

Minutes of a budget hearing of the East Orange Board of Education held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:10 p.m. in Conference Room A of the East Orange Board of Education, 199 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bergson Leneus, President, read the following notice:

*Please take notice that this is a budget hearing of the East Orange Board of Education. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to take action on the resolutions as indicated on the agenda. Notice of this meeting has been posted and announced in accordance with the law. Said notice was published in the newspapers and a copy of this notice has also been filed with the Office of the City Clerk of East Orange.*

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL:** Dr. Kristie M. Howard – Present  
Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent  
Ms. Marjorie Perry – Present  
Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent  
Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Present  
Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent  
Mr. Bergson Leneus – Present

Also Present: Dr. Kevin R. West, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Victor R. Demming, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator  
Dr. Dana Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum  
Dr. Deborah Harvest, Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Ms. Marissa McKenzie, Director of Labor Relations & Employment Services  
Mr. Craig Smith, Purchasing Agent  
Ms. Avis Bishop Thompson, Esq., General Counsel (DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole)

**IV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**A. PRESENTATION**

1. 2017- 2018 Budget Review – Dr. Kevin R. West , Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Victor R. Demming Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

**V. COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Ms. Lynette Joyner – President – East Orange Educational Support Professionals Assoc.
2. Ms. Priscilla Burke – Vice President – East Orange Education Association
3. Ms. Virginia Jeffries – 236 Brighton Ave, EO, NJ

**VIII. RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Leneus read the following:

*Be it resolved that the Board of Education will immediately retire to executive session to review and discuss matters pertaining to personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. Minutes of this meeting will be released when the matters discussed are no longer confidential. The Board will resume the business portion of the meeting at or about 7:30 p.m.*

On a motion of Dr. Kristie M. Howard, duly seconded by Ms. Terry Tucker, the members of the Board of Education voted to retire to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Dr. Kristie M. Howard – Yes  
Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent  
Ms. Marjorie Perry – Yes  
Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent  
Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Yes  
Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent  
Mr. Bergson Leneus – Yes

**IX. RECOMMENCE PUBLIC MEETING**

The Members of the Board and Executive Staff resumed the Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

- ROLL CALL:** Dr. Kristie M. Howard – Present  
 Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent  
 Ms. Marjorie Perry – Present  
 Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent  
 Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Present  
 Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent  
 Mr. Bergson Leneus – Present

- Also Present: Dr. Kevin R. West, Superintendent of Schools  
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**X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**1. FINANCE**

On a motion of Dr. Kristie M. Howard, duly seconded by Ms. Terry S. Tucker, the members of the Board of Education voted to approve the 2017-18 budget.

- ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie M. Howard – Yes  
 Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent  
 Ms. Marjorie Perry – Yes  
 Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent  
 Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Yes  
 Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent  
 Mr. Bergson Leneus – Yes

a. Adoption of the 2017-2018 Budget for the East Orange Board of Education

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A requires that the Board of Education in Type I School Districts approve and adopt a budget and then have the local tax levy be considered by the Board of School Estimate; and

WHEREAS, this budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this District’s Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 7A-11 and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Orange Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby adopts the 2017-2018 budget as follows:

<b>REVENUES</b>	
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
Fund Balance	5,250,242
Maintenance Reserve	1,000,000
State Sources	179,013,148
Local Tax Levy	21,479,212
Other Sources	
Medicaid Reimbursement	412,664
Miscellaneous	<u>325,003</u>
<b><i>Sub Total General Fund</i></b>	<b>207,480,269</b>
 <b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u></b>	
State Aid	21,038,574
PreK (Special Education)	552,060
Federal Aid	<u>7,484,054</u>
<b><i>Sub Total Special Revenue Fund</i></b>	<b>29,074,688</b>
 <b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>	
State Aid	3,495,837
Miscellaneous	496,843
Local Tax Levy	<u>1,697,320</u>
Total Debt Revenue	5,690,000
<b><i>TOTAL REVENUE SOURCE</i></b>	<b><u>242,244,957</u></b>

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. FINANCE

a. Adoption of the 2017-2018 Budget for the East Orange Board of Education – Cont’d

