

**MENDHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BROOKSIDE, NEW JERSEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
(MEETING IS BEING HELD VIRTUALLY,
NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE WILL BE ALLOWED)
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 7:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Flag Salute - Mrs. Holquist led the flag salute.

III. Roll Call of the Board of Education

Mrs. Gretchen Holquist	President	Present
Mr. Andrew Christmann	Vice President	Present
Mr. Peter Dumovic		Present
Dr. Rekha Mandel		Present
Mrs. Joan Mody		Present
Mr. Aadithya Thayyar		Present
Mr. Robert Wowk		Present

Also present: Dr. Salvatore Constantino, Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Mosner, School Business Administrator
General Public – 22 approximately

IV. Sunshine Law

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 meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, Mendham Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Mendham Township Board of Education Office, sent to the Clerk of Mendham Township, and the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record. This is an official meeting.

V. Superintendent’s Report

➤ District Updates, News, and Events

MTMS Windows and Mirrors Book Cart:

The Windows and Mirrors Book Cart will be rolled into ELA classrooms to kick off self-selected reading units. Students are not required to select books from this cart, rather, they can select any age-appropriate book they choose from any appropriate resource.

The term “windows and mirrors” was derived from Emily Style’s essay entitled, [Curriculum as Window and Mirrors](#). Coincidentally, it was first published right here in Summit, New Jersey, at an Oak Knoll School monograph.

Our Windows and Mirrors Book Cart bolsters multicultural education by identifying and providing books that serve as Mirrors:

“Texts in which children can find themselves, their families, and their communities reflected and valued. When students read books where they see characters like themselves who are valued in the world, they feel a sense of belonging.” (1)

“...allow us to see ourselves. They show us what we look like, they let us examine ourselves, and they can give us a glimpse of our ancestry and heritage. Sometimes a mirror will show you a part of you that you did not notice before, and there is beauty in that.” (2)

And as Windows:

“...windows help us develop understandings about the wider world. Students need to learn about how other people conduct themselves in the world in order to understand how they might fit in.” (1)

“...use windows to learn history, authentic perspectives, and perhaps, shared experiences? What if these windows could help us be better global citizens and teach us ways to navigate, honor culture, and make prosocial choices?” (2)

All of the books selected for our Windows and Mirrors Book Cart can be found on reputable library and educational resource book lists - and many have earned literary awards. Although we feel we have included an extremely wide array of window and mirror texts on our cart, if you have read a book that would make a great window and/or mirror, please feel free to send the title to our school librarian, Mrs. Smith at msmith@mendhamtp.org. We will review your recommendation with the department and perhaps include it on our list. The cart’s contents will vary based upon grade-level appropriateness. Not all books on our list are appropriate for all grade-level students.

Athletics at MTMS

MTMS athletics will begin on April 5, 2021 – immediately upon returning from spring break with a baseball clinic that is open to all grade 6 through 8 students. Our baseball coach, Mr. Clausen will host the clinic. Then, on April 5 boys’ and girls’ lacrosse will commence, with Mrs. Hueston and Mr. Sodano both returning as coaches. Finally, on April 15, baseball tryouts will begin. Unfortunately, we do not have enough interest to field a softball team, so we will create some type of clinic or intramural league as the season gets underway.

