

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 1, 2011**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special meeting of the Sea Isle City Board of Education was called to order by President Egnasko on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sea Isle City School, 4501 Park Road, Sea Isle City, NJ.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Egnasko announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel.

President Egnasko led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

On roll call, members present were John Birkmeyer, Mary Caruso, Maureen Deely, Barbara Drew, Valere Egnasko, Daniel Organ, Ellen Ramsey, Lynne Shirk and Daniel Tumolo. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Thomas P. Grossi, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mark Toscano, Esquire. There were members of the public present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Tara Crowell read prepared statement against closing of school.

Marita Bretzke spoke on charging for preschool. She is against any plan to charge or get rid of preschool.

M Crowley spoke about tax impact of schools.

Stacy Olandt is against school closing. She stated she is looking to recall boardmembers.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Taylor gave an overview of the Agenda.

#### **1. Facilities**

*Motion by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by Mrs. Deely and carried by the Sea Isle City Board of Education with Mrs. Egnasko abstaining. The Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.*

- A. The Board approves the waiving of the liability insurance requirement for the use of the school facility for the Women's Civic Club of Sea Isle City to host the Mayor Candidate Forum on April 20, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Discussion – Mr. Toscano went over insurance issue

## 2. Finance

### A. Preliminary Budget

The Board approves the Preliminary Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Sea Isle City Board of Education hereby adopts the preliminary budget for the school year 2011-2012 as follows, subject to final approval or modification at the public hearing on March 22, 2011.

- A. General Fund \$4,009,252  
Amount to be raised by local taxes \$3,390,514
- B. Special Revenue Fund \$57,263
- C. Debt Fund \$0  
Amount to be raised by local taxes \$0

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Sea Isle Board of Education approves the following question for the Annual School Election to be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval:

RESOLVED: That there should be raised for General Funds \$3,390,514 for the ensuing School Year 2011-2012

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the public hearing for the 2011-2012 school year budget will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in the multi-purpose room at 7:00 p.m., and will be followed by a regular meeting.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to advertise said tentative budget in the Ocean City Sentinel in accordance with the format required by the State Department of Education and according to law.

- Discussion – Mr. Grossi went over the current budget for the Board including recent notice of State Aid. Mrs. Egnasko suggested dropping the tuition charge and the Board discussed this issue.

***Motion by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by Mrs. Deely and not carried by the Sea Isle City Board of Education with the following vote: Yes – Mrs. Deely, Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Shirk and No – Mr. Birkmeyer, Dr. Caruso, Mr. Organ, Mr. Tumolo and Mrs. Egnasko. The Board of Education did not approve the above budget without changes.***

***Motion by Mr. Tumolo, seconded by Mr. Organ and carried by the Sea Isle City Board of Education with the following vote: Yes – Mr. Birkmeyer, Dr. Caruso, Mr. Organ, Mr. Tumolo and Mrs. Egnasko and No – Mrs. Deely, Mrs. Drew and Mrs. Ramsey with Mrs. Shirk abstaining. The Board of Education approved the above budget without charging for tuition.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Toscano gave update on letter sent to Governor, Commissioner of Education and the Executive County Superintendent. The letter was received and is being reviewed and considered. He went over information in the letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mrs. Egnasko went over problems facing the school district including loss of State Aid, changes in the CAP and other continued constraints on the Board
- Mrs. Ramsey commented on tuition misconceptions

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Andy Ferrili is against closing the school and stated the Board should raise taxes. Mrs. Egnasko addressed.

Brian Heritage is against closing the school

Richard Cants is against closing the school

Michelle McDermott is against closing the school

Barbara Crowley had questions on letter sent to Governor that Mr. Toscano addressed.

Tara Crowell disagreed with feasibility studies and letter sent to Governor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mrs. Deely and seconded by Mr. Organ to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Grossi  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary