

The Working Meeting of the Commercial Township Board of Education was held in the Commercial Township Board of Education Office, located at 1308 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, opened the meeting at 6:00 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.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Roll call was performed by Board Secretary, Trish Birmingham, and is listed as follows:

Mrs. Abbott	Absent
Mr. DeFabrites	Present
Mrs. Perrelli	Present
Mrs. Pettit	Present (6:06 P.M.)
Mrs. Porter	Present
Mrs. Ronan	Present
Mrs. Stormes-Rivera	Present
Mr. Sutton	Present
Mrs. Wilson-Smith	Present (6:53 P.M.)

ROLL CALL

The following were also present:

Dr. Daniel Dooley, Superintendent/Principal

Mr. Ray Colavita, CPA - Auditor

Mr. Ray Colavita reviewed the FY17 Audit information and components. Dr. Dooley explained the information provided is reason for his push of generating additional revenue, as well as reviewing cost-cutting procedures.

AUDIT REVIEW

Discussion of legal bills/fees, other expense accounts, and insurance deductibles took place.

Ms. Reed and Ms. Birmingham presented a detailed review of the items Mr. Colavita highlighted.

Discussion of the Reserve accounts took place and it was noted that maintenance is a key focus for the 18-19 school/budget year. Additional discussion of the possible goals and next steps for a future unified plan occurred. Mrs. Pettit stated the Board committees should in fact meet, which would aid in creating a unified plan.

1. Audit – Motioned by Mrs. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Sutton that the Board of Education approve the annual Audit, the Synopsis of Audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the recommendation.

AUDIT SYNOPSIS RECOMMEN.

Roll-Call Vote – Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

2. Corrective Action Plan – Motioned by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. DeFabrites that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan for the FY17 annual audit.

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Roll-Call Vote – Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

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Tracy Richardson – asked how bringing in an Out-of-District student generates income with the thought that the tuition paid from the sending district would in fact be specified for that student’s education expenses. Dr. Dooley explained that any tuition received from any source is not solely used for that/those specific students and is general revenue for District.

Anna DeFabrites – stated being dumbfounded by the audit information provided and questioned the timeframe of the tuition adjustment from Millville BOE. Ms. Birmingham explained performing a budget projection as well as monthly review of the finances and reports.

EXEC
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motioned by Mrs. Pettit and seconded by Mr. DeFabrites that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the public is excluded to discuss possible litigation. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted by law. (8:00 pm)

Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

Item reviewed in Executive Session:

1. Correspondence of Possible Litigation

Discussion occurred regarding the previously received tort claim notices (not a lawsuit) and most recently received tort claim notices (not a lawsuit) and the legal process that occurs.

ADJOURN

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Moved by Mr. DeFabrites and seconded by Mrs. Porter to adjourn from Executive Session and Regular Session to adjourn the meeting. (8:34 pm)

Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried



Lawren Birmingham, Board Secretary

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