

Mays Landing, NJ
March 12, 2012

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2012
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the Davies Middle School by Dr. Anne Erickson, President.

**Call
To
Order**

Dr. Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press and Atlantic County Record and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Social Services Center, Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library as well as all the schools of the district. A mechanical device is being used to record this meeting.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Eric Aiken, Mr. Carl Anderson, Mrs. Michelle Befano, Mrs. Margaret Capone, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, Mr. Mark Ludwick, and Dr. Anne Erickson. Quorum present.

**Roll
Call**

Members Absent: Dr. David May and Mrs. Kim Melton.

Also present Mrs. Michelle Cappelluti: Superintendent of Schools
were: Mrs. Martha Jamison: Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Landau, reporter, asked if there would be action taken after Executive session. Dr. Erickson responded that the motion on the agenda was approved by the Board at the March 6, 2012 meeting so there would be no action necessary. She explained that the Board was not able to complete their discussion of budget issues at that meeting and therefore needed this special meeting to conclude their discussion. He also requested some information about the budget and tax levy and was given a copy of a spreadsheet showing the tax levy information. Mrs. Cappelluti offered to e-mail him information about the planned changes in personnel and programs. He then asked a few more questions concerning the budget, which were answered by Dr. Erickson, Mr. Ludwick or Mrs. Cappelluti.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There was discussion of a possible change in date for the Regular

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Meeting and Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Budget from Tuesday, March 27, 2012 to either Wednesday or Thursday, March 28 or 29, 2012. This would accommodate Mr. Ludwick, Chair of Finance Committee, who is not able to attend the meeting on the 27th. Mrs. Capone expressed her concerns that the public is used to Tuesday night meetings and asked that we do not change the date. There was some discussion, with Dr. Erickson asking the Board members their preference. It was agreed to keep the meeting as scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Befano, to enter into executive session for the purpose of Board discussion of 2012-2013 budget information in relation to contract negotiations.

Resolved that pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving Board discussion of 2012-2013 budget information in relation to contract negotiations. Further resolved that the discussion of such subject matter in executive session can be disclosed to the public when formal action is taken on such subject matter or at any other appropriate time.

Voice Vote: (7-0-0) Motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Aiken, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: (7-0-0)

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Martha J. Jamison, CPA
Board Secretary