

ATLANTIC CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

March 18, 2021 – 5:30pm

Call To Order Called to order by Mrs. Bailey, Vice President

Roll Call Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Devlin, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Hossain, Mr. Islam, Mr., Johnson and Mr. Steele.

Also Present Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Morris, Ms. Yahn, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Brown and Ms. Wallace.

Statement of Notice

A notice of the special meeting was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the CitiCenter Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on March 16, 2021.

Flag Salute Mrs. Brown led those present in the flag salute

Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: The Atlantic City District recognizes the urgency to provide resources to improve instruction through exemplary and diverse practices which are monitored and analyzed through student achievement data. The District has the expectation that all students will achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

Mission: In order to meet the needs of all students, the District is committed to increasing student learning and improving teaching in the core academic subjects by using instructional strategies aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and based on Scientifically Based Research. Parents will be active partners and key stakeholders with the Atlantic City School District to support their student's intellectual, emotional, physical and social growth.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Barry Caldwell - NONE

Nominations for Board President

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, a nomination was put in for Mr. Shay Steele for board president.

On a motion made by Mr. Islam and seconded by Mr. Hossain, a nomination was made for Mr. John Devlin for board president.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mrs. Byard the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to close nominations for board president.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted for Mr. Shay Steele to serve as board president. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-no; Mr. Herbert-no, Mr. Islam-no; Mr. Hossain-no; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present, five voted in the affirmative and four voted in the negative. The motion carried.

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Public Comments

Mr. John Kabir, AC taxpayer, discussed halal food in the schools, lunch not being good at the schools, requested minority children be taken care of and advised he has known Mr. Hossain for 25 years and he is a nice person, and the need to have off for Ramadan and Eid-Fitrl. Mr. Caldwell advised the district observes Muslim holidays, had a meeting with 4 Emons and Mr. Hossain was present. Halal food is offered every day at ACHS and three times a week at elementary school and that it is cooked in an oven and the amount will be increased. Ms. Yahn advised a listing is sent down from the State listing all holidays.

Presentation for 2021/2022 proposed budget

School Business Administrator Mrs. Celeste Ricketts advised the resolution below is for the proposed budget for the 2021/2022 school year and to give the authority to send the proposed budget to the Executive County Superintendent. The date for the public hearing is May 4, 2021. Mrs. Ricketts discussed the Cares Funds to be added as a mid-year budget adjustment, tuition revenue, transportation, operations, technology, administration building, capital reserve, enrollment, general fund revenue, local tax levy decrease from last year, state aid increase, federal and state grants and debt service revenue. Lastly, Mrs. Ricketts advised that the Districts S&P rating is BBB.

GOODS & SERVICES

1. Approve the 2021/2022 proposed budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$202,806,527	\$81,397,025
Grants	\$ 16,038,626	
Debt Service	\$ 5,579,668	\$ 4,576,449
Total Proposed Budget	\$224,424,821	

2. Approve the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 (p), the District Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year that may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount will include all travel that is supported by federal, state, and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Education has determined that the total maximum travel budget for the general fund for the 2021/2022 school year is \$87,450 and the District has spent \$220 as of March 18, 2021,

WHEREAS, the District Board of Education has determined the maximum travel budget for Federal Funds to be \$75,000 for the 2020/2021 school year. The projected travel amount is projected to be the same for the 2021/2022 school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Board of Education hereby establishes the maximum travel amount for the 2021/2022 general fund budget is \$87,450.

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3. Approve the following:

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1 permits a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts in the annual general fund budget certified taxes, and

Whereas, the Atlantic City Board of Education wishes to deposit funds into Capital Reserve and Maintenance Reserve accounts, and

Now therefore be it resolved the Atlantic City Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed

\$16M, to be deposited into the Capital Reserve account and an amount not to exceed \$5M, in Maintenance Resource account.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Goods & Services 1 – 3. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Devlin-yes; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Hossain-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes and Mr. Steele-yes. Of nine members present nine voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjourn There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, on a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Herbert, the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary