

***MEETING OF THE LAKEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BUDGET  
HEARING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007, AT THE PRINCETON AVENUE  
AUDITORIUM, 655 PRINCETON AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08701***

Mr. Chet Galdo, President, called the meeting to order at 6:47 p. m. and turned the meeting over to Mr. Abraham Ostreicher, Finance Committee Chairman.

**SUNSHINE LAW**

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Law***

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231, of the Laws of 1976 (THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT), Mr. Resnick notified the public that notice of the date, time, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent known, was provided at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner:

1. By posting such notice on the public announcement board of the Lakewood Board of Education Offices, and the Lakewood Township Municipal Building.
2. By mailing such notice to the offices of the Asbury Park Press, Ocean County Observer and the Tri-Town News.
3. By filing such notice with the Board Secretary.
4. By mailing such notice to all individuals who requested and paid for a copy of same.

**ROLL CALL:**

***Roll Call***

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Galdo, Mr. Gonter,  
Mr. Grunhut, Mrs. Miccio,  
Mr. Neumann, Mr. Ostreicher,  
Mr. Shain.

**Board Members Absent:** Mrs. Gonzalez, Mr. Thomas

**Also Attending:** Edward W. Luick, Superinten-  
dent, William T. Andersen,  
Assistant Superintendent, Mark

***Also  
Attending***

Resnick, Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary, Cherie Ludy,  
Assistant Business Administrator,  
Michael I. Inzelbuch, Esq.

Mr. Ostreicher – “To start off the meeting tonight, we would like to have a few brief comments from our Superintendent, Mr. Luick, regarding the presentation of the coming year’s school budget.”

*Mr. Ostreicher*

Mr. Luick – “As you’re all aware, the budget has been advertised and in that advertisement I would just like to note that there are some highlights that we would like recognized for this year’s budget that we don’t get the opportunity to put in what appears in the paper. Next year’s budget provides for some sorely needed programs in the district. One we have additional personnel coming on, bilingual teachers. Our bilingual population is expanding by leaps and bounds. We must address that. For the high school and middle school, we are providing additional language arts and mathematics teachers to address the testing requirements in those particular skills. The district, something near and dear to my heart, two year’s ago we piloted a tutorial program at the elementary level. We found by reviewing those test results that 3 out of every 4 of the children involved in that program passed the test the next year. We expect it to expand it at least grades K-six, possible K-8 this year. There’s at risk funding there to address that need. There’s an additional SAC officer. When we say SAC it’s a substance abuse counselor that we put into this particular budget. Spruce Street School – we will be repairing the facade. It’s a safety hazard that has to be addressed and we will continue to reinstitute technology

*Mr. Luick*

upgrades to the district. A concern for some of the individuals here is what is the net impact going to be. I can simply say the net impact of the budget is 3.2 cents. That's the increase in the budget taxwise for this current year."

Mr. Ostreicher – "Thank you very much Mr. Luick. For the next portion I see Mr. Bernie Williams would like to make some comments."

*Mr. Ostreicher*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Public Comment*

Mr. Williams – "I have been made aware by the kids that I encouraged to get into the JROTC at the high school that there is a competition down in Florida and that there isn't enough money to go. Now, I'd like to know from your lawyer because I'm in the process of seeing certain people where banks have foundations. But I don't want to be in violation of anything with the stipulations of the school to try to help raise the money we need so that these kids will be able to go and also to ask is it possible for next year's budget to put in what is called a matching fund for events like this if the kids go out and they raise a certain amount of money and hypothetically speaking say they don't reach the goal. Is it possible to put it in the budget where the budget will match those fundings?"

*Mr. Williams*

Mr. Luick – "What I can say to you with respect, you had two questions, the one with respect to this year's budget and one for the next. This is the first time I'm

*Mr. Luick*

hearing about this problem. We do fund all of our programs and co-curricular activities. For special trips, the groups must fund raise for those as the band, PALS and any of our other organizations. They have to fund raise. We will not fund extremely large trips. We have a per pupil and per program allocation that we give them. And I know we have funded ROTC on a number of endeavors already this year. This is a large and special one. They will have to fund raise. As for next year, it's something I will discuss with the Board, but the reality is it is not something that I could recommend. Because if we started funding every club. You're talking about a trip to Florida. We fund in-state activities. We would have every club in the district looking to go to Florida, Louisiana,

Mardi-Gras possibly. We cannot do that. We will help support, but we will not fund all of them."

Mr. Williams – "Like I said, I haven't talked to anyone in regards with the school. It's just that the kids come to me. And I brought this up and would I be in any type of violation to go to various organizations?"

Mr. Luick – "No, you can get organizations to help sponsor that and that would be perfectly okay and we would appreciate it."

Mr. Williams – "Yes, because I went down to Joe Vacari's office and I was referred to different banks that have a foundation for things of that nature and the reason I'm taking it so passionately is because Lakewood is considered a high rate of gang violence and

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*Public Comment  
Cont.*

*Mr. Williams*

*Mr. Luick*

*Mr. Williams*

I'm out there in the community encouraging kids to get involved with ROTC because their stipulations don't tolerate it. They've worked hard for this invitation and I am one that would like to see them go because then it gives them a better incentive to bring out the excellence of their life and at the same time their schooling."

Mr. Luick – "Thank you for your comments."

*Mr. Luick*

Mr. Ostreicher – "We will move on to the Reports and Recommendations of the Board Secretary. There are two motions we would like to move on.

*Mr. Ostreicher*

A. Motion to reduce capital outlay from the original figure of \$1,976,660 by \$730,390 making a reduction of \$1,246,270.

*Bd. Sec. Items*

B. Finance Committee recommends approval for submission to the County Superintendent of the attached Resolution covering the proposed General Fund-Regular, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Budget for the 2007-2008 school year and those covering the tax levy cap calculation for the 2007-2008 school year.

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Can I have a motion?"

**MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD SECRETARY RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Motion To Approve*

Mr. Galdo moved, seconded by Mr. Shain to approve the two motions presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

*Roll Call*

**YES:** Mr. Gonter, Mr. Grunhut, Mrs. Miccio,

Mr. Neumann, Mr. Ostreicher, Mr. Shain,  
Mr. Galdo

**NO:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**MOTION PASSED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Adj.*

Mr. Galdo moved, seconded by Mr. Shain to adjourn  
the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

*Roll Call*

**YES:** Mr. Gonter, Mr. Grunhut, Mrs. Miccio,  
Mr. Neumann, Mr. Ostreicher, Mr. Shain,  
Mr. Galdo

**NO:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION PASSED**

Mr. Ostreicher – “Thank you very much. Happy holidays  
to everybody. Meeting is adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

*Mtg. Adj.*

Respectfully submitted,

**MARK RESNICK  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOARD SECRETARY**

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