

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, in the High School Media Center, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President, Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker 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 January 23, 2020.

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 and Lincoln Elementary School,

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

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Baker	Mr. DeLorenzo-absent	Mr. Rinke-arrived 5:10
Mrs. Caruso-absent	Mr. Faussette	Ms. Russo
Mrs. Cintron	Mrs. Ferdinand-absent	Mr. Salerno

Also Present:Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery

Mr. Baker led the Board in the flag salute.

1 person in attendance.

**Presentations:**

Mrs. DeBonis and Mr. Barchini presented the NJSLA test scores for the past 5 years.

**Private Session:**

Ms. Russo motioned, Mr. Salerno seconded, to private session at 5:16 pm

**PS03-01-20** Whereas, in accordance with the provision of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education wishes to meet in private session for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to budget,

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Hasbrouck Heights 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.

Returned to public at 5:46 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were moved by L. Cintron, seconded by R. Salerno,

**Finance Committee:**

**F03-01-20A** BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the preliminary 2020-2021 school year budget as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	Hasbrouck Heights <u>Tax Levy</u>	Teterboro <u>Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$35,049,713	\$30,690,801	\$183,627
Total Special Revenue	\$ 810,372	N/A	N/A
Total Debt Service	\$ 851,650	\$ 587,876	\$3,517
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$36,711,735</b>	<b>\$31,278,677</b>	<b>\$187,144</b>

And

Be it Further Resolved, that the 2020-2021 school year budget includes banked cap in the amount of \$346,263 for tuition and transportation for additional out of district placements per students' IEPs,

And

Be it Further Resolved, that the 2020-2021 school year budget includes a withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$700,000 towards the bleacher replacement at Depken Field.

**F03-02-20A** 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 2019-2020 school year.

WHEREAS, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education appropriated \$6,000 for travel during the 2019-2020 school year and has spent \$2,352.16 as of March 12, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2020-2021 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.

**F03-03-20A** BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education approve the following professional services for the 2019-2020 school year:

PKF O'Connor Davies - \$12,500 – Cybersecurity Risk Assessment

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Mr. Baker, Mrs. Cintron, Mr. Faussette,  
Ms. Russo, Mr. Salerno

Abstains: Mr. Rinke

Nays: None

Absent: Mrs Caruso, Mr. DeLorenzo, Mrs. Ferdinand

**Resolutions Approved**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**Mr. Baker 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.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.  
Moved by Mr. Salerno, seconded by Ms. Russo.  
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Messery  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary