

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 12, 2009 meeting of the Alexandria Township Board of Education was called to order by President McGuinness at 7:06 PM.

2. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

This meeting was properly advertised according to the Open Public Meeting Act (P.L. 1975:31) in the Hunterdon Democrat on March 5, 2009, to begin at 7:00 PM.

3. ROLL CALL

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| Linda K. Adams - P | Susan F. Luthringer - P |
| Francis L. Guenther - A(8:07PM) | Patrick D. McGuinness - P |
| Steven Hill - A | Scott A. Saccal - P |
| Thomas W. Hlasney - A | Shawn J. Shapiro - P |
| Douglas E. Linden, Jr. - P | |

4. BOARD STATEMENT

The mission of the Alexandria Township School District is to achieve academic excellence through high quality instruction, a positive learning environment, and a strong partnership among staff members, family and community. We are committed to an inclusive educational program that recognizes individual differences and encourages each child to reach his or her potential. We believe that the desire for life-long learning, the development of positive character, and the development of a positive self-concept are essential outcomes of the school experience.

5. FLAG SALUTE

6. BOARD PRESIDENT

7. MOTIONS

2009-2010 School District Budget

1, Motion made by Mr. Saccal, seconded by Mrs. Adams, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following resolution:

Be It So Resolved, to approve a 2009-2010 School District Budget for submission to the voters of Alexandria Township as follows:

General Fund (Operating Budget)	\$8,961,716
Special Revenue Fund (Grants and Entitlements)	119,832
Debt Service Fund (Repayment of Debt)	654,459

Be It Further Resolved, to acknowledge that the 2009-2010 School District Budget as described above results in tax levies as follows:

General Fund (Operating Budget)	\$7,070,661
Debt Service Fund (Repayment of Debt)	564,723

The School District has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

Whereas, School District Policy #4133 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B1-2(b) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expenses reimbursement for the 2009-2010 school year.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Alexandria Township Board of Education hereby established the School District travel maximum for the 2009-2010 school year at the sum of \$24,500. Regular business travel maximum is \$1,500 per person.

Be It Further Resolved, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

The amount established for the 2008-09 school year is \$22,100. Total expenditures to date are \$14,414.91.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

2009-2010 State Aid

2. Motion made by Mrs. Luthringer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the 2009-2010 State Aid as follows:

Categorical Special Education Aid	\$ 327,880
Equalization Aid	1,075,572
Security Aid	43,541
Adjustment Aid	86,167
Transportation Aid	290,241
Debt Service Aid	71,736

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

No Child Left Behind Grant

3. Motion made by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mrs. Luthringer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the Fiscal Year 2009 No Child Left Behind Grant as follows:

Title I Part A	\$16,133
Title II Part A	11,843
Title II Part D	124
Title IV	1,178

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Alexandria Middle School Replacement of Walk-In Refrigerator/Freezer Unit

The following bids were received for the Alexandria Middle School replacement of the walk-in refrigerator/freezer unit:

Bid Comparison

	Singer Equipment	PB Group	De Sapio Construction	Envirocon
BASE BID - Furnish and install new box. Disconnect, remove and dispose of existing box.	\$36,900	\$54,365	\$59,200	\$55,270
ADD #1a - Demo of existing concrete and installation of new concrete pad.	\$ 7,950	\$14,190	\$ 7,660	\$ 5,000
ADD #1b - Include footings with new concrete pad.	\$ 4,500	Included with pad above	\$ 3,940	Included with pad above?
ADD #2 - Upgrade interior finish (walls & ceilings) to stainless steel	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,146	\$ 4,885	Included in Base Bid
TOTAL with ADD alternates #1 and #2	\$53,550	\$71,701	\$75,685	\$60,270
ADD #3 - Cover stainless steel floor with vinyl altro flooring	\$ 8,100	\$ 6,976	\$ 6,000	Not Included
ADD #4 - Delete Tafco floors and insulated pad with Visquin vapor barrier 4" of insulation and pressure treated breaker strips and bring pad level with building opening (to provide hard wearing surface).	(\$ 1,900)	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included
TOTAL with all ADD alternates	\$59,750	Not Complete	Not Complete	Not Complete

- Motion made by Mr. Linden, seconded by Mr. Shapiro, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the lowest responsible base bid submitted by Singer Equipment Company and Alternates 1a, 1b, and 2 as submitted. Remaining funds from the Alexandria Middle School Referendum will fund this project.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Remediation Of Arsenic In Alexandria Middle School Drinking Water

- Motion made by Mrs. Adams, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept a proposal submitted by The Portasoft Company to remediate arsenic in the Alexandria Middle School drinking water at a cost of \$16,900. Remaining funds from the Alexandria Middle School Referendum will partially fund this project together with operating budget monies.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Draw For Position

6. Motion made by Mr. Saccal, seconded by Mrs. Luthringer, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board change the date to draw for position on the ballot for the April 21, 2009 Annual School Election from March 11 to March 13, 2009, at 3:00 PM. The drawing will be conducted in the Board of Education Office at 557 County Road 513, Pittstown, New Jersey.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

8. WORK SESSION: 7:30 PM

A. Old Business

1. LDW Project
2. Before/After School Care Program

Mrs. Prowker left the meeting at 8:17 PM.

B. Policy Reviews

Policy/Regulation Number

Policy

2624

Grading

5420

Trimesters vs. Quarters

5440

Honor Roll

5200-5240

Attendance

2431

Sports Physicals

Other-Facility Charge for Outside Groups

C. Progress on Board Goals

D. New Business

1. Strategic Planning

9. BOARD GOALS

The Alexandria Township Board of Education will:

1. determine if the Board desires to pursue recognition by a third party organization (e.g. Star Schools, Blue Ribbon Schools).
2. continue to explore ways to increase the fiscal and operating efficiency of the District.

3. facilitate a more effective forum for communication through a published annual schedule, quarterly work session, and in other ways to be determined.
4. review and adopt policy book.
5. prepare for NJQSAC monitoring.

10. ADJOURN: 10:05 PM

Motion made by Mrs. Luthringer, seconded by Mr. Linden, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM.

Roll Call Vote: YES: All Present

Respectfully Submitted By,

Barbara E. Prowker
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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