

EGG HARBOR CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING

March 23, 2011

The regular meeting of the Egg Harbor City Board of Education was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at the Egg Harbor City Community School, 730 Havana Avenue, Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, with Vice-President Rick Dovey opening the meeting, and board members, Joseph Farnan, Dan McGinnis, Scott Senn, and Jeanne Williams present. Also present were: Superintendent, John Gilly III; Business Administrator, Joseph Smurlo; Supervisor of Special Projects, Gina Forester; Spragg Principal, Adrienne Shulby; Community School Principal, Jack Griffith; Board Solicitor, Ron Sahli; and, Board Secretary, Marie Setterman.

Mr. Dovey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following statement: In compliance with the N.J.A.C. 5:18-3.15, in case of fire or other emergency, which should cause this facility to be evacuated, I direct your attention to the location of the exits in this facility. Also, there will be no smoking in this facility. This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the Spragg and Community Schools, and forwarded to the Egg Harbor City Clerk within the time required by said Act.

The secretary will enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Dovey called for the flag salute and roll call, which is reflected in the opening paragraph.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

2011-2012 School Budget Public Hearing

Mr. Gilly and Mr. Smurlo presented the 2011-2012 school budget to the public.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Staff members made statements regarding budget cuts and projected staff reduction in force.

Mrs. Galloway made a statement regarding budget cuts and city taxes.

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOARD

No Comments were made.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mr. Gilly reported that the NJSDA had given approval to proceed with the change order requests concerning lighting, science lab floor and drainage issues. He also reported that EHCCS landscaping began yesterday.

Mr. Gilly said that he had heard from NJ Department of Education regarding the Global Visions Charter School opening. He said that he understands the Charter school has received an extension and will not be opening until September 2012 and that he will be receiving a letter from the State saying the same within a couple of weeks. Mr. Gilly asked the Board to table item X.A under Personnel on the agenda until he receives the information in writing.

Mr. Smurlo reminded the Board that the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved at the March 2, 2011 meeting and therefore are not on the agenda tonight. He added that the February bills will be ratified and affirmed tonight as was authorized at the March 2, 2011 board meeting. Mr. Smurlo said that he is asking the Board to authorize him to advertise for requests for proposals for professional services as state mandated.

Mrs. Forester said that the math and science curriculum writing is moving forward and will be ready for board approval by the end of this school year.

Mr. Griffith reported that Two of our Community School teachers - Melissa Axelsson and Winnie Blankenship - from our Math PLC were invited to present at a conference in NYC called The Celebration of Teaching and Learning, partly sponsored by WNET (Channel 13 in NYC). He added they were invited because of their hard work and dedication to advancing math education at the middle school level through their work with the Center for Teaching and Learning. Mr. Griffith said the educational conference held at the Times Square Hilton in NYC, is in its 6th year and has been growing in popularity since it began and is hosted by educators from all 50 states. He said Melissa and Winnie presented a workshop titled "Progressive Math Initiative's Smart Approach to Elementary Math" and their presentation, as well as the others that the Center for Teaching and Learning offered, were well attended and well received.

Mr. Griffith added that currently, our math instructors use lessons written using SMART Notebook software and presented in a sequential and logical way on the SMART Board and the Community School math teachers have been instrumental in writing these lessons for the past several years. He said many school districts – in New Jersey, around the nation, and even around the world, are very interested in using the PMI (Progressive Math Initiative) materials that our Math PLC have been involved in the creation of.

Mrs. Shulby reported said the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant is in its second year and is well-received by students and staff. She added that fresh fruit or vegetables are served twice a week in the classrooms.

