

**PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013**

The Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Education held a Special Budget Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2013 at the Board of Education Building, 292 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

CALL TO ORDER

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President Golderer opened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

President Golderer stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as specified in the Act. A meeting notice was published in the Daily Record on March 16, 2013. Additionally the Notice of Meeting was posted at the Municipal building and copy of Notice filed with the Township Clerk on March 15, 2013. This notice was also transmitted on March 15, 2013 to the Daily Record, The Star Ledger, and the district website: www.pthsd.k12.nj.us.

This is an official meeting.

FIRE NOTICE

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The Fire Notice was read by President Golderer.

ROLL CALL

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Present: Dr. Frank Calabria
 Mr. James Carifi
 Mr. Anthony DeIntinis
 Mr. Anthony Mancuso (arrived at 9:15 p.m.)
 Mr. Gary Martin
 Mrs. Fran Orthwein
 Mr. Michael Strumolo
 Mrs. Susy Golderer

Absent & Excused: Mr. Sharif Shamsudin

Also Present: Dr. LeRoy Seitz, Superintendent
 Mrs. Robin Tedesco, Business Administrator
 Mrs. Nancy Gigante, Director of Curriculum
 Mrs. Suzanne Olimpio, Director of Special Services
 Mr. Mark A. Tabakin, Esq., Board Attorney
 Mrs. Susan Tindal, Assistant Board Secretary
 Mrs. Joni Benos, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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President Golderer led the assembly in a salute to the flag.

President Golderer stated that tonight's meeting will be about the budget and introduced Dr. Seitz who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

At the beginning of the presentation Dr. Seitz stated that the Ad Hoc Committee met about the athletic fields. The committee asked that the fields and track be addressed in the budget.

Dr. Seitz offered suggestions on cuts to the budget.

Board members asked questions.

Mr. DeIntinis asked if there were any demonstrations given to the students and parents about the introduction of iPads. He asked if students are being trained about security and noted that the School Resource Officers (SROs) will assure that the safety of the students is paramount.

Mr. Strumolo asked what does an SRO do?

A Board discussion ensued.

Dr. Calabria asked if the Ad Hoc Committee made a suggestion to go to referendum.

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Mrs. Orthwein noted she would like to see on SRO in the budget.

Mrs. Golderer asked if VOTG needs all equipment in Lease Purchase and the budget, and asked what can the Board hold off on in the budget.

Mr. Strumolo noted that shared services were cut with the Township and that VOTG used to be a 50/50 split and now we are spending more than the Township.

Mr. Carifi asked questions about specific items on the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. DeIntinis asked for a list of athletic equipment in 0600 and 0420 and asked to obtain a list from the Athletic Directors on what they use funds for.

Dr. Calabria talked about the district's legal fees and asked for an accounting of the account.

Mr. Martin asked for a list for no tax increase.

Dr. Seitz stated that this was already done at the March 14th meeting.

Mr. Martin made a motion for the Superintendent to prepare cuts for a flat budget in the amount of \$2 million and cuts in the amount of \$1.5 million. Dr. Calabria seconded the motion and a discussion ensued. The motion was changed to prepare flat cuts and \$2

million in cuts. The motion did not pass on roll call vote with 5 Noes and 2 Ayes by Mr. Martin and Mrs. Golderer.

PUBLIC PORTION

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George Blair – finds this Board very interesting and said they should stop micro-managing the budget and asked what cuts Dr. Seitz would like; Dr. Seitz said we should go with the level we have in the tentative budget.

Beth Bluj – attended the ad hoc committee and is happy with the addition of the funds for the fields and track.

Tom Bluj – admires that the Board formed the ad hoc committee and finally things are getting done.

Mark DeAngelis – asked if Dr. Seitz determines the cap.

Dr. Seitz replied advising that the public can go to the user friendly budget posted on the school district website.

Mark DeAngelis – asked about the policy vote on the children who do not live in the district.

Dr. Seitz answered the question.

Mark DeAngelis – asked about the turf field referendum.

Kristin Ritter – voter confidence needs to be reinforced with the Board; great privilege to be part of the ad hoc committee; regarding iPads go for an idea of bringing your own devices and those that do not have them, the Board can give them a device.

Michael Espejo – field ad hoc committee and Dr. Seitz have devised a plan to get the field at Parsippany Hills High School and the track at Parsippany High School into the budget; we can wait for one more year for iPads.

Roman Hoshowsky – fields have been pushed off for a very long time so we need to do these now; need a pilot program for iPads to see how it goes.

Maurice Saunder – field ad hoc committee; talked about safety.

Alison Cogan – the job as Board members to cut the budget need to come up with a dollar amount to cut then make decisions about what to cut; suggested to approve the budget as recommended by the Superintendent.

Roberta Cooper – need another SRO in each high school to educate the students and stop some of the things going on in the high schools; iPads are needed but we need to see how the rollout looks.

Valerie N? – field ad hoc committee, both sides of town at meeting and people all agreed.

Rick ? – field ad hoc committee; people coming together as a community.

Liz Kadian – media specialists are need at the elementary level; if you are showing good faith at an athletic level we need that at the media specialist level.

The public portion was closed at 10:12 p.m.

Dr. Seitz commented on the public portion specifically regarding the bring your own technology concept, the fields and the d zones, and noted that the 9th grades are more grouped together for the iPad implementation.

President Golderer commented on the budget process and the comments from the public portion of the meeting.

Dr. Calabria feels that Dr. Seitz provided lists of cuts and ideas from the public about the fields.

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There being no further business the public meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Carifi, seconded by Mrs. Orthwein and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin C. Tedesco
Board Secretary