

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
108 North Clinton Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08609
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday – April 11, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.

Convened at 5:41 PM

Call to Order

Eric Jackson, Mayor of Trenton, called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jackson led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Eric Jackson
Council President Zachary Chester
Board President Gene Bouie
Board Vice President Gerald Truehart II

Absent:

Council Member Duncan Harrison Jr

Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Fredrick H. McDowell Jr. – Present

Business Administrator/Board Secretary – Jayne S. Howard - Present

New Jersey Sunshine Law - Read by Jayne S. Howard

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on.

On the rules of this act, the Trenton Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by publicizing the date, time and place, therefore posted in the Central Services Building, 108 North Clinton Avenue, City Clerk's Office, City Hall and the Times. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will take place at this meeting.

At this time Mayor Jackson called for any members of the public wishing to address the Board. Seeing none, he called for a motion to close Public Participation. Motion was made and properly seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

DISCUSSION-PUBLIC HEARING

Questions and/or comments from the BOSE Members regarding the 2018/2019 Tax Levy and the 2018/2019 Capital Projects were as follows:

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- Appreciation for the hard work by the Business Office staff on the Budget and Capital Projects

Dr. McDowell agreed with Mr. Truehart’s comments regarding placing the needs of the students first. He also thanked the Budget team and all staff who participated in the development of the 2018/2019 Budget. Mayor Jackson echoed the comments of both Dr. McDowell and Mr. Truehart.

Dwayne Mosley, Facilities Administrator, presented to the Board on the Capital Projects Budget (handout attached). BOSE Members had the following questions and/or comments:

- Appreciation for moving forward on the HVAC projects
- Thankful to the City of Trenton for funding the Capital Projects
- Praise for the renovations at Hedgepeth/Williams Middle School of the Arts

ACTION BY BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

- *Resolution to Adopt the 2018/2019 Tax Levy*

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton has reviewed the 2018/2019 Trenton Board of Education budget in the amount of \$331,138,448; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton concurs with the Trenton Board of Education that \$22,408,109 in local tax revenue is necessary for the purpose of supporting the General Fund portion of the 2018/2019 school district budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton approves the 2018/2019 local tax levy of \$22,408,109 for the purpose of supporting the 2018/2019 school district budget.

The Resolution to adopt the 2018/2019 Tax Levy was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members present upon motion and proper second.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Jackson	X		
Zachary Chester	X		
Duncan Harrison Jr	absent		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

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- *Resolution to Adopt the 2018/2019 Capital Projects Budget*

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton has reviewed the proposed 2018-2019 Trenton Board of Education listings of proposed capital projects in the amount of \$4,140,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate concurs with the Trenton Board of Education as to the need to authorize funding for the listing of proposed capital projects in the amount of \$4,140,000.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton approves the proposed 2018-2019 capital projects budget for the Trenton Board of Education and authorizes funding of \$4,140,000.00 for the projects on the attached listing

The Resolution to adopt the 2018/2019 Capital Projects Budget was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members present upon motion and proper second.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Jackson	X		
Zachary Chester	X		
Duncan Harrison Jr	absent		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

- *Resolution to Increase the Tax Levy for 2019/2020*

WHEREAS, the Trenton Board of Education has been facing increasing costs to educate the children of Trenton; and

WHEREAS the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton recognizes the financial struggles of the District and wishes to alleviate the impact of the increasing costs on the District's budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton approves an increase of \$448,162, which is two (2) percent of the 2018/2019 local tax levy, and authorizes \$22,856,272 to support the General Fund portion of the 2019/2020 school district budget.

The Resolution to Increase the Tax Levy for 2019/2020 was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members present upon motion and proper second.

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<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Jackson	X		
Zachary Chester	X		
Duncan Harrison Jr	absent		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

Mayor Jackson called for a motion to adjourn. All were in favor, none opposed.
Meeting **adjourned** at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jayne S. Howard

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT
Trenton, New Jersey 08609

2018 - 2019 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- **(EMERGENCY) ASBESTOS AND BIO-HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ABATEMENT, DISTRICT WIDE** **(\$100,000)**
Removal and disposal of any asbestos and/or hazardous containing materials. Complete and full cleaning of all surfaces and areas once all materials have been abated.
- **HVAC CONTROL SYSTEM – DISTRICTWIDE** **(\$3,900,000)**
Installation of necessary components to convert the existing building automation controls to Digital/electronic control for the various equipment (i.e. - unit ventilators, fan coils).
- **PARKING LOT SURFACING RESTORATION SCHOOL – DISTRICT WIDE** **(\$140,000)**
Removal of existing 1” to 2” top asphalt lot surfaces. Attempt to reuse existing bituminous stabilized base course. Install new 2” bituminous asphalt/concrete pavement surfacing. Provide designated painting and striping. Installation of safety speed hump(s), site lighting, and required signage.

TOTAL PROPOSED (SUB TOTAL)

\$4,140,000.00