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**GENERAL FUND**

Total General Current Expense	78,740,256
Total Capital Outlay	780,435
Total Summer School	317,500
Total Other Special Schools	169,000
Adult Education	30,500
Charter Schools	13,176,215
School Based Budget	<u>114,266,363</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>207,480,269</b>

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Preschool Aid	21,590,634
Title I	404,215
Title II	620,967
Title III	77,642
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	3,087,226
School Based Budget	<u>3,294,004</u>
<b>Total Special Revenue</b>	<b>29,074,678</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

Total Regular Debt Service	<u>5,690,000</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b><u>242,244,947</u></b>

BE IT RESOLVED, it will require the amount of taxes to be raised for school purposes in the amount of \$21,479,212 for General Fund appropriation and \$1,697,320 for debt service.

On a motion of Dr. Kristie M. Howard, duly seconded by Ms. Terry S. Tucker, the members of the Board of Education voted to approve item “b” under Finance:

- ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie M. Howard – Yes  
 Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. – Absent  
 Ms. Marjorie Perry – Yes  
 Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. – Absent  
 Ms. Terry S. Tucker – Yes  
 Mr. Jenabu Williams – Absent  
 Mr. Bergson Leneus – Yes

b. Approval of Maximum Travel Expenditures for 2017-2018 School Year

WHEREAS, the East Orange School District Travel Policy #6471 and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-7.3 provides that annually in the pre-budget year, each board shall establish by board resolution, a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year, which the school district shall not exceed; and

WHEREAS, the board resolution shall also include the maximum amount established for the pre-budget year and the amount spent to date; and

WHEREAS, the East Orange Board of Education established \$200,000 for the 2017-2018 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Orange Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2017-2018 school year at the sum of \$200,000, which includes board members, administrators, teachers, custodians and support staff.

**X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS****A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS****1. FINANCE**

On a motion of Dr. Kristie M. Howard, duly seconded by Ms. Terry S. Tucker, the members of the Board of Education voted to approve item "c" under Finance:

ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie M. Howard - Yes  
 Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent  
 Ms. Marjorie Perry - Yes  
 Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Absent  
 Ms. Terry S. Tucker - Yes  
 Mr. Jenabu Williams - Absent  
 Mr. Bergson Leneus - Yes

c. Approval of Intent to Apply for NJ Gear Up Grant In Partnership with the New Jersey Institute of Technology

WHEREAS, the East Orange School District has been identified as a possible site to receive services for a federal grant application by New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) for a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Partnership Grant for a new 7 year grant cycle to provide services to East Orange School District, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.334A.

WHEREAS, NJ GEAR UP provides academic instruction, financial aid workshops, one-day and overnight college tours, tutorial and counseling services to students in grades six (6) through twelve (12) on the NJIT campus and at designated GEAR UP Target Schools during the academic year and summer. The objective of GEARUP is to provide students and their families with the support necessary to ensure high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment and completion. There is no charge to the student, school or district for these services.

WHEREAS, GEAR UP services include offering mentoring/tutoring, counseling, and other academic and personal development activities on Monday through Friday on site 9 a.m. to 2p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday services including counseling, tutoring, and instruction on NJIT's Campus from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;

BE IT RESOLVED; that the East Orange Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the East Orange School District to submit a joint grant application for the NJ Gear Up Grant Program with the New Jersey Institute of Technology for eligible students within the district at no cost to the district or its students or parents.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bergson Leneus read the following notice:

*The East Orange Board of Education next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the main conference room of the Administrative Offices, 199 Fourth Avenue, East Orange, NJ.*

*The Board of Education will retire to Executive Session after "Comments from the Public" in which matters pertaining to negotiations, personnel and/or litigation will be discussed. The Board will resume the regular public meeting at or about 9:00 p.m.; immediately following the Executive Session.*

On the motion of Dr. Kristie M. Howard, duly seconded by Ms. Terry S. Tucker, the members of the Board voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Dr. Kristie M. Howard - Yes  
 Mr. Cameron B. Jones, Sr. - Absent  
 Ms. Marjorie Perry - Yes  
 Ms. Joy B. Tolliver, Esq. - Absent  
 Ms. Terry S. Tucker - Yes  
 Mr. Jenabu Williams - Absent  
 Mr. Bergson Leneus - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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 Victor R. Demming, Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_