BOARD MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Farnan, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board approved the following sets of minutes: March 2, 2011 regular and executive meetings. (Roll Call: (Mr. Dovey-abstain; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board ratified and affirmed the February Bill list, as follows:

1. General Account - \$ 325,854.39
2. Capital Account - \$ 0.00
3. Food Service Account - \$ 58,438.03
4. Payroll Account – \$ 537,688.54
5. Debt Service Account - \$ 0.00

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mr. Farnan, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the Board approved the Budget transfer (Resolution #11-10) for the 2010-11 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:

February 28, 2011 Fund 10 - \$4,000 Fund 20 - \$5,380

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Senn, the Board approved the submission of the 2011-2012 school district budget to the voters of Egg Harbor City as approved by the Atlantic County Office of Education and after public hearing with the following resolution:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Contents Standards, as is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment - 508

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2011-2012 school district budget for submission to the County Office of Education as follows:

	Budget
General Fund	\$7,429,909.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$1,275,689.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 629,131.00</u>
	\$9,334,729.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2011-2012 budget as described above will result in the following:

General Tax Fund Levy	\$2,255,429.00
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>\$ 465,673.00</u>
	\$2,721,102.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no tax levy cap adjustments will be applied to the 2011-2012 school budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Egg Harbor City Board of Education establish a maximum of \$20,000.00 in the general fund 2011-2012 budget, allotted for travel and travel related expenditures.

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Upon a motion by Mr. Farnan, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board authorized the Business Administrator to advertise for Request for Proposals for Professional Services as follows:

Auditor
Solicitor
Architect
Health Benefits Insurance Broker
(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

PERSONNEL (as recommended by the Superintendent)

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Senn, the Board tabled Resolution #11-11. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board ratified and affirmed the posting for a part-time instructional aide for CLS, not to exceed 24.9 hours per week, for the 2010-2011 school year. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board approved teacher Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year:

Daily rate: 1) NJ Sub. Cert. w/60 credits + - \$65.00; 2) NJ Sub Cert w/BA - \$70.00; 3) NJ Teach. Cert - \$75.00

Tia Pangoras NJ Teach. Cert.

Leah Rodriguez NJ Sub. Cert.

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

STUDENT ITEMS

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Farnan, the Board approved a field trip for the 2010-2011 school year as follows: Preschool to Shore Mall in Egg Harbor Township on 6/3/11. Transportation funded by EHC PTO. Admission co-funded by PTO and students. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Farnan, the Board approved a field trip for the 2010-2011 school year as follows: 2nd grade to Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, PA on 6/6/11. Transportation funded by EHC PTO. Admission funded by students. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

PROGRAMS

Upon a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Farnan, the Board approved the Source4Teachers substitute list for March. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Farnan, the Board ratified and affirmed the submission of the Early Childhood Education Preschool Program Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mr. Farnan, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board approved the submission of the FY 12 Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Program. Award amount to be determined based on student enrollment. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Farnan, seconded by Mr. Senn, the Board approved Professional Development Workshops for the 2010-2011 school year. (Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

POLICIES/REGULATIONS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board approved the Second Reading of Revised Policies / Regulations as follows:

1. Policy 5210 Substance Abuse
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3. Policy 6190 Intervention and Referral Services
4. Policy 6260 Special Education

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGinnis, the Board approved the First Reading of Revised Policies / Bylaws as follows:

1. Policy 5070 Pupil Health
2. Policy 5310 Equal Educational Opportunity
4. Policy 6080 Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices
3. Policy 6210 Bilingual Education
5. Bylaw 9110 Orientation & Training of Board Members
6. Bylaw 9210 Board of Education Meetings

(Mr. Dovey-yes; Mr. Farnan-yes; Mr. McGinnis-yes; Mr. Senn-yes; Mrs. Williams-yes)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ellen Sullivan spoke on the budget cuts and staff and invited board members to come visit the Spragg School. Renee Ahern commented that the board was also welcome to come visit EHCCS.

CALENDAR DATES

District dates of interest for the upcoming month:

April	13	Regular Board Meeting
April	27	Annual School Board Elections
May	11	Reorganization/Regular Meetings

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. McGinnis, seconded by Mrs. Williams, and carried, the Board resolved to enter into executive session as follows:

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District to permit discussion of subjects in closed sessions.

RESOLVED: At a public meeting of the Board of Education held on March 23, 2011 at 8:07 p.m. that pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of the "Open Public Meetings Act", the following subjects be discussed in a session of the Board of Education closed to the public:

- (1) Contracts
- (2) Negotiations
- (3)

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the Resolution can be

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disclosed to the public when a decision is made upon the same, and in personnel matters, with the consent of the employee.

Mr. Bouchard arrived at the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Bouchard and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Marie Setterman
Board Secretary