

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in the High School Auditorium, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Vice President, Mrs. Krommenhoek.

Mrs. Krommenhoek read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 interest is discussed or acted upon.

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notices of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on March 2, 2023.

Said notice was posted at the Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Building, Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education Office, Hasbrouck Heights Middle and High School, Euclid Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, and Hasbrouck Heights School District Website.

Notice of said meeting was published under legal notice in The Record.

Roll call was taken by Dina Messery, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

**Roll call:**

Mrs. Cintron-absent	Mrs. Krommenhoek	Mrs. Russo
Mr. DeLorenzo-absent	Mrs. Mullins-absent	Mrs. Sausa
Mrs. Ferdinand	Mrs. Ramos	Mrs. Terranova

Also Present: Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery

**Mrs. Krommenhoek led the Board in the flag salute.**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: None

**Mrs. Krommenhoek read the following statement:**

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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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTIONS:

F03-01-23A BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the preliminary 2023-2024 school year budget as follows:

	Budget	Hasbrouck Hts <u>Tax Levy</u>	Teterboro <u>Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$37,273,267	\$32,934,584	\$210,181
Total Special Revenue	\$ 1,815,036	N/A	N/A
Total Debt Service	\$ 1,052,244	\$ 819,326	\$ 5,229
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$40,140,547</b>	<b>\$33,753,910</b>	<b>\$215,410</b>

And

Be if Further Resolved, that the 2023-2024 includes Health Benefit Waiver of \$520,696 for health premium increases.

F03-02-23A WHEREAS, the Hasbrouck Heights 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 2022-2023 school year.

WHEREAS, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education appropriated \$6,000 for travel during the 2022-2023 school year and has spent \$2,467 as of March 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2023-2024 school year at the sum of \$6,000 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: Mrs. Ferdinand, Mrs. Krommenhoek, Mrs. Ramos,  
Mrs. Russo, Mrs. Sausa

Abstains: None

Nays: Mrs. Terranova

Absent: Mrs. Cintron, Mr. DeLorenzo, Mr. Mullins

**Resolutions Passed**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

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Mrs. Armonaitis asked if the budget was due to the county office by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, if the health waiver was due the health insurance and why the numbers don't add across? Mrs. Armonaitis also asked if the construction crew is working at Depken when students are present.

Mrs. Messery responded, yes the budget is due to the county office by Monday, the health waiver is due to the premium increases in health insurance and the budget numbers on the resolution reflect the total budget and how much of the budget is funded by local tax levy.

Dr. Helfant responded that the construction crew works from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and they stop when students are there. They are on schedule with the timeline presented at the last meeting.

Mrs. Regis asked why student are not allowed in the high school before 7:50 am.

Dr. Helfant responded that per contract, the staff does not have to report until 7:50 am. Only 7 staff members are in the building earlier. We have had some issues over the last several weeks with students signing in for extra help, not going and are roaming the building. We have also had a few other issues. The students have not had any difficulty getting to class on time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by J. Ferdinand, seconded by N. Russo

All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Messery  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary