

**Regular Public Meeting  
March 16, 2021**

**I. Flag Salute / Sunshine Statement / Call to Order / Roll Call**

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*), adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the **Star Ledger** and **Westfield Leader** and posting notice on the front door of Lincoln School and filing notice with the Borough Clerk. I hereby call to order the Regular Public Meeting, via Google Meet, Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Barnes (Adrienne)		
Mr. DelConte (Albert)		
Miss Guerriero (Christine)		
Dr. Kjetsaa (Mary Ann)		
Mrs. Ridente (Denise)		
Ms. Roland (Tracey)		
Mr. Ryan (Timothy)		
Mrs. Scepkowski (Maureen)		
Mr. Trentacosta (Ralph)		

**Administration:**

Dr. Teresa Quigley, Chief School Administrator  
 Dr. Dennis R. Frohnafel, Interim SBA/Board Secretary  
 John G. Geppert, Jr., Esq., Board Attorney

**II. Executive Session**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, to discuss **Legal** and **Personnel** matters; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting . . .

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Presentation Preliminary 2021/22 School Year Budget (Dr. Dennis R. Frohnafel)**

**IV. Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 16, 2021

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<b>Motion:</b>				<b>Second:</b>					
<b>Roll Call</b>		<i>Mrs. Barnes</i>		<i>Mr. DelConte</i>		<i>Miss Guerriero</i>		<i>Dr. Kjetsaa</i>	
<i>Mrs. Ridente</i>		<i>Ms. Roland</i>		<i>Mr. Ryan</i>		<i>Mrs. Scepkowski</i>		<i>Mr. Trentacosta</i>	

Y= Yes N = No A = Abstain

**VI. Committee Reports**

- A. Budget/Finance/Facilities
- B. Education/Personnel
- C. Strategic Planning/Policy

**VII. Liaison Reports**

<b>A</b>	Clark Board of Education	Christine Guerriero
<b>B</b>	Garwood Educational Foundation	Maureen Scepkowski/Mary Ann Kjetsaa
<b>C</b>	Garwood PTA	Andrienne Barnes
<b>D</b>	Garwood Borough Council Representative	Albert DelConte
<b>E</b>	Union County Ed Services Commission	Maureen Scepkowski
<b>F</b>	Union County School Boards Association	Timothy Ryan
<b>G</b>	Union County Vo-Tech	Timothy Ryan
<b>H</b>	Garwood Seniors Association	Mary Ann Kjetsaa
<b>I</b>	New Jersey School Boards Association	Christine Guerriero

**VIII. Superintendent's Report**

**IX. Public Comment (Bylaw 9322)**

Public Participation Meetings of the Garwood Board of Education are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to attend. Public participation shall be governed by the following rules: **1)** A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable; **2)** Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration; **3)** No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; **4)** All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member; **5)** the presiding officer may interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy.

**X. Resolutions**

- A. Budget/Finance/Facilities
- B. Education/Personnel
- C. Strategic Planning/Policy

**XI. Board Comments**

**XII. Adjournment**

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**A. Finance/Budget/Facilities**

**A1 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves the A148 (Board Secretary's) and A149 (Treasurer's) reports for the month February 28, 2021; and  
**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board of Education and Board Secretary certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet District financial obligations for the 2020/21 school year.

**A2 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves the payment of bills and claims.

February 12 thru March 11, 2021	\$
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**A3 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves the following budget transfers for the month of February 2021:

<i>FROM Account</i>	<i>TO Account</i>	<i>\$ Amount \$</i>
Business Office 11-000-251-330-000	Legal Services 11-000-230-331-000	\$1,500.00
School Administration 11-000-240-340-000	Legal Services 11-000-230-331-000	\$1,500.00
General Administration 11-000-230-530-000	Legal Services 11-000-230-331-000	\$1,000.00

**A4 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the Use of School Facilities:

- Yearbook Club, March 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, Art Room, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- PTA, March 17, front of school and back playground, Bake Sale, 11:50 am to 12:45 pm
- PTA, March 21, Multicultural Outdoor Event, back playground, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**A5 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the Settlement Agreement between the Garwood School District and the parents AT and CT; and  
**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to execute said Agreement.

