

Public Hearing May 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: PM

FLAG SALUTE

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows: by having the time, date and place of the meeting posted on the bulletin board in the Administration Building April 25, 2023; by sending a copy of the meeting notice to the Star Ledger Newspaper and the Union County Local Source on April 25, 2023; and by filing a copy with the Township of Hillside and Hillside Public Library on April 25, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

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| Allende       |  |  | Simmons     |  |  |
| Best          |  |  | Shapiro     |  |  |
| Cillo         |  |  | Cook        |  |  |
| Horton-Givens |  |  | Glover      |  |  |
| Lofton        |  |  | Hamlin      |  |  |
| Howard        |  |  | Eichenholtz |  |  |

Public Comments – Agenda Items

Adjournment.

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1. Motion to approve the following 2023-2024 Final Budget Resolution:

Hillside School District

Adoption of the Final Budget for School Year 2023-2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hillside Board of Education to approve the 2023-2024 school district budget as follows:

|  | General<br>Fund | Special<br>Revenues | Debt<br>Service | Total        |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2023-2024 Total Expenditures             | \$70,488,602    | \$8,029,099         | 0               | \$78,517,701 |
| Less: Anticipated Revenues               | \$39,352,078    | \$8,029,099         | 0               | \$47,381,177 |
| Taxes to be Raised <b>(0% increased)</b> | \$31,136,524    | 0                   | 0               | \$31,136,526 |

AND, the Hillside Board of Education, on March 14, 2023 voted to submit to the Executive County Superintendent a Tentative Budget for SY 2023-2024 as follows:

|   | General<br>Fund | Special<br>Revenues | Debt<br>Service | Total        |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2023-2024 Total Expenditures            | \$70,488,602    | \$8,029,099         | 0               | \$78,517,701 |
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And the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent; and

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the final budget an appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$1,794,290.
3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$12,514 for the 2023-2024 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 school year is \$10,675, of which, \$10,675 has been spent and \$10,675 is encumbered as of April 28, 2023.
4. The 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, 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;

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AND, 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, 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;

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 includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$12,514 for all staff and board members for the 2023-2024 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$2,094,012 for excess costs of \$2,094,012. The total costs off school facility projects is \$2,094,012 for which \$2,094,012 was determined as the final eligible cost and within the facilities efficiency standards and the \$2,094,012 was determined as excess costs and represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that exceed the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standard
  - Hillside High School Air Conditioner
  - Hillside High School Electrical Service Upgrade
  - Hillside High School ADA Upgrades
  - Deanna Taylor Academy Addition Payment
6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education included in the general fund appropriations up to \$3,000,000 for deposit into the Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account for future funding.

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Motion:

Second:

|               | Yes | No | Ab. |         | Yes | No | Ab. |
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| Horton-Givens |     |    |     | Cook    |     |    |     |
| Lofton        |     |    |     |         |     |    |     |