

**Atlantic City Board of Education
Public Hearing
May 4, 2022 – 5:30pm**

Call to Order Mr. Steele, President

Roll Call Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Cupeles, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Islam, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Steele.

Also in attendance Dr. Small, Ms. Morris, Ms. Yahn, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Riley

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 April 29, 2022.

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

Vision & Mission Statement Noted for the record

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. La'Quetta S. Small – None

Budget Presentation – Mrs. Celeste Ricketts, School Business Administrator

Mrs. Ricketts presented the proposed 2022/2023 budget, advised the budget was built to sustain and enrich current level instructional programs with the objective to prepare the students for graduation and beyond. State Aid increased by \$23,083,441, a reduction in the tax levy by \$3.5M, the refinancing of two bonds saved the taxpayers \$548,191 – in total the tax levy is lowering by \$4,048,191. Mrs. Ricketts discussed State Aid, Commercial Stabilization, Tuition Revenue, Local Levy, Debt Service Levy and Pilot Funding for a total budget of \$268,155,570. Total operating budget is \$218,981,153, Total Grants are \$44,143,120 and Total Debt Service is \$5,031,477. Mrs. Ricketts highlighted the accomplishments for K-8, added supports and modifications, alternative activities and assessments for ELL in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, added accommodations to support at-risk special education and talented students, K-4 Special Education, WIDA, Technology, 21st Century and Career, Personal and Financial Literacy, Career Awareness and integrated standards were updated. Grades 9 – 12 added block scheduling, updated Writing, Science, Social Studies and Math benchmarks, updated course descriptions, benchmark assessments to reflect themes and pacing for Spanish and French. Mrs. Ricketts discussed the Superintendent's Goals of raising student achievement, addressing chronic absenteeism and addressing recruitment and retention at ACHS. Mrs. Ricketts advised of major instructional purchases totaling \$8,767,127, Personnel increases, capital projects totaling \$7,353,000 and equipment and vehicle purchases totaling \$1,324,109. Carry-over from the 2020/2021 school year to be used in the 2022/2023 budget is \$19,285,545. Ms. Morris thanked Mrs. Ricketts for a job well done, for treating the funding like it's her own money, for being very conscientious. Mrs. Ricketts thanked the Superintendent and Board for a good working relationship, thanked Ms. Yahn for all her help with curriculum and staff for assistance.

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Mr. Herbert thanked Dr. Small for bringing back sports programs. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached and considered par to the permanent record.

Public Comments - Mr. Tim Kreisher discussed a shared service jointure with Ventnor Board of Education for after school activities and asked for the formula used to determine the high school expenses and tuition rate. Mr. Cupeles advised Mr. Kreisher that the Ventnor School District is looking into same, advised of the bus shortage and drivers.

GOODS & SERVICES 1 - 2

1. Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of Education to adopt the 2022/2023 budget, as required, by the New Jersey Department of Education process in the following sums:

General Fund	\$218,981,153
Special Revenue	\$ 44,143,120
Debt Service	<u>\$ 5,031,477</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$268,155,750</u>

2. Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of Education to approve the 2022/2023 budget and local revenue:

Local Revenue	\$77,897,025
Debt Service Revenue	<u>\$ 4,136,563</u>
Total Local Revenue	<u>\$82,033,588</u>

GOODS & SERVICES 1 – 2

On a motion made by Mrs. Byard and seconded by Mr. Herbert, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Goods & Services 1 – 2. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Cupeles-yes on sending-abstain on elementary; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of seven members present, six voted in the affirmative on all and one abstained on elementary. The motion carried.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION 1 – 3

1. Approve to remove account #20-488-200-104-xxx from board resolution 11/16/2021 C & I #5 and replace with account# 20-487-200-104-xxx to extend the Saturday Curriculum work for grades K-8 to include after school hours using the Saturday Curriculum approved teachers. This will concentrate on areas of need for students with learning loss due to the pandemic through Weekly Instructional Guidance Documents for Math and ELA. This work will take place after-school from November 2021 - April 2022. Teachers will be paid at the contracted rate of \$45.87 for 20 hours not to exceed \$917.40 per teacher.

2. Remove account number 20-241-200-100-015-00-100 from resolution #13 from January 25, 2022 and replace it with account number 20-243-100-104-xxx.

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Original resolution 1.25.22 #13 Approve Hilda Llerena, Tennale Norman-Vargas, Suzanne Stinson and Adelaida Soto to provide outreach and support to immigrant students and their families before and after school contractual hours, but no later than 7 pm. This program will connect them to school and community resources to assist with the transition to English and the new school community/culture. Parent Outreach and Family Engagement are required used for Title III Immigrant Funds. Teachers will work a maximum of 60 hours each from January through June and will be paid at the contracted rate of \$45.87/hour. The total per staff member not to exceed \$2752.20 (60 hours each x \$45.87). Total all staff not to exceed \$11,008.80 (4 staff x \$2752.20). Account number: 20-241-200-100-015-00-100

3. Amend August 21, 2021 Board Resolution to add additional account number for payments:

Medical Advisory Committee staff will be paid the contractual rate of \$45.87/hour with the total dollar amount for payment will NOT exceed **\$37,136.00**. (Charlotte Nagele-Boles and Sherese Price-Chapman and Daisy Ortiz x \$45.87/hour x 812 total hours, approx. 270 hours each) Account# (20-483-200-104-015-34-104) **ESSR 2** & Account# (20-487-200-104-015-34-104) **ARP ESSER, charged to accounts numbers: 20-483-200-104-015-34-104 and 20-487-200-104-015-34-104**

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION 1 – 3

On a motion made by Mrs. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Herbert, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Curriculum & Instruction 1 – 3. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-yes; Mr. Cupeles-yes sending-abstain elementary; Mr. Herbert-yes; Mr. Islam-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of seven members present, seven voted in the affirmative and one abstained on elementary. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, on a made by Mr. Cupeles and seconded by Mr. Herbert, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary