

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – March 4, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

Completed March 4, 2015
Convened at 8:03 A.M.

Call to Order

Board Vice President Jason Redd called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Redd led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

D. A. Graham

Fiah Gussin

Jason Redd

Guillermo Gomez Salazar

Gerald Truehart II

Lucy Vandenberg

Absent:

Denise Millington

Jane Rosenbaum

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Francisco Durán - Present

Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Jayne Howard - Present

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Board Vice President Redd

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on.

On the rules of this act, the Trenton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, therefore posted in the Central Services Building, 108 North Clinton Avenue, City Clerk's Office, City Hall and the Times. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will take place at this meeting.

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Adoption Of Agenda

Motion was made by Mr. Truehart and seconded by Ms. Gussin to adopt the agenda. Agenda was adopted by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
D. A. Graham	X		
Fiah Gussin	X		
Jason Redd	X		
Jane Rosenbaum	absent		
Guillermo Gomez Salazar	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Lucy Vandenberg	X		
Denise Millington	absent		

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Mr. Redd asked the Superintendent and Business Administrator to provide the public with an update on the status of the budget and the approval timeline.

Ms. Howard discussed the budget regulations for Type I school districts. The 2015/2016 Budget will be submitted to the County office of the Department of Education on March 9. The Budget will be approved sometime between March 9 and March 22. A public hearing will be held on March 23. The Board of School Estimate meeting is on March 24. Ms. Howard advised that this morning's meeting is for the Board to approve the submission of the Budget to the County office.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Graham and seconded by Ms. Vandenberg to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. **All** were in favor, **0** opposed **0** abstentions.

Mr. Redd read the Executive Session Resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

FOR CLOSED SESSION ON March 4, 2015

WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act, codified as N.J.S.A. § 10:4-6, *et seq.*, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, the Trenton Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, indicated as follows:

Personnel matters related to the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or

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disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individuals who could be adversely affected request, in writing, that the matter be discussed at a public meeting;

DESCRIPTION OF MATTER(S) Proposed Budget & Organization Chart for 2015-2016

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trenton Board of Education, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that an Executive Session will be held on March 4, 2015 for the statutorily permissible purpose indicated in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that action may be taken by the Board when it reconvenes in Open Session.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Session with regard to the above subject matter shall be disclosed to the public at a later date and to the extent that the same is not prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved, no longer adverse to the public interest, or does not endanger any individual's right to privacy.

ADJOURN 8:09 a.m.

REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Open Public Meeting reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public signed up to address the Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Board questions or comments on the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Dr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Truehart to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was **approved** by all Board Members present.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
D. A. Graham	X		
Fiah Gussin	X		
Jason Redd	X		
Jane Rosenbaum	absent		
Guillermo Gomez Salazar	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		
Lucy Vandenberg	X		
Denise Millington	absent		

SUBMISSION OF 2015-2016 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resolution for **Submission of the 2015-2016 Budget** to the New Jersey State Department of Education as follows:

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General Fund	\$236,786,109
Special Revenue	\$ 39,978,060
Tax Levy	<u>\$ 21,115,662</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$297,879,831</u>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – NJ Center for Teaching and Learning

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Trenton Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **Professional Services Contract with the NJ Center for Teaching and Learning** to provide PSI Chemistry Endorsement Courses to five teachers for the period March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed **\$45,000.00**. Stipends for teachers will be an additional **\$20,000.00**.

Account Code: 20-275-200-101-0000-15-82, 20-275-200-300-0000-15-82, 20-275-200-101-0000-16-82 and 20-275-200-300-0000-16-82

ADJOURN 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary