

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Public Hearing Meeting
May 5, 2020 – 500pm**

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A. Call To Order Mr. Devlin, President

B. Roll Call Mrs. Bailey ___; Ms. Bassford ___; Mrs. Byard ___; Mr. Chowdhury ___; Mr. Devlin ___; Mr. Herbert ___; Mr. Hossain ___; Mr. Islam ___; Mr. Steele ___; Mr. Thomas ___.

Mr. Caldwell ___; Mr. Fisher ___; Ms. Yahn ___; Mrs. Ricketts ___; Ms. Saunders ___; Mrs. Riley ___; Mrs. Brown ___; Ms. Wallace ___.

C. Statement of Notice

A notice of the public hearing was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on May 2, 2020.

D. Flag Salute

E. 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 Student Learning 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 Student Learning Standards at all grade levels. 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.

F. Superintendent Report – Mr. Barry S. Caldwell - Superintendent

G. Public Comments

The Board welcomes input from parents, students and community members and encourage participation in its meetings. Those who wish to speak during public comments must sign in prior to the public portion.

The Board wishes to remind residents that public complaints and grievances concerning district personnel shall be handled in accordance with Policy & Regulation number 9130 and that personnel matters will not be discussed by the board in public. It is incumbent upon us a Board to advise the public that comments asserted that are stated in such a way as to convey to the listeners that they are factual and true, when in fact, may just be the speaker's opinion, may be considered slanderous and present the risk of liability to the speaker as well as to the Board. The Board desires to make it known that verbal abuse, threats, or other pressure tactics shall not be tolerated. In the event that inappropriate behavior becomes evident, the board shall reserve the right to limit or cease public discussion. The Board kindly asks that you limit your comments to three (3) minutes and wishes to thank you for coming and for taking your time to join us.

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H. GOODS & SERVICES 1 – 2

1. Approve the following:

Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of Education to adopt the 2020/2021 budget, as required by the New Jersey Department of Education process, in the following sums.

General Fund	\$177,811,227
Special Revenues	\$ 14,503,183
Debt Service	<u>\$ 6,315,257</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$198,629,667</u>

2. Approve the following:

Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of Education to approve the 2020/2021 budget and local revenue.

Local Revenue	\$81,888,890
Debt Service Revenue	<u>\$ 5,826,969</u>
Total Local Revenue	<u>\$87,715,859</u>

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Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

I. Closed Session

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session, at approximately _____ p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:);

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law; Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer: *Public Hearing: Workers Compensation*

(If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is) (Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee

or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject

to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) nature of discussions are employment requirements/modifications.

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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I, Angela Brown, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City at their meeting held on May 5, 2020.

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

J. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

K. AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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3. Approve the Section 20 settlement agreement with employee #100230 (NYA), in the amount of \$12,500.

4. Approve the workers compensation settlement agreement with employee #103701 (PAS), in the amount of \$34,308.

5. Approve the workers compensation settlement agreement with employee #102076 (ACHS), in the amount of \$5,052.50 and the Section 20 settlement in the amount of \$10,000, for a total amount of 15,052.50.

6. Approve the workers compensation settlement agreement with employee #102245 (CH), in the amount of \$104,729.

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Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

Adjourn

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

Time _____