

PLEASANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Pleasantville High School/701 Mill Road/Cafeteria
Pleasantville, New Jersey 08232

BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 5:00 p.m. by Mrs. Doris Graves

2. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Notice

Statement-Board President

“This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Pleasantville, in the County of Atlantic, that notice was given on March 11, 2011 of this Budget Hearing as required by the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1976; that notice thereof has been distributed for publication in the Press, the Absecon/Pleasantville Current and the Mainland Journal, posted in the Administration Building and forwarded to the City Clerk of the City of Pleasantville, within the time required by said act.”

3. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Mrs. Harriet Jackson	Present
Mrs. Darleen Bey-Blocker	Present
Ms. Joanne Famularo	Present
Mr. Johnny McClellan	Present
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	Present
Ms. Melanie Griffin, Vice President	Present
Mr. Marvin Royal	Present
Ms. Ethel Seymore	Present
Mrs. Doris Graves, President	Present

NINE PRESENT.

4. Comments of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Garnell Bailey:

Introduced the Budget Hearing and started Budget Hearing with a outline of the Pleasantville School District Goals - reviewed outline of District Goals in respect of the Budget, and showed how we are moving in the direction of the National Core Curriculum Content Standards. The outline that was submitted to the Board included - building/property upgrades; Parent Involvement Center; (PD) Professional Development for Teachers, Support Staff and Administration; continue to improve programs including the strengthening of the Beat the Streets Program, and the Bilingual Program; raising standards and evaluations of the District; conducting regular internal audits; Continue to look at the Five Year Plan in place and all that supports the District's educational system; centralize our district's resources; make sure our Policies and Procedures are current; and having open communications with the New Jersey Department of Labor.

Dr. Bailey

Introduced Mr. Elisha Thompkins – Comptroller of Pleasantville Board of Education – to discuss the finances in regards to making the plan a reality.

5. Budget Hearing Presented by Mr. Thompkins

Mr. Thompkins

The user Friendly Budget for 2011-2012 was passed out to everyone.

The review of the 2011-2012 Pleasantville School District Budget with PowerPoint Slides commenced “These are snapshots of what the 2011-2012 Budget represents”, said Mr. Thompkins.

- State Aid is “flat” and has been for three years; 2009-2010 / 2010-2011 / 2011-2012
- 3% increase in District Salaries
- Benefits increase greater than 8%
- Out of District Tuition has gone up; actual number depends on final enrollment
- Stabilizing property tax; we maintained the Local Tax Levy at it existing for three years (without increase)

Presentation outline continued until completion.

6. There were no Public Comments.

Prior to Mr. Mulvihill addressing the Board with the resolution, Mr. Thompkins communicated a change with the proper amount noted as required for Pleasantville High School; this does not change the final numbers listed/submitted.

Mr. Mulvihill

Read aloud the entire resolution with listed amounts, and addressed the Board informing them that the proper High School amount changes to be adopted incorporates this and is noted as required by the Executive County Superintendent. It will not change any of the totals given.

Mrs. Graves

This change document that was passed out is just for the High School.

After the motion and prior to the vote there was discussion by the Board:

Mr. Royal

“Mr. Riehman have you fully reviewed all of this”.

Mr. Riehman

“Yes.” I reviewed it with Administration and I’m in agreement.”

Ms. Bey-Blocker

Asked Dr. Bailey if there was any Summer School this year.

Dr. Bailey

Informed everyone that there will be Summer Enrichment (not Summer School), and introduced Mrs. Joan Robinson to address the Board.

Mrs. Robinson

Informed everyone that it would be a six week program, most likely starting July 11th through August 16th.

Ms. Robinson gave the following synopsis of the Summer Enrichment Program they want to implement:

- AYP Prep to prepare the students for September
- Arts, such as drama and cooking
- Creative Writing
- Athletic Programs
- Math Program and Science Program

Mrs. Jackson

Asked Mr. Mulvihill to confirm that the change in the High School amount for the Budget would cause no change on the bottom line of the Budget.

Mr. Mulvihill confirmed.

“There will be absolutely no changes for the bottom line figures. That’s what we made the Motion on and that’s what we made the Second on, and that’s what hopefully the Board will vote on. That’s what we submitted to the taxpayers and voters.”

Ms. Famularo

“Is that a \$5,000.00 deduction in the (High School) school Library? Is that what you’re doing”

Mr. Thompkins gave Ms. Robinson the outline and she replied:

“It may have been \$5,000.00...but we did purchase about \$15,000.00 books this year and are also going to different areas (software and media); i.e. e-readers as a possibility.”

Ms. Famularo

“You should be spending \$100,000.00 worth of books this year. That’s my statement.”

7. **Whereas** the Board of Education of the City of Pleasantville approved the 2011-2012 tentative proposed school district budget of **\$90,439,582 for the submission to the County Superintendent’s approval and a General Fund Tax Levy of \$6,728,243.00; and**

Whereas, the County Superintendent approved the 2011-2012 proposed budget;

Now, therefore the General Fund Tax Levy of \$6,728,243 question be submitted to the County Board of Election for inclusion on the April 27, 2011 School Budget Election Ballot for voter approval.

<u>LEVY</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>LOCAL TAX</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 77,235,571	\$ 6,728,243
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 9,335,781	\$ 0
<u>Total Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>\$ 3,868,230</u>	<u>\$ 1,627,049</u>
TOTALS	\$ 90,439,582	\$ 8,355,292

MOTION BY: Ms. Melanie Griffin

SECOND BY: Mr. Marvin Royal

Yea: X Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Jackson	Yes	Ms. Griffin	Yes
Mrs. Bey-Blocker	Yes	Mr. Royal	Yes
Ms. Famularo	No	Mrs. Seymore	Yes
Mr. McClellan	Yes	Mrs. Graves	Yes
Mr. Moore	Yes		

EIGHT YES; MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Famularo expressed with her vote, "Not enough money spent on things for children...less than \$3,000,000.00."

8. Motion to Adjourn the Budget Hearing meeting at 5:47 p.m. to go into an Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

MOTION BY: Ms. Melanie Griffin SECOND BY: Mr. Marvin Royal Yea: X Nay:

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Jackson	Yes	Ms. Griffin	Yes
Mrs. Bey-Blocker	Yes	Mr. Royal	Yes
Ms. Famularo	Yes	Mrs. Seymore	Yes
Mr. McClellan	Yes	Mrs. Graves	Yes
Mr. Moore	Yes		

NINE YES; MOTION PASSED.

Board continued hereafter with the Regular Work/Action Meeting.

Ms. Bey-Blocker left the Board Meeting after the Budget Hearing and Executive Session thereafter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

MR. DENNIS J. MULVIHILL
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

DATE