

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS  
IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Board Meeting of March 4, 2016 was called to order by President Albert Pitman at 12:03 pm. The meeting took place at the Mercer County Vocational-Technical Schools, 1085 Old Trenton Road, Trenton, New Jersey. The President read the following statement:

“In accordance with the State’s Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided. This meeting was advertised in the Trenton Times newspaper on February 12, 2016. This notice was also posted in the Board Office and a copy has been filed with the County Clerk of Mercer.”

Roll Call:           Mrs. Iszard - Present                               Ms. Stinger – Present                               Dr. Morana - Absent  
                          Mr. Zoller - Present                               Mr. Pitman - Present

Tanya Dawson, Business Administrator presented the Tentative 2016-2017 Budget. First discussed was enrollment with emphasis on the increase of full time students due to the Culinary and STEM full academies. Ms. Dawson noted a 2% increase to the county tax levy and the increase in tuition as we have the full time academy tuition being charged.

Mr. Pitman stated, looks like our state aid is down.

Ms. Dawson said, it appears that way, but it is not. This school year we received additional aid for post-secondary and that money was not awarded again for 2016-2017, making it appear there is a decrease.

Ms. Dawson explained how funds are allocated. A big change is noticed in Capital Outlay from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017. This is due to the ROD grant project currently underway.

The General Fund Analysis shows our budget in total, again noting the Capital Outlay difference. Lastly, I believe it is important to understand the concerns of our sending school districts. Being sensitive to what their issues are helps in how we move forward.

6.       NEW BUSINESS

Business Administrator recommended the Board approve the following:

- A. Resolve to approve and submit the 2016-2017 Tentative School District Budget for approval by the Executive County Superintendent (attached)
- B. Proposal of Chris Guerrero, Power School Consultant at an hourly rate of \$90, not to exceed \$5,000 (11-000-252-340-07-00-2520) (attached)
- C. Change Order #1 for Performance Mechanical Corp. for replacement of existing pump piping specialties in the amount of \$44,700 (Handout)

Ms. Iszard introduced a motion for the Board to approve the aforementioned. Ms. Stinger seconded the motion and it was carried by roll call vote.

Roll Call:           Mrs. Iszard - Yes                               Ms. Stinger – Yes                               Dr. Morana – Absent  
                          Mr. Zoller - Yes                               Mr. Pitman – Yes

