

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
6:30 P.M.
MINUTES

I. **Call to Order:** In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, the Audubon Board of Education transmitted notice of this meeting, scheduled at 6:30 P.M. in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Media Center to the Retrospect newspaper and the Borough Clerk and by postings on the Audubon Public School District website and at the Main and the Pine Street entrance of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. **Roll Call**

SY 2020-2022

 X Ammie Davis

 X Joseph Ryan

 X Tara Sullivan-Butrica

SY 2021-2023

 X Joseph Miller

 X Christopher Proulx

 X Lori Cassidy

SY 2022-2024

 Ab James Blumenstein

 X Allison Cox

 X Andrea Robinson

Absent

SY 2022 Mt. Ephraim Representative

 X Nancy Schiavo

III. **Flag Salute**

IV. **Participation:** (Agenda Items Only) - None

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All motions are voted on by all members unless otherwise marked with a +.

V. GOVERNANCE: Chairperson: Mr. Blumenstein – Committee Members: Ms. Butrica, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ryan and Alternate: Ms. Robinson

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VI. OPERATIONS: Chairperson: Mrs. Cox – Committee Members: Ms. Davis, Mr. Proulx, Mr. Ryan and Alternate: Mr. Miller

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MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS 1-3

Motion by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Schiavo

1. Motion to approve the following resolution for Adoption of the 2022/2023 Tentative Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2022/2023 School Year using the 2022/2023 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the executive County Superintendent of Schools for the approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	2022/2023 Budget	Audubon Borough Tax Levy	Audubon Park Tax Levy
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General Fund	25,702,497.00	12,682,125.00	348,324.00
Special Revenue Fund	3,818,635.00		
Debt Service Fund	1,654,974.00	1,635,295.00	19,679.00
Total	31,176,106.00	14,317,420.00	368,003.00

WHEREAS, the Audubon Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1,1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon Board of Education established \$36,000.00 as the allotted maximum expenditures for travel. To date thus far in the 2021/2022 school year, the Audubon Board of Education has spent \$ 8,049.00 on travel, out of the \$36,000.00 that was budgeted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 in the Audubon Jr/Sr High School Media Center at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2022/2023 School Year.

- Motion to approve the submission of the Preschool Expansion Aid application for the 2022-2023 school year.

Preschool Expansion Aid Application

- Motion to approve the Preschool Expansion Aid Budget for the 2022-2033 School year.

Preschool Expansion Aid Budget

Motion to Approve: J. Ryan Second: N. Schiavo

Roll Call

X Ammie Davis X Joseph Ryan X Tara Butrica X Nancy Schiavo
X Joseph Miller X Christopher Proulx X Lori Cassidy
Ab James Blumenstein X Allison Cox X Andrea Robinson
Absent

VOTE FOR ITEMS 1-3

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (9-0) Member Blumenstein was absent

- VII. EDUCATION: Chairperson: Ms. Schiavo - Committee Members: Mr. Blumenstein, Mr. Proulx, Ms. Robinson and Alternate: Ms. Cassidy**

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VIII. HUMAN RESOURCES: Chairperson: Mrs. Davis, Committee Members: Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Cox, and Mrs. Schiavo, Alternate: Ms. Butrica

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IX. REPORTS:

X. Superintendent's Report - None

XI. Special Program Representatives:
A. CCEESC Rep. Rotation: **Joe Miller**
B. CCSBA Rep. Rotation: **Ammie Davis**

XII. Board Member Comments - None

XIII. Public Participation: (Open Discussion) - None

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next Regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Auditorium.
2. Motion by Mr. Proulx seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn meeting at approximately 6:55pm.
Motion approved by unanimous roll call (9-0) Member Blumenstein was absent

Motion to Approve: C. Proulx Second: A. Cox

Roll Call

<u> X </u> Ammie Davis	<u> X </u> Joseph Ryan	<u> X </u> Tara Butrica	<u> X </u> Nancy Schiavo
<u> X </u> Joseph Miller	<u> X </u> Christopher Proulx	<u> X </u> Lori Cassidy	
<u> Ab </u> James Blumenstein	<u> X </u> Allison Cox	<u> X </u> Andrea Robinson	

Absent

The Audubon Board of Education reserves the right to add and/or delete motions or make changes to motions in this agenda up to the time of the meeting and during the actual meeting.

Deborah Roncace
Business Administrator/Board Secretary