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Budget/Finance/Facilities resolutions A1 thru A5				
<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Second:</i>			
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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Ms. Roland (Tracey)				
Mr. Ryan (Timothy)				
Mrs. Scepkowski (Maureen)				
Mr. Trentacosta (Ralph)				

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET**

**Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, County of Union, adopts the Preliminary 2021/22 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (FUND 11)	\$9,510,948
Capital Outlay (FUND 12)	261,422
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>	<b>9,772,370</b>
Special Revenue (FUND 20)	129,800
Debt Service (FUND 40)	531,800
<b>Total Expenditures/Appropriations</b>	<b>\$10,433,358</b>

and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy **\$8,347,551** and **DEBT SERVICE** tax levy **\$531,800** are approved to support the 2021/22 school year budget:

and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that this budget includes a budgeted withdrawal from Capital Reserve, in the amount of \$231,745, representing expenditures for capital projects; these capital projects are in addition to the Facilities Efficiency Standards determined by the Commissioner of Education necessary to achieve the Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education:

<i>Project Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
2022-01	Gym Floor Replacement	\$169,072.00
2022-02	Parking Area Paving and Lining	\$42,000.00
2022-03	Installation of TekStar LED Sign	\$20,400

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Resolution to adopt the 2021/22 preliminary school year budget				
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**B. Education/Personnel**

**Education**

**B1 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following ***out-of-district placements***:

1. ECLC of New Jersey (Student ID#9693596592), for the 2020/21 school year, July 6, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 (ESY), 200 days at \$310.11 per diem, total cost not to exceed \$62,022, acct #11-000-100-566-000.

**Personnel**

**B2 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the employment of Katie Knierim, Substitute Teacher, \$90.00 per diem, as needed, for the 2020/21 school year, effective March 17 thru June 30, 2021, pending criminal history background check and mantoux results.

**B3 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the employment of Jisca Morinvil, substitute Paraprofessional and substitute Secretary, \$15.00 per hour, as needed, for the 2020/21 school year, effective March 17, 2021 thru June 30, 2021, pending criminal history background check and mantoux results.

**B4 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the employment Gilberto Flores, full-time custodian w/benefits, for the 2020/21 school year, \$18.25 per hour, effective March 17, 2021 thru June 30, 2021, pending criminal history background check and mantoux results.

**B5 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, rescinds Board resolution approves B5 adopted by the board of Education, at its regular meeting held on February 16, 2021 (rescinding the employment of Luis Pardo, full-time custodian.

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**B6 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the following Extra-curricular assignments, for the 2020/21 school year, compensation in accordance with the GEA negotiated agreement:

1. Armando Gonzalez, Play Director, stipend \$2,856
  2. Kathryn Bree, Garden Club, stipend \$510\*
  3. Sarina Drummond, Wellness Club, stipend \$510\*
  4. Joana Lopes, Chromebook Club, stipend \$510\*
- \*Clubs must have a minimum of 15 and max of 20 students

**B7 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, terminates Employee Number 11514, effective April 6, 2021.

Education/Personnel B1 thru B7				
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**C. Strategic Planning/Policy**

**C1 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the **second reading** of revised Policies:

- Policy 6121 Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action
- Policy 6122 Articulation
- Policy 6140 Curriculum Adoption
- Policy 6141 Curriculum Design/Development
- Policy 6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
- Policy 6142 Subject Fields
- Policy 6142.1 Family Life Education

**C2 Be It Resolved**, that the Garwood Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approves the **first reading** of revised Policies:

- Policy 6142.2 English as a Second Language; Bilingual Programs
- Policy 6142.4 Physical Education and Health
- Policy 6142.6 Basic Skills

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- Policy 6142.9 Arts
- Policy 6142.10 Internet Safety and Technology
- Policy 6142.12 Career and Technical Education

Strategic Planning/Policy resolutions C1 and C2				
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