advice and suggestions especially when it is intended to assist/help the Board of Education. Please feel free to speak to the Board during the public session. Comments and discussion will be limited to one five (5) minute period per individual unless requested by the chairperson to continue on a point of clarification. Public comment at special meetings of the Board shall be related to the call of the meeting. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, each participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if appropriate. Your anticipated courtesy to the member of the public and the Board is appreciated.

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to close public session. The motion was moved by Mr. Oechsle and seconded by Mrs. Pereira.

All were in favor

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the anticipated budget. The motion was moved by Mrs. Sarno and seconded by Mrs. Pereira.

All were in favor

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Barnegat in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:
The public shall be excluded from discussion on the actions upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s): student information, personnel/contracts, and/or litigation.

The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is listed under Executive Discussion.

It is anticipated at this time that the subject matters will be made public, if and when, confidentiality is no longer needed. Action may be taken.

This resolution shall become effective immediately.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION

1. Budget Discussion

IX. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called back to order at 6:50 p.m.

X. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brown: Present
Mr. Geddes Present
Mrs. Kropf: Present
Mr. Oechsle: Present
Mrs. Pereira: Present
Mrs. Sarno: Present
Mr. Sherman: Present
Mr. Watts: Present
Mr. Sarno: Present

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve New Business Motion number one. The motion was moved by Mrs. Sarno and seconded by Mr. Geddes.

All were in favor

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative proposed budget be approved for the 2016-2017 School Year applying the 2016-2017 state aid figures. That 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.

Further, that the Barnegat Township Board of Education has elected not to utilize banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has proposed a zero increase to current debt service/total levy.

	General Fund	Debt Service	Total
2016-2017 Total Appropriations	\$52,592,575	\$2,683,632	\$55,276,207
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$23,813,830	\$ 569,083	\$24,382,913
Taxes to be Raised	\$28,778,745	\$2,114,549	\$30,893,294

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve New Business Motion number two. The motion was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Mrs. Sarno.

All were in favor

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Barnegat Township High School 180 Bengal Blvd., Barnegat, NJ on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting said hearing on the budget for the 2016-2017 school year; in addition to regular business for April 2016. Additionally, to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the file approved by the State Department of Education and according to law;

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to approve New Business Motion number three. The motion was moved by Mr. Oechsle and seconded by Mr. Geddes.

All were in favor

3. WHEREAS, the Barnegat Township 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-7.4(a) 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 only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500.00 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C 6A:23-7.1-13 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-7.1-13 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$80,000 for all staff and board members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sarno requested a motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. The motion was moved by Mrs. Kropf and seconded by Mr. Brown.

The next scheduled Barnegat Township Board of Education meeting will be the regular meeting on **March 22, 2016**. The meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** at the Barnegat High School.

Respectfully Submitted

Lourdes LaGuardia
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Frequently Used Acronyms by the
Barnegat Township School District**

BHS – Barnegat High School
Bengal Cubs ELC – Bengal Cubs Early Learning Center*
B&G – Buildings and Grounds
CAFR – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
CC – Common Core
CE – Certificate of Eligibility
CEAS – Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing
CSCS – Cecil S. Collins Elementary School
GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principals
HIB – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
IDEA – Individuals With Disabilities Education Act
IEP – Individualized Education Plan (for Special Education students)
ILA – Integrated Language Arts
JTDS – Joseph T. Donahue Elementary School
LMDS – Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School
NCLB – No Child Left Behind
NJ SMART - NJ Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching
NJAC – New Jersey Administrative Code
NJDOE – New Jersey Department of Education
NJSA – New Jersey Statutes Administration
NJSBA – New Jersey School Boards Association
NSBA – National School Boards Association
PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers
PCR – Payroll Control Roster
PGP – Professional Growth Plan
QSAC – Quality Single Accountability Continuum
RFP – Request for Proposal
RFQ – Request for Qualifications
RLHS – Robert L. Horbelt Elementary School
ROBMS – Russell O. Brackman Middle School
SGO – Student Growth Objective
SGP – Student Growth Plan
SPG – Strategic Plan Goal

*Newly added

CODE OF ETHICS
Board of Education

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A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. I will make decisions in terms of educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

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Scott Sarno, President

Robert Geddes, Vice President

Gary Brown

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Lauren Sarno

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