

AGENDA**DENNIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION (Special Meeting)**

March 18, 2021

5:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board President will:

- Call the meeting to order;
- Take Roll Call; and
- Lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Board of Education

Joseph Penrose

Mariam Khan

Claudia Miller

Jeanne Donohue

Jeffrey Trout

Jamie Burrows

Tami Kern

Mary Kate Garry, Vice President

Nichol Hoff, President

Support Personnel

Susan S. Speirs, Chief School Administrator

Paige Sharp-Rumaker, School Business Administrator

William Donio, Esq./Amy Houck Elco, Esq., - Cooper Levenson

B. SUNSHINE LAW

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 (1973), The Open Public Meeting Act, the Business Administrator will notify the public of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice at each school in the District and the Dennis Township Municipal Building.
2. By mailing such notice to the offices of The Press of Atlantic City and the Cape May County Gazette.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of same.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

This meeting will now be open to the public referencing agenda items. However, if your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel items, or negotiations, we would ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss or comment on these matters in public. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and direct all comments to the Board President. (Please wait to be recognized by the board and then state your name and address before speaking.)

D. MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:35 p.m. The Board will be in Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes and the board does anticipate action upon return to the public session.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, known as the Open Public Meetings Act, provides that a public body may not exclude the public from any meeting to discuss any matter described therein until the public body has first adopted a Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Township of Dennis has determined that the following items must be discussed in closed session and that the public must be excluded from said deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Township of Dennis has determined that the subject matter of the closed discussion falls within those matters described in subsection 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that:

It is recommended that the Board of Education, by resolution, adjourn to Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss:

- 1. Non-Unit Personnel Contracts

(Board action may or may not be taken.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS will disclose to the public the subject matter of said closed discussions, as soon as the matters have been resolved, and the determination can be disclosed to the public.

E. MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:05 p.m AND ENTER BACK INTO WORK SESSION.

F. WORK SESSION

- 1. 2021 - 2022 School Calendar

[\(21-22 School Calendar - DRAFT.pdf \(Attached\)\)](#)

G. MOTION TO MOVE FROM WORK SESSION INTO REGULAR SESSION

H. REGULAR SESSION

I. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2021-2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

2021-2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNTY OFFICE

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$15,186,312 |
| Special Revenue | \$ 2,988,876 |
| Debt Service | \$ 217,613 |
| TOTAL | \$ 18,392,801 |
| Local Tax Levy | \$ 10,640,115 |
| Debt Service Tax Levy | \$ 217,613 |
| TOTAL TAX LEVY | \$ 10,857,728 |

- 2. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- a. The revised 2020-2021 school calendar.

[\(20-21 Preschool - 8 Calendar as of 3-2021.pdf \(Attached\)\)](#)

- b. Regretfully accept the resignation letter of Jessica Goldstein, Occupational Therapist, effective April 2, 2021.

- c. The leave of absence request of Julie Mullan, Instructional Aide, effective March 8, 2021 to a date to be determined.

- d. Increase Renee Renza's hours from 4 hours to 5.5 hours effective March 19, 2021 to June 30, 2021.
- e. The following Stipend positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

| Name | Position | Stipend |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Kevin Poltorak | Head Baseball Coach | \$2,000.00 |
| Drew Albany | Assistant Baseball Coach | \$1,500.00 |
| Taylor DeFelice | Head Softball Coach | \$2,000.00 |

(Final rate will be determined based on the new collective bargaining agreement between the Dennis Township Board of Education and the Dennis Township Education Association agreement.)

- f. Budgeted withdrawal from Capital Reserve

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve-Excess Costs & Other Capital projects, is \$284,000.00 for other capital project cost of Chiller/HVAC Replacement for the Elementary/Middle school, 165 Academy Road, Dennisville, NJ. The total cost of the project is \$ 284,000.00 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

- g. Budgeted withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve

Included in budget line 630, Budgeted Withdrawal from Current Maintenance Reserve is \$250,000.00 for maintenance repairs and services at the Primary School, 601 Hagan Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08201 and the Elementary/Middle School, 165 Academy Road, Dennisville, NJ 08214.

- h. The following staff members for the Scheduling Committee for the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of \$36.00 per hour:

Ashlee Symanski
 Samantha Matthews
 Amanda Unkle
 Julie Factor
 Ashlee Perna

(Final rate will be determined based on the new collective bargaining agreement between the Dennis Township Board of Education and the Dennis Township Education Association agreement.)

- i. Approve the following instructional aides to work five (5) hours on early dismissal Wednesdays effective March 19, 2021 to a date to be determined.

- Sarah Mastalski
- Danielle Gummel
- Kathleen Denice
- Alex Bradberry
- Brianna Reef

(Final rate will be determined based on the new collective bargaining agreement between the Dennis Township Board of Education and the Dennis Township Education Association agreement.)

- j. Approve the Bill List for March 2021.
([MAR 18 BILL LIST.pdf \(Attached\)](#))
- k. Approve to extend the leave of absence request of Ina Sharkey, Teacher, to return May 3, 2021.
- l. Approve to extend the contract of Kallie DeRose, Long Term Replacement Teacher for Ina Sharkey, to April 30, 2021.
- m. Approve Dr. Timothy Purnell, of Purnell Group LLC, to review, analyze and provide recommendations on the school district's administrative and secretarial organizational chart/structure for approximately \$5,500.00.

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K. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:35.