

GLOUCESTER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL MEETING - GLOUCESTER CITY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

1300 Market Street, Gloucester City, NJ 08030

MARCH 26, 2018 - 6:00 PM
MINUTES

I. OPENING STATEMENT: "Opening Public Meetings Act"
Presiding: Mr. Edward C. Hubbs, President

"This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has been published through written notice on the official school bulletin board at the Mary Ethel Costello School and Gloucester City Jr. Sr. High School Media Center, written notice to the Gloucester City News, the Courier Post, the district website, and the Gloucester City Clerk."

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Borger	Present	Mr. Johnson	Present
Mr. Chiodi	Present	Mrs. Negri	Present
Mrs. Cohan	Present	Mr. Spotts	Present
Mr. Harris	Present	Mrs. Wright	Present
Mr. Hubbs	Present	Ms. Maass	Absent

Margaret M. McDonnell, Board Secretary, read the following announcement:

GLOUCESTER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
1300 MARKET STREET
GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ 08030

March 19, 2018

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Notice is hereby given that the Gloucester City Board of Education has scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, March 26, 2018 starting at 6:00pm to be held in the Media Center of the Gloucester City High School, 1300 Market Street, Gloucester City, NJ.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2019 budget for submission to the Camden County Office of Education for review and approval. Other matters may be discussed. Action will be taken.

c. Gloucester City Clerk

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

On the motion made by Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan to open public session. Motion was passed unanimously by members present.

Ms. Laila Gansert: Gloucester City Education Association President.
Requested for information on said surplus. GCEA is concerned with the new proposed insurance plan.

Ms. Gail Sacchetti, Retiree
Expressed concerns with the statement, "the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage." Is a secondary plan being made available? How many retirees will this affect, cost analysis?

Dr. Vespe, Superintendent
Informed Ms. Sacchetti, the Board of Education has a 60-day grace period and the motion can be rescinded.

Mr. Hubbs, Board President
Stated we will have close correspondence with Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors.

Ms. Tamera Berry, Employee
Expressed concern that the new insurance plan will be equal to or better than the current insurance plan.

Dr. Vespe, Superintendent
Addressed Ms. Berry's concern, Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors have completed the analysis and they took all the information into consideration.

Joanne Citrone, Employee
A teacher in the Gloucester City Middle School for 24 years asked if Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors is open to anyone speaking with them. Ms. Citrone has costly prescriptions and this is concerning to her.

Dr. Vespe, Superintendent
Wednesday Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors will be meeting with the GCEA Union Representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSE

On the motion made by Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan to close public session.
Motion was passed unanimously by members present.

V. FINANCE

On the motion made by Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan to approve the following financial actions:

- RCV#1** Motion #1 & 3 9 votes yes, 1 member absent. Motion approved.
 Motion #2 8 votes yes, 1 member absent, Mr. Harris abstained. Motion approved.

1. **Approve 2019 Budget Submission**

Recommend approval of the following revenues to support the 2019 budget submission to the NJDOE Camden County Office of Education for review.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVENUES	Revenues	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Revenues from Local Sources & Fund Balance:		
Fund Balance-General Fund	\$2,000,000	
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$1,048,700	
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	\$668,750	
Withdrawal from Tuition Reserve	\$90,000	
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	\$149,000	
Local Tax Levy	\$5,786,365	\$5,786,365
Tuition Income	\$880,937	
Interest Earned on Capital & Maintenance Reserve Funds	\$300	
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	\$26,000	
Revenues from Local Sources & Fund Balance:	\$10,650,052	
Revenues from State Sources:	\$29,801,218	
Revenues from Federal Sources: Medicaid	\$111,257	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$40,562,527	
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$5,439,378	
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$1,040,888	\$510,089
TOTAL 2019 BUDGET REVENUES / SOURCES	\$47,042,793	

2. **Approve a Resolution to terminate participation in the State Health Benefit Program**

A RESOLUTION to terminate all participation under the State Health Benefits Program and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (including Prescription Drug Plan and/or Dental Plan coverage).

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Gloucester City Board of Education, Camden County hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all of its active and retired employees.
2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the program.
3. We understand that the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.

5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

3. Approve Advertising for bids for Facilities Projects

Recommend the board authorize the district to advertise for bids for the following facilities projects:

- a) Cold Spring School HVAC Partial Replacement
- b) District Wide Solar Power Purchase Agreement

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

On the motion made by Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan to open public session.

Motion was passed unanimously by members present.

Ms. Gail Sacchetti, Retiree

Said she does not understand what happens with retired employees.

Mr. Bill Johnson, Board Member

Mr. Johnson stated that all employees current and retired will be covered or his vote would change.

Ms. Laila Gansert: Gloucester City Education Association President.

Asked if the State Health Benefit Plan and new plan is not equal to or better are we able to re-enroll?

Dr. Vespe, Superintendent

Yes, we have the option to re-enroll.

Ms. Lauren Bermudez, Employee

Asked the board if the 2018-2019 budget has been approved?

Dr. Vespe, Superintendent said it has not.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSE

On the motion made by Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan to close public session.

Motion was passed unanimously by members present.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

6:38pm This meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mrs. Borger and seconded by Mrs. Cohan.
Motion was passed unanimously by members present.

Margaret M. McDonnell
Business Administrator\Board Secretary

Board Members	RCV#1
Mrs. Borger	Y
Mr. Chiodi	Y
Mrs. Cohan	Y
Mr. Harris	Y
Mr. Hubbs	Y
Mr. Johnson	Y
Mrs. Negri	Y
Mr. Spotts	Y
Mrs. Wright	Y
Mrs. Maass	Absent