Return to School at MTMS

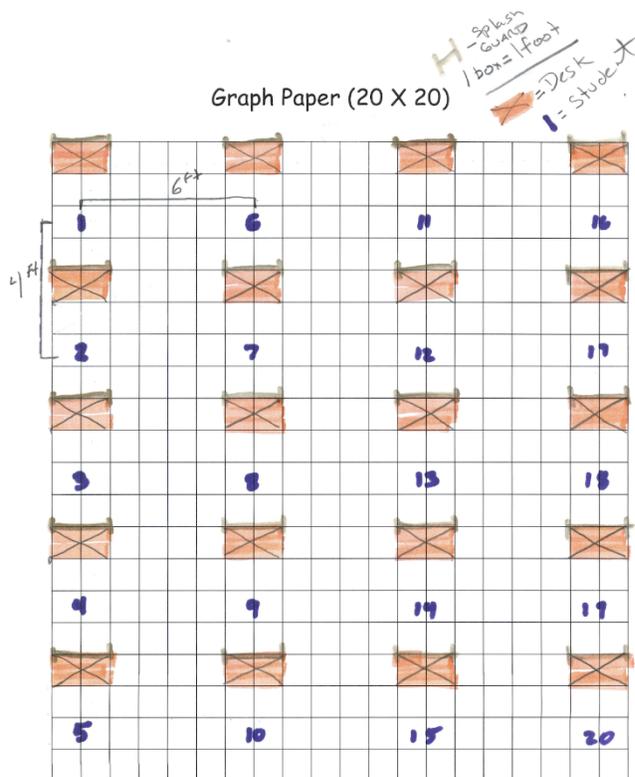
Tonight, I am recommending to the Board that we return 100% of the student population to MTMS. The current target date for student return (positive data-dependent) is Wednesday, April 14. The significance of April 14 is that it allows for a 10-day period following the end of Spring Break. Over the last few weeks, our team has prepared for the student's return. The plan includes additional PPE, reviewing spacing requirements/options, and ensuring adequate staffing. Some important references in support of this move:

<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/states/new-jersey/whiteboard/2021/03/15/cdc-revisiting-school-distancing-guidelines-9425753>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/14/health/Covid-schools-social-distancing-3-feet.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Additional Information:

In reviewing all the rooms and homeroom students we will be able to guarantee a 4 ft distance in front and behind students (splash guards in between all desks) and 6 feet to the right and left...as pictured below:



Current operations will continue such as half-day Wednesdays (providing time to clean and use the curis air purification system in each room), students will continue to stay put and staff will rotate, formal outdoor classroom areas will be used as soon as possible, all cleaning protocols will remain in effect, and some homerooms may be moved to larger areas to allow for social distancing. Students will still have a virtual option until the NJDOE no longer mandates this to be the case.

B. Wowk – great effort, is it true if someone wants to stay remote they can still?

Dr. Constantino – great question – road back document still has this in its plan for the remainder of this year, so yes they can if they want to.

A. Christmann – one year ago we were racing to close schools. I just have a personal observation that it is shocking how far ahead we are in comparison to other districts within the state. Thank you to Dr. Constantino and Mrs. Mosner and the entire staff for all of their hard work.

G. Holquist – I agree, thank you, we appreciate the staff and everyone who continue to show we are here for the students.

Dr. Constantino – There aren't enough words to describe the efforts of our staff to run the day-to-day work, it is amazing, and it needs to be mentioned that we rely strongly on the strength and commitment of this community. Thank you.

VI. Board Secretary's Report

- **Operations & Finance:**

2021-2022 Tentative Budget

Tonight we will be approving the tentative 2021-2022 budget. I wanted to take a moment to thank the Operations & Finance Committee for their participation and patience during this process. I realize how busy everyone is and there was a lot of additional time set aside during this process for additional meetings to review and discuss it. As per code all tentative budgets must be adopted and filed with the Executive County Superintendent this week. Thank you.

- April 22, 2021 – Advertise for Public Hearing
- May 4, 2021 – Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Budget – Approve final 2021-2022 Budget
- May 5, 2021 – Post User-Friendly Budget
- May 18, 2021 – Certification of 2021-2022 Budget & A4F taxes to the municipality, county, and state

School Ethics Commission

This is just a reminder for those of you that have not completed the ethics disclosure forms, that there is a deadline according to the statute and a requirement for all BOE members, so please do so. I would be more than happy to forward you the link and your pin once again, just let me know.

VII. Board President’s Report – Our assigned SBA representative, Mrs. Charlene Peterson is going to do a board training/refresher for the BOE, probably at the May work session. This is an opportunity to review the BOE protocol and get ready to start the goal process. In addition, I am going to ask Mr. Dumovic to highlight a program from Morris County SBA – unsung hero’s award. He spoke about how this is a program that recognizes a student from each district within Morris County for their achievements. A student that might go unrecognized for their hard work and effort who is deserving of recognition. This is a new award for Morris County School Districts; K-8 districts can nominate one 8th grade student, and K-12 and 9-12 districts can nominate a high school senior. Peter also shared a quick 4-minute video with the BOE to view on their own time about the program.

VIII. Correspondence – N/A

IX. Committee Reports – a brief summary was shared by the chair of each committee about the agenda items

- **Curriculum and Instruction** – Mr. Thayyar delivered the report
- **Operations and Finance** – Mr. Christmann delivered the report
- **Personnel and Human Resources** – Mrs. Mody delivered the report
- **Policy** – Mr. Dumovic delivered the report
- **Ad Hoc Referendum** – Mrs. Holquist delivered the report
- **Ad Hoc Negotiations** – Mrs. Mody delivered the report

X. Consent Items

Approval of Minutes

Work Session Minutes: February 16, 2021

Curriculum and Instruction

Operations and Finance

1. **Certification Reports**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education certify pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4, does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports for the month of February 2021 that no major accounts and fund balances in the 2020/2021 budget have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. **Board Secretary’s Report**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the February 2021 Board Secretary’s Reports.

3. **Treasurer’s Report**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the February 2021 Treasurer’s Reports.

4. **February 2021 Transfer Reports**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the February 2021 transfer report.

5. **March 2021 Bills List**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the final March 2021 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N0136 through N0004, N0149 through N0156.

Fund 10	\$
Fund 11	\$
Fund 20	\$
Fund 60	\$
Fund 80	\$
Fund 95	\$
Total:	\$

6. **Use of District Facilities**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following use of facility applications for the 2020 - 2021 school year with the right to cancel based on school events and needs:

Organization	Location	Dates	Times	Responsible Party
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GRIT 360 Basketball	<u>MS</u> Gyms	Thursdays 03/25/21, 04/08/21, 04/15/21, 04/22/21, 04/29/21, 05/06/21, 05/13/21, 05/20/21, 05/27/21, 06/03/21, 06/10/21, 06/17/21, 06/24/21	5:00pm - 9:00pm	Kerry Foderingham
		Friday 04/16/21	5:00pm - 9:00pm	
		Saturday 04/17/21	9:00am - 2:00pm	

* Subject to change due to conflicts with Mendham Township School events.

7. **District Travel**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Board of Education approves the listed travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1. All mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate (currently \$0.35 per mile).

Program Name	Date	Employee	Event Cost	Total Cost
YogArt: Infuse SEL practices into the Art Room (Virtual 6:00pm-7:00pm)	03/03/21 03/10/21 03/17/21 03/24/21 03/31/21 04/07/21 04/14/21 04/21/21 04/28/21	Sarah Bizzarro	\$40.00	\$40.00
Solution - Focused Workshop (Virtual)	03/12/21 03/19/21	Alexandria Perrotta	\$97.00	\$97.00
NJ School Counselor Conference (Virtual)	04/16/21	Hillary Clark	\$20.00	\$20.00

8. **Transportation Agreement - Morris Plains School District for the 2021 - 2024 School Years**
(Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the joint transportation agreement between Mendham Township Board of Education and the Morris Plains School District for a three (3) year period effective July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

9. **Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of

School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials will solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program. NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (citation) and the regulations promulgated thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through a contract awarded to electric power suppliers following said bid for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will issue a Request for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.* and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act,” N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Units will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award a contract for Electric Generation Service to a supplier(s) whose prices will provide estimated savings to the Participating Unit, based on its previous electric usage;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with prices estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all-electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) through the electric power supplier(s) awarded said contract for a term not to exceed two years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all-electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) from the electric power supplier(s) awarded the contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the Districts of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future) for a term not to exceed two years and at prices determined by the Lead Agency to provide estimated savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to rebid to obtain electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System if energy market conditions do not lead to a successful bid, dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. Any recession of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such recession.

