

LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY
March 26, 2018

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this Special meeting has been provided. On **March 16, 2018** written notice of this meeting was posted in two schools, City Hall, and the Linwood City Library. On that same date written notice was faxed and mailed to The Press and The Current.

The meeting of the Linwood Board of Education was called to order by **Mrs. Ziereis**, Board President, in the Library, Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey, **Monday, March 26, 2018 7:16 PM**.

Mrs. Ziereis led all present in a flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Barrera, Judge Todd, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. DeMorat, Mr. Goldstein, Mrs. Ziereis, Mr. Kahn, Mr. McLaughlin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Scannell

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Pruitt, Superintendent, T. Weeks, School Business Administrator, M. Dias

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations – None

Curriculum – None

Personnel – None

Operations – None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FOR INFORMATION

2018-2019 Budget Presentation - Mr. Pruitt and Mrs. Weeks reviewed the 2018-2019 budget as revised. The budget represents a .15% increase in the tax levy however, the tax rate increase is \$0.022 due to the decline in the ratable base. The district received additional state aid and is anticipating a significant amount of fund balance to fund this budget. Fiscal responsibility and the impact to the taxpayer were discussed. Concerns moving forward were highlighted including the lack of investment in education over the base several years. The board members commented on the decrease in position due to retirement, inquired about security positions, after school activities, and library media positions. Concerns regarding room in budget for initiatives and other contingencies discussed. Request to consider further decrease to the taxpayers also made.

ACTION REQUIRED – None

Communication – Included in the packet

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – Mrs. Dias commented about the overall budget.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mrs. Barrera, to adjourn.
(8:52 PM).

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, Business Administrator,
Board Secretary