

The Special Meeting of the Commercial Township Board of Education was held in the Administration Building, located at 1308 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, opened the meeting at 6:01 PM, leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, 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 meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Commercial Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and South Jersey Times, and posted in the Commercial Township Schools and District Office, and on the District website.

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL**

Board Secretary, Trish Birmingham, performed roll call and is listed as follows:

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Abbott	Absent
Mrs. Dragotta	Present
Mrs. Plummer	Absent
Mrs. Perrelli	Present
Mrs. Porter	Present
Mrs. Ronan	Present
Mrs. Stormes-Rivera	Present
Mr. Sutton	Present
Mrs. Wilson-Smith	Absent

Also present:

Mrs. Jean Smith – Interim Superintendent

Mr. Ray Colavita, CPA – Nightlinger, Colavita, and Volpa, PA (Auditor)

**CORRESPONDENC**

None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA

**FINANCE**

Ms. Birmingham, Business Administrator, reviewed via PowerPoint presentation the FY19 revised budget due to the decrease of state aid in the amount of \$958,213.

Mr. Ray Colavita, CPA, recalled the last meeting he attended to review the FY17 audit in December 2018 and stated those items then presented by Ms. Reed – CST Director and Ms. Birmingham – BA for FY18, did in fact work out as planned to create the \$900,000 surplus.

Discussion occurred regarding future state aid cuts, placing monies into reserves, and planning for future events.

Ms. Reed provided a breakdown of savings analysis of the Special Services Department, of which Mr. Colavita applauded the program’s savings along with the additional revenue created.

REVIEW OF FY19 REVISED BUDGET

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tracy Richardson – questioned how Trenton got away with taking this money, to which Mr. Colavita stated in NJ, the governor could.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rochelle Yunk – questioned the budget for supplies in classrooms and field trips, to which Ms. Birmingham stated the FY19 budget is tight, however no accounts regarding those expenditures were in fact cut or decreased. Ms. Yunk also asked about applying for additional grants to apply for.

Natalia Michalkiewicz – questioned the creation of a position in the midst of RIFing positions, to which Mrs. Smith, Superintendent responded the position would cover truancy and In-School Suspension issues, as high absenteeism is not passing QSAC. Ms. Michalkiewicz questioned if that position was in fact posted, to which Mrs. Smith replied no, that is true it was not posted.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

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Moved by Mrs. Porter and seconded by Mrs. Stormes-Rivera to adjourn the meeting. (6:52 pm)

Ayes: (6)

Noes: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

  
Lauren Birmingham, Board Secretary  
July 24, 2018