

**TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**108 North Clinton Avenue**  
**Trenton, New Jersey 08609**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday – April 3, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Convened at 5:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

Reed Gusciora, Mayor of Trenton, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Gusciora led the salute to the flag.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Mayor Reed Gusciora  
Council Member Jerell Blakely  
Council Member Santiago Rodriguez  
Board President Gene Bouie  
Board Vice President Gerald Truehart II

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

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

**New Jersey Sunshine Law** - Read by Mayor Gusciora

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, the Times and the Star Ledger. Anyone whose name is on the mailing list should receive a notice.

Formal action will take place at this meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public signed up to speak.

**DISCUSSION-PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Gusciora advised that this meeting is the public hearing on the 2019/2020 Budget. He asked if any BOSE Members had questions for the Superintendent, and there were none at this time. The Mayor called for Mr. Dwayne Mosley, Facilities Administrator, to provide an overview of the Capital Projects Budget.

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Questions and/or comments from the BOSE Members regarding the 2019/2020 Tax Levy and the 2019/2020 Capital Projects were as follows:

- Justification of the cost for synthetic turf for the Trenton Central High School (TCHS) football field
- Status of funding from the SDA
- Track at TCHS
- Plan for repairs at the former TCHS West building in anticipation for housing the Trenton Global Academy
- Air conditioning and heating at TCHS West
- Lighting at TCHS football field
- Cost of maintenance reflected on the M1/M2 report

Councilman Rodriguez wished to go on record as being opposed to any merit increases during the school year for any employee of the system. Mayor Gusciora asked if that is being considered this evening, and Ms. Howard answered no.

**ACTION BY BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE**

- *Resolution to Adopt the 2019/2020 Tax Levy*

**WHEREAS,** the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton has reviewed the 2019/2020 Trenton Board of Education budget in the amount of \$339,147,779; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton concurs with the Trenton Board of Education that \$22,856,272 in local tax revenue is necessary for the purpose of supporting the General Fund portion of the 2019/2020 school district budget; now **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton approves the 2019/2020 local tax levy of \$22,856,272 for the purpose of supporting the 2019/2020 school district budget.

The Resolution to adopt the 2019/2020 Tax Levy was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members.

<b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ABSTAIN</u></b>
Mayor Gusciora	X		
Jerell Blakely	X		
Santiago Rodroquez	X		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

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- *Resolution to Adopt the 2019/2020 Capital Projects Budget*

**WHEREAS,** the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton has reviewed the proposed 2019/2020 Trenton Board of Education listing of proposed Capital projects in the amount of \$3,615,000.00; 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 Improvement Projects in the amount of \$3,615,000.00; **now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of School Estimate of the City of Trenton approves the 2019/2020 Capital Improvement Project budget for the Trenton Board of Education and authorizes funding of \$3,615,000.00 for the projects on the attached listing.

The Resolution to adopt the 2019/2020 Capital Projects Budget was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Gusciora	X		
Jerell Blakely	X		
Santiago Rodroquez	X		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

- *Resolution to Increase the Tax Levy for 2020/2021*

**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 \$457,125, which is two (2) percent of the 2019/2020 local tax levy, and authorizes \$23,313,397 to support the General Fund portion of the 2020/2021 school district budget.

The Resolution to Increase the Tax Levy for 2020/2021 was **approved** by all Board of School Estimate members.

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<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Gusciora	X		
Jerell Blakely	X		
Santiago Rodroquez	X		
Gene Bouie	X		
Gerald Truehart II	X		

Mayor Gusciora called for adjournment at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

*Jayne S. Howard*

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