

The Regular 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, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO THE  
FLAG

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, read the following statement:

CALL TO ORDER

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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.

**ROLL CALL**

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Roll call was performed by Business Administrator, Darren Harris, and is listed as follows:

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

The following were also present:

Mr. Harris – Board Secretary/Business Administrator  
 Mrs. Thompson – District Vice Principal  
 Mr. Giambri – Business Official  
 Members of the Public

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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None

Motioned by Mrs. Abbott and seconded by Ms. Ronan to approve:

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

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PRESENTATION

Approval, by resolution, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2019-2020 school year using the 2019-2020 state aid figures and 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:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2019-2020 Total Expenditures	\$12,204,122	\$1,141,824	\$254,663	\$13,600,609
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$10,183,144	\$1,141,824	\$149,671	\$11,474,639
Taxes to be Raised	\$2,020,978	N/A	\$104,992	\$2,125,970

Included in the base budget is a \$494,604 of Budgeted Fund Balance, and tax levy cap adjustment of \$20,535 for enrollment.

- Revenue and Appropriations
- Recap of Balances
- Preschool Education Aid – Summary
- Statement of Priorities
- District Status Abover, At or Below Expected Local Levy
- Administrative Cost Limit: Amounts
- Minimum Tax Levy Calculations
- Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculation
- Shared Services
- Tax Levy Certification – Form A

Mr. Giambri reviewed the budget documents with the Board, including revenues, expenditures, and tax levy and future budget projects. Mr. Harris spoke on the budget.

Roll Call

Ayes: (8)

Noes: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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There was a question about whether the public could get some of the back-up documentation. Another question was asked about a decrease in staffing.

Motioned by Mrs. Wilson-Smith and seconded by Mrs. Abbott that the Board of Education table the following:

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Commercial Township Schools and Complete Care Health Network for the 2018-19 School Year, to provide medical and dental services to students at no cost to the Board.

Voice Vote – Approved Unanimously

Motioned by Mrs. Porter and seconded by Mrs. Wilson-Smith that the Board of Education approve the following:

**FINANCE**

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**1. Tuition Contracts –**

TUITION CONTRACTS

- Approve the tuition contract with Franklin Township Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year for two students from December 6, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Tentative tuition charge of \$9,392.60 per student.
- Approve the tuition contract with Pineland Learning Center for the 2018-19 school year for one student starting January 7, 2019 enrolled for 107 days for a total tentative tuition charge of \$31,779.
- Approve the tuition contract with Salem County Vocational School District for the total tuition adjustment due back to the district from the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$849.

**2. Child Study Team Contract** – Approve the Child Study Team Shared Service Agreement with the Woodbine Board of Education for the 2019-20 year starting July, 1, 2019. The district will be providing the services, and the cost of the agreement is \$166,100.

CHILD STUDY TEAM CONTRACT

Roll Call

Ayes: (8)

Noes: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

Motioned by Mrs. Abbott and seconded by Ms. Dragotta that the Board of Education approve the following:

**PERSONNEL**

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**1. Excel** – Approve the following teachers to work Excel Program, 3:45-4:45 pm, at \$26.00 an hour on Monday and Tuesdays, March 11 through May 24, 2019. This program will be funded by Title 1 funds.

EXCEL

- Morgan Smith

**2. Medical Leave** – Approve employee #0223 starting April 3, 2019 for approximately 8 to 10 weeks. Per Addendum #2, Medical Leave will begin March 15, 2019.

MEDICAL LEAVE

**3. New Hires** –

NEW HIRES

- Approve Angelica Lawler as a BSI teacher at Haleyville-Mauricetown Elementary School. Her salary is \$54,450 Step 1, BA prorated per terms of the contract. Her start date will be April 1, 2019.
- Approve Silvia Sharkey as a Spanish Teacher at Commercial Township School District. Her salary is \$55,450 Step 3, BA prorated per terms of the contract. Her start date will be April 28, 2019.
- Addendum #1, Approve Charlette Whittle as a Part Time Bus Driver for Commercial Township School District for the 2018-19 School Year at the rate of \$17 per hour. Her start date will be April 1, 2019.

Discussion took place regarding drivers, full time vs. part time status.

Roll Call

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Discussion took place on whether the public would have input regarding the Superintendent’s position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

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**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

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- There was confusion on the bus driver contract and probationary period. Clarification was given that there is a 90 day probationary period for both part time and full time drivers.
- There was a brief discussion on the Preschool Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Mrs. Abbott and seconded by Ms. Stormes-Rivera that the Board of Education approve to adjourn the meeting. (8:00 P.M.)

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

Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,

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Darren Harris, Board Secretary  
March 12, 2019