

CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
188 Crest Haven Road
Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210

BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

March 25, 2014

3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of School Estimate meeting was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Freeholder's Meeting Room at the Cape May County Administration Building at 4 Moore Road, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

Members Present: Freeholder Morey, Freeholder Hayes, Freeholder Director Thornton, Board President Boyd, Board Vice President Gould, Dr. Nancy Hudanich, Superintendent, Paula Smith, Business Administrator

Others Present: Freeholder Desiderio, Freeholder Gabor, Board Member Anthony Anzelone and other members of the public.

Adequate notification of this meeting has been properly posted in the Press of Atlantic City on March 3, 2014, as prescribed by Chapter 231, laws of 1975.

PUBLIC INPUT

Superintendent Barbara Makoski from Cape May County Special Services School District presented the school year 2014/15 Budget to the Board of School Estimate.

Dr. Hudanich gave a power point presentation depicting program and facility enhancements to the Cape May County Technical School District, funded by the last bond referendum which was paid off in 2012 and those which have been accomplished through fiscal efficiencies and grants. She noted that the tax levy increase request forwarded in December reflected \$375,000 for the upgraded carpentry program, however it was not included in the budget before them because of the March 10, 2014 County Office submission deadline. She further explained to the board that if they were able to provide one time funds that would help launch the upgraded carpentry program, the tax levy request could be amended at this time.

Freeholder Morey asked if the district had considered using capital reserve funds for this program. Dr. Hudanich explained that the capital reserve funds have been earmarked for the local share of a 2.4 million dollar facilities project to include, window and door replacements, fire alarm upgrades and HVAC replacements needed in the 60 year old building. The district was fortunate to obtain a ROD Grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of 40% of the project which equals \$940,000.00.

Freeholder Hayes asked if the district has experienced declining enrollments in recent years due to the decline in student population in the county. Dr. Hudanich explained that the district is aware of this trend and that the budget includes an estimate of 135 new students.

Freeholder Hayes asked how the tuition rate is established. Dr. Hudanich explained it was based on a state calculation and the amount is dependent upon the amount of state aid and tax levy received each year.

Freeholder Hayes also asked for a brief explanation of the admissions process. Dr. Hudanich explained that all information can be found on the district website. Students are encouraged to complete an application, along with an assessment test which helps in providing the best educational opportunities for incoming students. She cited the example of the Summer Bridging Program for those students in need of additional support prior to the beginning of school in September.

Freeholder Hayes stated she was impressed when she visited the district and found that all municipalities in the county were represented by the students attending the Technical High School.

Finally, Freeholder Hayes asked why our school was not represented at a recent NJAC event. Dr. Hudanich explained that this was an area that had to be eliminated from the program as part of the fiscal efficiencies necessary due to flat funding.

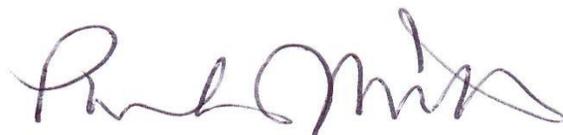
There were no further questions. Mrs. Smith asked for motion to approve the tax levy request as submitted or if it was the board's pleasure to amend the amount.

On the motion of Freeholder Morey, seconded by Freeholder Hayes, approving the budget as submitted, \$7,314,862.00 to be raised by tax levy for the 2014/15 school year, was approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Paula J. Smith".

Paula J. Smith
Board Secretary