

# COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Minutes of the Special Meeting

August 5, 2019

The Special 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 Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Board President, Ms. Perrelli, opened the meeting at 7:06 P.M., leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO THE FLA

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

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest 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 thereof posted 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 the Business Administrator, Darren Harris, and is listed as follows:

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Abbott	Present
Ms. Dragotta	Absent
Mrs. Perrelli	Present
Mrs. Plummer	Present
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

Mr. Giambri – Business Official

Mrs. Jean Smith – Interim Superintendent

### FINANCE

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

EMERGENCY AID APPLICATION

1. Emergency Aid Application – Approve the submission of the 2019-2020 Emergency Aid Application in the amount of \$791,961 by the Interim Superintendent. The FY2019 Appropriations Act removed 100% of the \$958,213 Commercial Township Board of Education was calculated as overfunded by the FY19 Appropriations Act, compared to the 5% most other districts calculated as overfunded lost. Emergency Aid for 95% of the difference was restored to the District in 2018-19 to reconcile Commercial Township with the 5% state aid reduction specified for other overfunded districts in the FY19 Appropriations Act. For the 2019-20 budget, the restoration of the state aid lost was not brought back into the calculation for 2019-20 state aid, resulting in a decrease of \$791,961 compared to what the funding would have been had Commercial Township been deemed overfunded in FY18. The result of this loss in state aid has caused fiscal distress in the following areas: maintaining class size as required by NJAC 6A:13-3.1, maintaining district-level positions that are vacant due to lack of funding, out-of-district special education tuition, and necessary maintenance and repairs to the facilities. The funds will be used to help reduce class sizes as required by as per NJAC 6A:13-3.1; restore positions that are required by QSAC, but vacant due to a lack of funding; relieve salary costs allocated to Federal Grants; bring in staff members to help students who are in need of improvement academically; help fund additional out-of-district special education placements; and make necessary repairs to the facilities to ensure student safety.

2. Preschool Expansion Application – Approve the submission of the 2019-2020 Preschool Expansion Application.

PRESCHOOL EXPAN APPLICATION

*Ms. Jean Smith clarified the intent to add preschool for 3 year olds. It will be mixed 3 and 4 year old classrooms.*

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Ayes: (8) *Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Perrelli, Mrs. Plummer, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Ronan, Mrs. Stormes-Rivera, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Wilson-Smith*

Noes: 0      Abstain: 0      Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motioned by Mrs. Ronan and seconded by Mrs. Porter the Board of Education by Resolution, recess into closed session, from which the public will be excluded, to discuss the Superintendent Search. The results of the session will be made public immediately after, or as soon as a decision is reached if permitted by law.  
6:14 P.M.

Unanimously approved

RESUMPTION OF  
THE PUBLIC  
MEETING

## RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motioned by Mrs. Porter and seconded by Mrs. Plummer the Commercial Township Board of Education resume the public meeting.

8:27 PM

Unanimously approved

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mrs. Michelle Clark spoke on creating community committees and asked for support from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motioned by Mrs. Abbott and seconded by Mrs. Porter the Commercial Township Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

8:31 P.M.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully Submitted,



Darren Harris, Board Secretary

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