

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The budget hearing of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on March 26, 2012 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the cafeteria by Francis Gavin. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided and, to the extent known at the time of advance publication, the agenda items to be considered. Written advance notification of the time, date and location was sent May 12, 2011 to the Express-Times, Daily Record and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

James Britt
William Cramer
Guy D'Esposito
John Egan
Brant Gibbs
Francis Gavin, President

ABSENT

Mike Pelletier
Mary Renaud

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Dr. Seth Cohen, Principal
Peter Pearson, SBA

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Presentation of 2012-2013 Budget

III. APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 BUDGET

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Chief School Administrator, the following budget resolutions for the 2012-2013 school year:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Allamuchy Township Board of Education, County of Warren, that the 2012-2013 school district budget be approved as follows:

	<u>Final Budget</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 8,155,737
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 274,500
Debt Service	\$ 783,492
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>\$ 9,213,729</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following General Fund Tax Levy and Debt Service Tax Levy

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 7,023,122
Debt Service Tax Levy	\$ 741,131
TOTAL LEVY	<u>\$ 7,764,253</u>

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV. Public Comments

V. Adjourn Budget Hearing

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by W. Cramer
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn the Budget Hearing

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Allamuchy Township Board of Education

The scheduled regular meeting of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education held on March 26, 2012 was called to order at 7:42 p.m. in Room 149 by Francis Gavin. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of the meeting was provided and, to the extent known at the time of advance publication, the agenda items to be considered. Written advance notification of the time, date and location was sent on May 12, 2011 to the Express-Times, Daily Record and Township Clerk. Notice was posted in the school office.

I. ROLL CALL

James Britt
William Cramer
Guy D'Esposito
John Egan
Brant Gibbs
Francis Gavin, President.
Student Representatives
Jonathan Westfall

ABSENT

Michael Pelletier
Mary Renaud

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Timothy Frederiks, CSA
Dr. Seth Cohen, Principal
Peter Pearson, SBA

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Moved by J. Egan and seconded by W. Cramer
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 27, 2012, be approved. (Appendix 1)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

V. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (Appendix 7)

VI. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Warren Life Member Club Telephone Pioneers- Donation of Scholastic books for the
Mountain Villa School Library
IntelliCom Analytics LLC - Donation of furniture for Rutherford Hall
Students of the Month

VII. PRESENTATION

Kristyn Pede – Suggestions for the Reading Specialist position
Mariah Thompson, Jaehnel Hanisak, Melissa Sabol School Play Update

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Indemnification

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the indemnification of the Township for our acts in furtherance of the Warren County Municipal Charitable Trust Grant, and authorize the execution by the Board officers of such documents necessary to do so.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities and Property – William Cramer, Chair

B. Communications & Public Relations - John Egan, Chair
"Newsletter Draft"
(Appendix 2)

C. Student Activities/PTO Liaison – open, Chair

D. Hackettstown BOE Representative – Francis Gavin

E. Town Council Liaisons – Guy D'Esposito

F. Foundation Liaison - Francis Gavin

G. Rutherford Hall – Long Range Planning – Mary Renaud, Chair

H. Finance – James Britt, Chair

I. Curriculum – open, Chair

J. Personnel – Mary Renaud, Chair

K. Policy – Mike Pelletier, Chair

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

XI. BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS

Finance – James Britt, Chair

On the recommendation of the School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator:

A. Transfers

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following list of transfers with a total in Fund 10 of \$43,047.65. (Appendix 3)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Bills List

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills list in the amount of \$1,106,993.28, checks #21682 through #21758 be approved for payment. (Appendix 4)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

C. Joint Transportation Contract

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by J. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2011-2012 Joint Transportation Contracts with effective 1-3-12:

Bus #	School District	Route	Cost
21	Great Meadows BOE	21- ATS	\$2943
21	Hope Township BOE	21 -PSD	\$2943

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote

Finance – continued

D. Joint Transportation

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the joint resolution for transportation services with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2012-2013 school year and includes a 4% administration fee.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E. Student Activity

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Student Activity Account in the amount of \$2,012.90 Skylands Community Bank, \$35,915.64 Investors Bank balance as of 02-29-2012. (Appendix 5)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

F. Safety Grant Submission

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allamuchy Township Board of Education hereby approves the submission of grant application for the 2011 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's ERIC WEST Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

G. Tuition Contract

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the tuition contract with Jersey City Board of Education of one student at a rate of \$82.13 per day for 115 days due to temporary residence.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Finance – continued

H. Monthly Certification of Budget

Moved by J. Britt and seconded by E. Egan.

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allamuchy Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary's monthly certification, as attached, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 3 that as of January 31, 2012 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a).

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, the Allamuchy Township School District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports certify that as of January 31, 2012 and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3. **BE IT REOLVED THAT**, the motion to accept the financial reports from the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of February, 2012 with a total Governmental Funds Account cash balance of \$ 555,469.65. (Appendix 6)

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy – Michael Pelletier, Chair

A. Open Public Meetings Act

Moved by J. Egan and seconded by J. Britt

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the resolution listed below:

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPPOSING S-1451, AMENDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, et seq., serves the important purpose of assuring that public records are widely available, assuring open government; and

WHEREAS, S-1451, a bill pending in the New Jersey Senate, seeks to amend Open Public Meetings Act in various ways, including but not limited to the following: (a) prohibiting a governing body from acting upon a matter that is not listed on an agenda for which 48 hours notice was given, except in the case of emergencies and otherwise altering the agenda requirements; (b) permitting all proceedings of any public meeting to be recorded,

photographed, audio taped, videotaped, broadcast or recorded by any member of the public as well as any news organization; (c) imposing on committees and subcommittees the requirements, including newly created requirements, of the Open Public Meetings Act; (d) limiting the ability of governing bodies to discuss pending or anticipated litigation, contract negotiations and personnel matters in closed session; (requiring certain information to be included in the minutes of a meeting of a public body; (f) requiring all public bodies to create audio recordings of all meetings of public bodies, including committees, and subcommittees, when there is available sound recording equipment;; and (g) several other provisions that will increase the cost and time expended in Open Public Meetings Act compliance; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has not, in S-1451, provided for an appropriation of funds to offset these direct additional costs, and these costs may not be recouped by alternate means such as a reasonable increase in Open Public Meetings Act or Open Public Records Act fees, because those fees are also sharply limited by statute; and

WHEREAS, at this point in time, considering the fiscal stress being placed on New Jersey municipalities and the state policymakers' urging that local officials decrease spending, it is inadvisable to adopt a bill that would increase costs; and

WHEREAS, S-1451 includes numerous unfunded mandates, contrary to Governor Christie's Executive Order No. 4 as well as the New Jersey Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of S-1451 will also impede the ability of Allamuchy Township Board of Education and other New Jersey boards of education to manage effectively their personnel and other issues which should remain confidential

WHEREAS, the provisions of S-1451 will have the effect of significantly hindering the policy and management oversight functions of boards of education by imposing the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act on committees and subcommittees of boards of education, which divisions of boards by definition lack the authority or power to make decisions and which divisions of boards are essential to the effective functioning of boards of education that have decided on a policy of governance based on the committee system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Allamuchy Township Board of Education that the Allamuchy Township Board of education hereby finds and declares as follows:

1. S-1451 is unwise legislation that will significantly impair the proper and effective operation of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education;
2. S-1451 will unconstitutionally impose direct costs on the Allamuchy Township Board of Education and thereby constitute a constitutionally prohibited unfunded local mandate;
3. the benefits proposed amendments and supplements to the Open Public Meetings Act, especially those identified above, do not outweigh the significant detriments in the effectiveness of the operation and governance of boards of education; and
4. the proposed amendments and supplements to the Open Public Meetings Act do not precisely implement the perceived needs of the public;

ACCORDINGLY, the Allamuchy Township Board of Education hereby urges the New Jersey Senate and the New Jersey Assembly to refrain from passing S-1451 or any equivalent bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State Senator Steven V. Oroho, State Assemblyman Gary R. Chiusano and Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Office of the Governor.

CERTIFICATION

I, Peter Pearson, Secretary of the Allamuchy Township Board of Education, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Allamuchy Township Board of Education at their meeting of March 26, 2012.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Personnel – Mary Renaud, Chair

A. Resignation

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D’Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Beth Squire with regret and best wishes as of 3/16/12 as an instructional aide.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Instructional Aide Replacement

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D’Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Maura Radulic as an instructional aide effective 4/02/12 with an annual salary of \$17,810.00 (to be prorated) to replace Beth Squire.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Guide Placement

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D’Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the correction of Marianne Saks’ step on the Aides Guide to read Step 10 effective 9-1-2011. Retro pay of \$2141.75 to be paid with the 3-30-12 payroll.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Mentor

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D’Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Sam Greco as a mentor for Lia Ordille effective 2-6-12 at a prorated mentor rate as per the negotiated agreement.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Personnel - continued

E. Mentor

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Tracy Holt as a mentor for Tammi Sarnoski effective 1-30-12 at prorated mentor rate as per the negotiated agreement.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

F. Volunteers

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve to following as classroom volunteers for the 2011/2012 School Year.

Alexandra Galan Alexis Cioppettini

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

G. Substitute Teacher

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Haley Aussems as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

H. Resignation

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the resignation of Sandra Rubenstein as nurse at the Mountain Villa School effective July 1, 2012 with regret and best wishes.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. Girls On The Run Aide

Moved by B. Gibbs and seconded by G. D'Esposito.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve Gerald Mazzetta for the Girls on the Run Aide at \$15.00 for approx. 3 hrs. a week.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Curriculum and Technology – open, Chair

A. Attendance at Professional Conferences

Moved by J. Egan and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following requests for attendance at professional conferences with mileage reimbursed at the current rate.

Name	Conference Name	Location	Date	Mileage	Conf. Cost
Tshudy	NJASSW	Monroe Twp	4-23-12	114	\$95

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Class Trips

Moved by J. Egan and seconded by W. Cramer.

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the following class trips for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Date	Town	Cost per child	Transportation
Thompson	05/18/12	Allentown, PA	\$33.00	\$600.00
Cohen	04/04/12	Great Meadows	\$0	\$0
Cohen	04/03/12	Stillwater	\$15.00	\$180.00
Cohen	04/17/12	Blairstown	\$0	\$0

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget discussions with Town - Update
Solar Energy Options - Update
T-Mobile Cell Tower - Update
HIB – February and March

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XV. BOARD DISCUSSION

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by W. Cramer and seconded by G. D'Esposito.
BE IT RESOLVED, to adjourn.

CARRIED: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Time: 8:50 p.m.