

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Special Business Session meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph Middle School Library, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President, Gregory Mark, called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **Roll Call**

The following board members were present: Mr. Ethan Blynn, Ms. Barbara Levinson, Ms. Maria Martorana, Mr. Al Matos, and Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and Mr. Gregory Mark.

Board members Ms. Christine Carey, Ms. Tammy MacKay and Ms. Amy Sachs were absent.

The following administrators were present: Mr. Owen Snyder, Superintendent, Dr. David Browne, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Schifffenhaus, Director of Special Education, and Mr. Michael Neves, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

### **Closed Session – 7:15 p.m.**

Board member Ms. Jeanne Stifelman made a motion seconded by Mr. Al Matos and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a closed session regarding Personnel, Litigation and Negotiations. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident supports the budget as presented.

### **Correspondence**

a. – e. Budget

**New Business**

Board member Ms. Jeanne Stifelman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ethan Blynn and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the following **Finance, Facilities and Transportation Motions A.1 – 4**, with the following exception:

Board members Ms. Christine Carey, Ms. Tammy MacKay and Ms. Amy Sachs were absent.

**A. Finance, Facilities and Transportation**

**1. MOTION** to approve the following resolution approving the 2010-2011 School Year District Budget as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the 2010-2011 School District Budget for submission to the voters as follows:

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 74,064,248</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,688</b>
<b>Debt Service Fund:</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,096,416</u></b>
<b>Total Base Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 79,583,352</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to acknowledge that the 2010-2011 Budget as described above results in a General Fund Tax Levy of:

**\$ 63,239,577**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to acknowledge that the 2010-2011 Budget as described above results in a Debt Service Fund Tax Levy of:

**\$ 3,804,597**

**2. MOTION** to approve maximum travel expenditure:

**WHEREAS**, school district policy **9250 – EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENTS**, provides that the Randolph Township Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2010-2011 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Randolph Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2010-2011 school year at the sum of \$40,350, and, an amount spent to date of \$

7,111, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**3. MOTION** to approve maximum dollar limit for professional services expenditure:

**WHEREAS**, school district policy **0177 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**, provides that the Randolph Township Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for professional services for 2010-2011 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Randolph Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district professional services maximum for the 2010-2011 school year at the sum of \$ 2,151,177, and, an amount spent to date \$ 1,693,451, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**4. MOTION** to approve maximum dollar limit for public relations services expenditure:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Randolph Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district public relations maximum for the 2010-2011 school year at the sum of \$ 40,000, and, an amount spent to date \$ 30,125, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

### **Public Discussion**

A Randolph resident reminded the public of the upcoming candidate's forum for board of education candidates.

Another Randolph resident questioned the tax impact of the approved budget and program implications of the approved budget.

Another Randolph resident questioned if the administrative costs of the district have been reviewed for potential reductions.

Another Randolph resident spoke in support of the budget. He also requested explanation of the tax levy waiver amount.

Another resident questioned the process used to determine which teacher would be eliminated.

Another resident questioned the Governor's incentive to be aggressive obtaining salary freeze on district employees.

Another Randolph resident supports the budget, further commenting that future tax increases are not palatable and stated that district's should come under the proposed 2.5%.

Another resident questioned the difference between gifted and talented and an enrichment program and how the Randolph program is impacted in this budget.

### **Adjournment**

Board member Mr. Ethan Blynn made a motion seconded by Ms. Maria Martorana and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Board members Ms. Christine Carey, Ms. Tammy MacKay and Ms. Amy Sachs were absent.

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Neves  
Board Secretary