

**BUDGET MEETING
BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 16, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 16, 2015 Public Budget meeting of the Burlington Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Judy Hirt at 7:15 PM in the Cafeteria located in the Hopkins Building at 700 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, New Jersey.

STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE

Notice is hereby given that this meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and the adequate notice has been provided as follows:

On January 21, 2015 the Secretary gave notice of this public meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Hopkins Building. This notice was advertised in the following manner:

- (a) Posted notice on the entranceway door #18 of the BTHS- Hopkins Building; School;
- (b) Mailed notices to the Township Clerk; the Burlington County Times; and the Trenton Times.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. ROLL CALL

	<u>ARRIVAL</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
Mrs. Donna Crenshaw	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mrs. Donna Custard	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mr. Milton Dilligard	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mrs. Susan Eichmann	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mrs. Sherry Knight	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mr. Israel Rivera	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mr. Balvir Singh	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mrs. Judy Hirt	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mr. Michael Kozak, Superintendent	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, Asst. Supt. for Business & Operations/Board Secretary	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Ms. Ann Britt, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Inst.	7:00 PM	9:34 PM
Mr. David Serlin, Solicitor	Absent	---

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V. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Appendix B1

Mrs. Bell presented her report to the Board on the status of the 2015-16 budget.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION

Curriculum Committee National Defense Cadet Corps (NDCC)

NDCC is virtually identical to JROTC except it is fully funded by schools that choose to pursue a JROTC unit without financial assistance from the Army.

75 students at a cost \$150,000 per year

Mrs. Custard asked if the program needed to be continued for more than one year.

Ms. Britt said she didn't have that information since the program application has not been started. She commented that two years of Jr. NDCC gives benefit to students, but one year does not. This is a new program.

Mrs. Custard asked if this program is the recommendation of the committee.

Mrs. Knight answered that it was.

Mrs. Crenshaw said that students have asked for this over the last few years.

Mrs. Hirt asked how long was the application; to which Ms. Britt responded that she didn't know.

Mr. Singh ask if the Committee has explored how else to use potential fitness room. For the \$150,000 we have to have one non-commissioned officer as well as one commissioned officer. He is concerned that the \$150,000 is not enough. There are stipends for a drill team as well as other things. Students will be required to go on trips including overnight trips. He expressed concern that we will have an over representation of minorities. Only 30 students in last three years have enlisted. We would be serving only a few students.

Mrs. Knight said that our students are asking for this. Burlington City has limited trips to preserve classroom time.

Mr. Singh said that only 35 students have expressed interest so far.

Ms. Britt stated that 75 students are the maximum that can be served.

Mr. Singh commented that he wants the Board to make sure that we are providing the best academic experience.

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VI. BOARD DISCUSSION (Continued)

Mrs. Hirt commented that students have the opportunity to go to college and do not have to enlist.

Mr. Singh wanted to know what the Board would do if it cost more than \$150,000?

Mrs. Crenshaw said diligence was taken to explore costs and this is an opportunity to explore this program. The first year will be small and will grow.

Mrs. Eichmann asked for breakout of cost and asked Ms. Britt to provide document.

Mr. Singh commented that why not spend the money on MS sports instead of NDCC.

Mrs. Knight asked if Mr. Singh had any program in mind; to which he answered, "MS sports."

1. On the motion of Mrs. Eichmann, seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend approval to continue the discussion of NDCC. Roll Call Vote: 1 Aye and 8 Nays, motion denied.
2. On the motion of Mrs. Crenshaw, seconded by Mrs. Knight to recommend approval of a physical education teacher and equipment or NDCC, with more exploration. Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes, 1 Nay, motion carried.

Mr. Singh believes there are discrepancies in the budget as provided due to instructional salaries. We did not look carefully enough before voting.

Mr. Rivera said that it really comes to what is provided to the Board.

Mrs. Hirt commented that the Board must trust what was given to them.

PPACA and POTENTIAL OUTSOURCING OF DAILY SUBSTITUTES AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES

Mr. Dilligard discussed that the Negotiations Committee looked at options and the committee recommends outsource long term subs and watch daily subs for 2015-2016.

1. On the motion by Mrs. Crenshaw, seconded by Mrs. Custard, to recommend approval of outsourcing long term substitutes for 2015-2016. Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Mrs. McMahon-Nester commented that she feels it is unfortunate that we must do this, but, supports the Committee and the Board need to ensure we get quality substitutes.

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VII. BOARD DISCUSSION (Continued)

Mr. Rivera said that the Board needs to work with the successful vendor to ensure quality people.

REFERENDUM PROJECTS 2015

Mrs. Custard reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee referendum update that so far the list focuses on safety and reconditioning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

Mrs. Hirt suggested that the Board establish an Ad Hoc Committee with Mr. Dilligard, Mrs. Eichmann, Mr. Singh and Mrs. Custard to explore Middle School sports with the community.

MAPs/STARRs

Ms. Britt would begin a pilot program as suggested by the Curriculum Committee at no cost to the district. She explained that the pilot amount in the budget will cover either one that is chosen to aligned to common core.

GLOBAL INSTITUTE

Mrs. Knight mentioned that she really didn't know much about the program.

Dr. Kozak was aware that it was used in another district with dramatic results. He didn't think we have a formal writing program in this district.

Mrs. Knight said there were not enough details in the Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Kozak commented that the cost would actually be more than the \$20,000 set in the budget. His hope was that after looking at the data this year we could use part of this program.

Mrs. Knight offered the comment that wouldn't having another Academic Achievement teacher better? She said that Ms. Britt reports for the year, that we can't help all students.

Dr. Kozak wouldn't say that we don't want another teacher, but need more data. Not enough schools are doing it.

Mrs. Hirt expressed that this is just another initiative for teachers. We should be MAPs/STARs first, especially after PARCC and allow this money to be used to help struggling students.

Mrs. Eichmann said that our students, parents and teachers feel that the students are over tested.

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VII. BOARD DISCUSSION (Continued)

Mrs. Crenshaw agrees with data, but too much without fully exploring the MAPs/STARs pilot program wouldn't be beneficial.

Mr. Singh asked why we need to have both.

Dr. Kozak answered that the Global Institute is K-8 and MAPs/STARs is K-8.

Mr. Singh wanted to know who was bring this program forward and Dr. Kozak said that he did, as he is familiar with the program.

Mrs. Hirt asked the purpose of Inform, to which Ms. Britt answered that it tracks data for students, like state assessments, Fontas & Pannell and MAPs & STARs.

1. On the motion of Mrs. Knight, seconded by Mrs. McMahon-Nester to recommend to approve the removal of Global Institute and add an AA teacher to the budget.

Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 1 Nay and 1 Abstention (Mrs. Crenshaw), motion carried.

VIII. OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. O'Donnell wanted to thank the Board for considering a Middle School Sports Committee and he would like to be part of it.

Mr. Foreman thanked the Board for considering Middle School sports. He also suggested that parents, teachers and township recreation be part of the committee.

IX. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INITIAL BUDGET FOR 2015-16

1. On the motion by Mrs. Custard, seconded by Mrs. Eichmann to recommend to approve the initial adoption of the 2015-2016 Budget as written with line item changes and to submit the budget to the County Office.

2015-2016	TOTAL	ANTICIPATED REVENUES	LEVY
General Fund	59,665,515.00	20,871,596.00	38,793,919.00
Special Revenue Fund	959,683.00	959,683.00	0
Debt Service Fund	4,511,025.00	1,204,429.00	3,306,596.00

TOTAL	65,136,223.00	23,035,708.00	42,100,515.00
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No waivers to be taken. No banked cap to be used.

Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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IX. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INITIAL BUDGET FOR 2015-16

Mrs. Hirt thanked the Administration, especially Mary Ann Bell and Robyn Hessberger for their work on the budget.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Mrs. Eichmann, seconded by Mrs. Knight, to recommend to adopt a resolution to move into Executive Session at 8:43 PM. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from this portion of the meeting involving the discussion of:

1. Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship
 - a. CST Director

FURTHER RESOLVED, that discussion of such subjects in Executive Session will be disclosed to public at some later time. **Appendix EB1**

On the motion of, Mrs. Eichmann, seconded by Mrs. Crenshaw, to approve to return to Regular Session at 9:33 PM. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs. Custard, seconded Mrs. McMahon-Nester approval was made to adjourn at 9:34 PM. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "A".

Mary Ann Bell
Asst. Superintendent for Business & Operations
/Board Secretary