

Atlantic City Board of Education
Public Hearing
May 2, 2024 – 6:00PM

Call To Order Mr. Steele, President

Roll Call Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Byard, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mayfield, Mr. Siddik, Mr. Steele.

Dr. Small, Dr. Hyman, Mr. Rose, Ms. Morris, Mrs. Ricketts, Ms. Saunders, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Brown.

Statement of Notice

A notice of the public hearing was published in the Press of Atlantic City, mailed to the City Clerk and posted on the bulletin board of the Citi Center Building at 1300 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 on April 23, 2024.

Flag Salute Mrs. Brown led those assembled in the flag salute.

Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: Atlantic City Public Schools and members of the community believe in the development of the whole child. Together we are committed to providing a nurturing, safe and stimulating environment for all students to continuously learn and grow.

Mission: All students will be actively engaged and supported as they learn and grow on the journey to become independent, life-long learners equipped for the 21st Century.

Closed Session

On a motion made by Mrs. Byard and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education went into closed session at 6:01pm.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and
WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Board of Education will reconvene at the conclusion of closed session at approximately p.m. this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City will go into closed session, for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon:);

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

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Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law; Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer:- **Personnel Matters**

If contract negotiation the nature of the contract and interested party is) (Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the District's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing*, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) nature of discussions are employment requirements/modifications.

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board Attorney advises the Board of

Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution. I, Angela Brown, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City of Atlantic City at their meeting held on May 2, 2024.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Atlantic City Board of Education returned to open session at 6:34pm.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Small introduced Mr. Mark Tyler as the District Communication Specialist. Doctor Small thanked Mrs. Ricketts for putting together the presentation for the upcoming school year budget. Mr. Steele advised it is important for good news to be put into the community

Budget Presentation - Mrs. Celeste Ricketts - Business Administrator

Mrs. Ricketts presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the 2024/2025 school year budget, programs, where we are now, encumbrances, capital projects, tuition, superintendent goals, general fund, debt service, special revenue, enrollment, grants and reserve accounts.

Public Comments - None

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GOODS & SERVICES 1 - 3

1. Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of Education to adopt the 2024/2025 budget, as required, by the New Jersey Department of Education process in the following sums:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$258,061,826	\$73,390,550
Special Revenue	\$ 22,669,426	
Debt Service	\$ 5,020,429	\$ 4,584,289
Total Budget	\$285,751,681	

2. Be it resolved by the Atlantic City Board of education to approve the 2024/2025 budget and local revenue:

Local Revenue	\$73,390,550
Debt Reserve Revenue	\$ 4,584,289
Total Local Revenue	\$77,974,839

3. Approve David B. Rubin, Esquire, Busch Law Group, LLC, as Special Counsel, in the amount of \$210.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours without additional board approval to advise the Atlantic City Board of Education in matters involving the employment of the Superintendent.

GOODS & SERVICES 1 - 3

On a motion made by Mr. Mayfield and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to approve Goods & Services 1 – 3. At the call of the roll the vote was as follows: Mrs. Bailey-yes; Mrs. Byard-ye; Mr. Chowdhury-yes; Mr. Johnson-yes; Mr. Mayfield-yes; Mr. Siddik-yes; Mr. Steele-yes. Of seven members present, seven voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjourn On a motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Bailey, the Atlantic City Board of Education voted to adjourn the public hearing at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown
Board Secretary