

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2018/2019 BUDGET

MAY 7, 2018

6:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing of the 2018/2019 School Budget took place in the Board Room, 172 Midland Avenue, on the evening of the above date.

President Mc Donald called the meeting to order and announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was printed in the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the District website and filed with the Office of the Town Clerk.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members were present: Ms. Andryszczak, Mr. Doran, Mrs. Paris, Mrs. Sherry, Mr. Viscuso, Mr. Zapata, Mr. Granelli, President Mc Donald.

Mrs. Patricia Blood, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. H. Ron Smith, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Ms. Lindenfelser was unable to attend the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mc Donald led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

DISCUSSION OF 2018/2019 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Smith discussed the proposed 2018/2019 school budget, including a PowerPoint presentation of revenues, including the major reduction to Early Childhood funding, the impact of increasing enrollment at the charter school, health insurance and salary increases, and the resulting elimination of \$2,086,100 from the budget. Mr. Smith noted that, according to the State funding standard, the Kearny School District continues to be millions of dollars below adequacy.

OBSERVERS

Marcy Fisher, Kearny, suggested that the Board's refusal to go to "cap" over a period of many years has contributed to the ongoing history of underfunding and tight budgets.

DISCUSSION

Board members discussed alternatives to the 2% cap option; in the interim, the Board addressed the following resolutions as presented:

The following resolutions were moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Ms. Andryszczak, and unanimously carried:

2. ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET

The Kearny Board of Education hereby adopts the 2018/2019 School Year **SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET**, as follows:

| <u>GROSS BUDGET</u> | <u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u> |
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| <u>\$ 3,528,184</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> |

3. ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET

The Kearny Board of Education hereby adopts the 2018/2019 School Year **DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET**, as follows:

| <u>GROSS BUDGET</u> | <u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u> |
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| <u>\$ 1,365,100</u> | <u>\$ 984,504</u> |

DISCUSSION

Following discussion regarding the option of a selecting a 1-1/2% cap or a 2% cap limit, the following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Ms. Andryszczak:

ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET (1-1/2% CAP)

The Kearny Board of Education hereby adopts the 2018/2019 School Year **OPERATING BUDGET**, as follows:

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| <u>AMOUNT TO BE GROSS BUDGET</u> | <u>RAISED BY TAXATION</u> |
| \$ <u>88,540,775</u> | \$ <u>52,470,134</u> |

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Andryszczak, "aye", Mr. Doran, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "no", Mr. Viscuso, "no", Mr. Zapata, "no", Mr. Granelli, "no", President Mc Donald, "aye".

There being four votes in the affirmative and four votes in the negative, the motion was defeated.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Mrs. Sherry:

ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET (2% CAP)

The Kearny Board of Education hereby adopts the 2018/2019 School Year **OPERATING BUDGET**, as follows:

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| <u>GROSS BUDGET</u> | <u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u> |
| \$ <u>88,799,248</u> | \$ <u>52,728,607</u> |

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Andryszczak, "no", Mr. Doran, "no", Mrs. Paris, "no", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", President Mc Donald, "no".

There being four votes in the affirmative and four votes in the negative, the motion was defeated.

MOTION RE: CLOSED SESSION

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Mr. Doran:

Resolved: by the Board of Education of the Town of Kearny, in the County of Hudson, that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Open Public Meetings Act, the Board will enter into Closed Session at this time to discuss District personnel matters, negotiations, and/or pending/ongoing litigation.

When the matters under consideration have been completed, any necessary action will be disclosed to the public.

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Andryszczak, "aye", Mr. Doran, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", President Mc Donald, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative, the motion was carried.

BOARD ENTERS CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

BOARD RETURNS TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Paris and seconded by Ms. Andryszczak:

ADOPTION OF 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET (2% CAP)

The Kearny Board of Education hereby adopts the 2018/2019 School Year **OPERATING BUDGET**, as follows:

| <u>GROSS BUDGET</u> | <u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</u> |
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| <u>\$ 88,799,248</u> | <u>\$ 52,728,607</u> |

On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ms. Andryszczak, "aye", Mr. Doran, "aye", Mrs. Paris, "aye", Mrs. Sherry, "aye", Mr. Viscuso, "aye", Mr. Zapata, "aye", Mr. Granelli, "aye", President Mc Donald, "aye".

There being eight votes in the affirmative, the motion was carried.

MOTION RE: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Paris, seconded by Ms. Andryszczak and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary