

ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Library Media Center

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Media Center of the Marsh School, with the vice-president, Mr. Neal presiding.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. SUNSHINE LAW

Mr. Neal announced that the meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, in that a notice was posted with the City Clerk, and on the Bulletin Board in the City Hall, and the newspapers were notified.

Mr. Neal announced that a mechanical device will be used to record these proceedings.

D. ROLL CALL

Board Members	Present	Absent	Administration	Present
Mr. Cottrell	X		Tina Maruca	X
Mr. Rynkiewicz	X		Dr. Daniel Dooley	X
Ms. Wallace	X			
Ms. Law		X		
Ms. Marczyk		X		
Mr. Neal	X			
Dr. Grites		X		

THE ABSECON BOARD OF EDUCATION USES A “CONSENT AGENDA” PROCEDURE.

E. CORRESPONDENCE - None

F. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Dooley spoke about the following:

- March Madness Championship game
- Superintendent Saturday Solutions scheduled for April 6, 2019
- Acknowledged Mr. Stan Weiner for framing the article published in the NJEA Review about the dog therapy program at Absecon Schools featuring Sky and Hope.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Meeting was opened to the public at 7:25 pm.

- **Brianna Gorneau**, 138 S. 10th Avenue, Asked about the plans for additional self-contained classrooms planned for in the 2019/2020 budget. Dr. Dooley addressed the plans to have an MD and LLD classroom in each school.
- **Brooke Szeker**, 103 E. Weilers Lane, Asked about the MD and LLD classrooms planned for 2019/2020 and bringing students in-house who are currently out-of-district. Dr. Dooley explained the new programs and clarified that students will only be brought in-house if the program meets the needs of the student.

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- **Rose Guerrero**, Marsh School Teacher, Thanked the Board for bringing back the librarian and basic skills positions in the 2019/2020 budget.
- **Laura Oliver**, 1 Tremont Avenue, Glad the Board is bringing back the librarian position in the 2019/2020 budget.

Meeting was closed to the public at 7:39 pm.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mr. Cottrell moved to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Absecon Board of Education that, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) it shall enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and other matters of attorney client privilege. The information discussed can be disclosed to the public only upon formal written request to the board secretary at the next work, special or regular meeting to determine if the time and circumstances would be appropriate to disclose the information discussed. At the conclusion of this session the Board of Education will reconvene the regular portion of the meeting and action may, or may not, be taken.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Wallace, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Ms. Law, Mrs. Marczyk, and Dr. Grites, Absent.

On a motion by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Ms. Wallace, and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the Executive Session was declared closed at 9:50 pm. Ms. Law, Mrs. Marczyk, and Dr. Grites, Absent.

I. FINANCE

1. Resolution to Approve the 2019/2020 School Budget for Submission to the County Office.

BE IT RESOLVED, motion to approve the 2019/2020 school budget for submission to the county office, as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$ 15,894,010	\$ 11,914,429
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 1,437,666	\$ - 0 -
Debt Service Fund	\$ 398,882	\$ 262,660
Total Budget	\$ 17,730,558	\$ 12,177,089

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Absecon Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by State and local funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education had previously established a maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2018/2019 as \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has expended \$13,951.14 of the maximum amount for the 2018/2019 year; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has elected to exclude travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has determined that the total amount of travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the 2018/2019 school year is \$6,584, and

RESOLVED, That the Absecon Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2019/2020 school year as \$55,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2019/2020 budget includes a withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve of \$20,000 for HVAC or others system repair and maintenance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2019/2020 budget includes a withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$12,000 for an upgrade to technology network infrastructure, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2019/2020 budget includes a withdrawal from Tuition Reserve of \$165,030 for tuition adjustments to high school tuition, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a), maximum dollar amounts for professional services have been established and are detailed in the appropriations section of the 2019/2020 budget.

Mr. Cottrell moved to approve item 1.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Wallace, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. Ms. Law, Mrs. Marczyk, and Dr. Grites, Absent.

J. OLD BUSINESS - None

K. NEW BUSINESS - None

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L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meeting was opened/closed to the public at 9:52 pm. No public comments.

M. NEXT MEETING DATE - March 26, 2019

N. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Ms. Wallace and unanimously carried by a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm. Ms. Law, Mrs. Marczyk, and Dr. Grites, Absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Maruca
Board Secretary