Personnel and Human Resources

1. Substitute Teachers (Attachments)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following substitute teachers, pending completion of paperwork, for the 2020 - 2021 school year at the current rate of \$92.00 per day.

Katherine LoVecchio, Laura Ryan

2. **New Hire Transportation Bus Aide - Carolyn Allen**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Carolyn Allen, Transportation Bus Aide, at an hourly rate of \$24.17 per hour, two hours per day, not to exceed \$2,417.00, effective March 24, 2021, through June 9, 2021.

3. **Leave of Absence - Christopher Hemmings** (*Attachment*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education hereby approves Christopher Hemmings, Middle School Custodian, for a medical leave of absence, having received doctor's certification, commencing March 5, 2021, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending after Two (2) weeks on March 19, 2021, while utilizing Eleven (11) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Christopher Hemmings with an anticipated return to work date of March 22, 2021.

4. **Rescind: Unpaid Days Transportation Driver - Steven Molnar**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education rescinds the unpaid days for Steven Molnar, Transportation Driver's effective March 5, 2021.

Policy and Planning

1. **Second Reading** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves for second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

P 0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)
P 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During A Declared Emergency (M) (New)
R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)
P 1643	Family Leave (M) (New)
P 3431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)
P 4431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)
P 3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P 4431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)
P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)
R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)
P & R 7430	School Safety (M) (Abolished)
P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)
P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.02	Title I - Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)
P 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)
P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)
P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)
P 6360	Political Contributions (M) (Revised)
P 8330	Student Records (M) (Revised)
P 9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised)

X. ACTION ITEMS

Operations and Finance

1. ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2021-2022

A. BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves and authorizes the submission of the tentative budget for the 2021-2022 School Year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6 to comply with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
2021-22 Total Expenditures	\$19,790,500	\$138,700	\$1,110,800	\$21,040,000
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 2,825,774	\$138,700	\$0	\$ 2,964,474
Taxes to be Raised	\$16,964,726	\$0	\$1,110,800	\$18,075,526

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form required by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Mendham Township Elementary Staff Development Room (Meeting is being held virtually, no in-person attendance will be allowed) at 18 West Main Street, Brookside, New Jersey, on May 4, 2021, at 7:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2021-2022 School Year, and

B. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT – 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mendham Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2020-2021 school year is \$25,000, of which, \$4,050 has been spent and \$1,350 is encumbered to date.

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves all travel, not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$25,000 for all staff and board members for the 2021-2022 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Mr. Christmann moved to table Action Item 1.a for further discussion and to approve Operations & Finance item 1.b, seconded by Mr. Wowk, and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Christmann; yes, Mr. Dumovic; yes, Dr. Mandel; yes, Mrs. Mody; yes, Mr. Thayyar; yes, Mr. Wowk; yes, and Mrs. Holquist, yes – motion carries.

XI. Discussion

A. Christmann – this is the preliminary budget that needs to be approved tonight so it can be submitted to the county for approval, the BOE can make changes before it is advertised if it wants to. There was a lot of time, effort, and review that went into this to provide a budget that allows the district to maintain the level of education we have been providing. I want to thank Dr. Constantino, Mrs. Mosner, and the committee for everything.

B. Wowk – thank the administration and the committee for being patient with all my questions. I believe it should be more like 1-1.5% in regards to transportation revenue.

A. Thayyar – thank you to the Ops/Finance Committee and Mrs. Mosner, I went through this process last year and I know how much time and work it is. If you include the Debt in our calculation, we are below the 2% increase.

B. Wowk – to clarify, it is 4% if you remove the cap.

Dr. Constantino – much of that increase is due to the additional state aid, for the public, it is a 2% increase in the general fund tax levy.

