

LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY
July 23, 2018

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this Special meeting has been provided. On July 17, 2018 written notice of this meeting was posted in two schools, City Hall, and the Linwood City Library. On that same date written notice was faxed and mailed to The Press and The Current.

The meeting of the Linwood Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Ziereis, Board President, in the Library, Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey, Monday, July 23, 2018 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Ziereis led all present in a flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Barrera, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Scannell, Mrs. DeMorat, Mr. Goldstein, Mrs. Ziereis, Mr. Kahn, Mr. McLaughlin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judge Todd

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Pruitt Superintendent, T. Weeks, School Business Administrator, L. Care, D. Lamkin, A. Lhulier

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations – None

Curriculum – None

Personnel – None

Operations – Mrs. Ziereis recapped the discussion at the Operations meeting that was just held prior to this meeting. Recommendations to address the loss of state aid were reviewed. Judge Todd was at this meeting, but not able to stay for this meeting and concurred with the committee's recommendation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FOR INFORMATION

Board Retreat – State Aid Loss Presentation

Mr. Pruitt and Mrs. Weeks reviewed the overall budget, loss of state aid and recommendations moving forward to address the loss of aid. A power point recapped where the district was at budget time and the recommended revisions.

The State notified the school district on July 13 that they would be losing \$146,000+ of state aid to support the current budget. The recommendation to use fund balance was made along with applying for Emergency aid to help offset this loss of aid which places the district in fiscal distress moving forward. The future impact to the taxpayers was reviewed. The impact to the future of the programs and services provided was reviewed and discussed. The board members discussed various points and were in agreement with the recommendations.

The board discussed the resolution and process moving forward. Mrs. Zieries, Mr. Pruitt, and Mrs. Weeks met with the Mayor to provide him with an overview of the concerns moving forward. Mrs. Zieries reported the Mayor is supportive and in a joint effort will work on this challenge facing the community.

The August 20, 2018 Special meeting of the Board will include a Board retreat. There will be action taken at this meeting. This will give the Board the opportunity to discuss the process moving forward including goal setting and/or security initiatives.

ACTION REQUIRED - None

Communication – Included in the packet

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – None.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mrs. Barrera, to adjourn. (8:20 PM).

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, Business Administrator,
Board Secretary