A. Christmann - % increases vary on expenses and revenues but the tax increase for the general fund is 2%.

P. Dumovic – for certain, a whole bunch of work has been done but it is difficult to fully understand the budget with no paper in front of us/presentation of budget details like we had last year. Given the numbers, I cannot support this increase without seeing more detail. This proposed Tentative Budget of @\$18.1Million in Total Taxes to be Raised (General Fund + Debt Service Fund) would represent an overall increase of +2.8 percent vs. last year's budget. In addition, I understand the estimated tax impact on MT residents would be an increase of \$40.70 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and that is significantly higher than last year's increase of \$34.99 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

D. Mosner – it is important to note that the ratable amount decreased by 91,000,000 this year in comparison to last year, which makes a huge impact on the tax increase. If the ratable number had remained the same as last year this would be a \$36 increase per \$100,000 instead of a \$40 increase per \$100,000.

P. Dumovic – that is definitely worth noting.

R. Mandel – being new to the BOE, many things go into the process in order to completely understand and I don't want to get caught up with the numbers as long as we are not changing what we provide to our students.

B. Wowk – I am very supportive of the expenses, I do not want to cut them.

J. Mody – thank you, great job summarizing, I want to give a lot of credit to Mrs. Mosner and Dr. Constantino for providing us with a budget that falls within the parameters of what we asked with one of the most challenging years, ensuring that the education we provide is top-notch. It is important to point out that the additional state aid we received was from the enrollment increases we have from families moving here for our quality of education that we provide. It is safer to use the revenue that we have from actual contracts for the year, this budget was created seriously and with the best intentions.

A. Christmann – I think it is also important to note that we had the ability to increase the budget by another \$839,000 due to an enrollment adjustment but that we decided not to increase the budget above the 2% allowable cap.

G. Holquist – I can see that it is difficult to forecast with the uncertainty for next year where things may go in regards to transportation revenues so I can understand basing things on guaranteed contracts makes the most sense for the 2021-2022 year.

B. Wowk – it is unclear to me how extra funding goes back to the taxpayer?

Dr. Constantino – 2022-2023 revenues can be adjusted next year.

G. Holquist – being conservative with revenue projections based upon the uncertainty, what is the likelihood of unexpected expenditures?

Dr. Constantino – there are always unexpected expenditures. The most volatile area is in regards to special education. Someone can always move into the district and need additional services and it can be significant. This is when we need to decide what will be cut or a change to the existing may need to take place. Luckily, the district receives extraordinary aid to help with this.

G. Holquist – I am looking for a gauge moving forward.

Dr. Constantino – on the classroom side we look good within this proposed budget but in regards to the resource room, we may require an additional aid based upon the increase in numbers.

P. Dumovic – as we discussed last year, why can't the out-of-district tuition students that we receive be a source of revenue for us. The three areas that we determined to focus on as additional sources of revenue were transportation, academic fees, and green initiatives. We need to focus more on this.

A. Christmann – the administration has been realistic on the facts they see today and for next year. Not being too aggressive or conservative but I agree we need to 100% do that for next year.

Mr. Christmann moved to approve Operations & Finance Action Item 1.a, seconded by Mrs. Mody, and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Christmann; yes, Mr. Dumovic; no, Dr. Mandel; yes, Mrs. Mody; yes, Mr. Thayyar; yes, Mr. Wowk; no, and Mrs. Holquist, yes – motion carries.

XII. Verbal Communications from the Public

Mrs. Orban-Brown – Ironia Road – I believe a lot of work was done by the committee. I don't think you will get a lot of high fives from the taxpayers. The increase is not an increase for the public. I went back to the 2018-2019 budget year. There was a 16% increase from that time until now. This was pointed out last year, you are setting yourself to look like heroes to come in at a only 2% increase. It must be possible to find a zero percent increase. It is time, people are suffering, some are losing their houses, it is time to do that. There must be places in the budget where money can be saved. I agree don't count your chickens before they hatch. You need to find a 188,000 to come up with a zero increase. Thank you!

Dr. Constantino - 9:25 PM - Public Comment is Closed - Thank you very much.

XIII. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Thayyar second by Dr. Mandel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Mosner
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary