

Jersey Shore Area School District
Board of Education – Work Session
Minutes of March 19, 2018

A. Opening

1. Call to Order: Mrs. Kelley Wasson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Craig Allen, Mr. Harry Brungard, Mr. Christopher Fravel, Mrs. Michelle Stemler, Mr. Merrill Sweitzer, Mr. John Pecchia, Mrs. Karen Stover, Mrs. Kelley Wasson and Dr. Jill Wenrich, Superintendent

Others Present: Christopher Kenyon, Esq., Solicitor, Benjamin Enders, Board Secretary and Dr. Kenneth Dady, Assistant Superintendent

Members Absent: Mrs. Mary Thomas

3. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Discussion Items

1. Extended Cost Cutting Measures:

13. Remove ALL Sports Programs or pay to play for all sports (including music, musicals, instrumental lessons, etc.) with scholarships to supplement students who cannot find funding.
14. Eliminate ALL iPads and all associated costs (eBackpack, apps, infrastructure, tech time, etc.)
15. Administrative ACT 93 15 % Salary Cut
16. Eliminate Source 4 Teachers (return responsibility to administrator/head teacher/secretary)
Utilize substitutes more effectively (sometimes there is a surplus, sometimes lack of)
17. Eliminate Atomic Learning
18. Aggressively campaign to bring back students from cyber/charter schools
19. Eliminate Assistant Superintendent position
20. Eliminate Avis/Salladasburg Principal Position (use head teacher/secretary)
21. Combine Jersey Shore Elementary Principal and Middle School Assistant Principal into one (1) position.
22. All principals to 10 month positions
23. Eliminate print center (teachers make their own copies)
24. Eliminate Central Supply and return supplies to each building
25. Stop hiring teachers at top of scale.
26. Reduce the sport schedule and distance traveled to events
27. Bulk purchasing with other districts
28. Reduce ALiCE training cycle

29. Reduce conference attendance by staff
30. Form community group and inter district teams to brainstorm solutions; make the money saving ideas into a contest to get the most involved
31. Partner with other districts to lobby for changes to cyber/charter regulations
32. Eliminate mileage reimbursement and cell phones for administration
33. Seek corporate, private and alumni donors
34. Sell advertising
35. Debit cards for supply purchases to permit "shopping" for lower prices at local vendors
36. Address building schedules to address air conditioning requirements
37. Raise taxes every year
38. Four (4) day week
39. Open a student store/coffee shop to generate profit (get rid of vending machines)
40. Charge a student parking fee

C. Courtesy of the Floor:

Raye Bierly-Piatt Twp. – commented on iPad leases and usage.

David Becker-Piatt Twp. – commented on cutting athletic programs, iPads and teaching styles.

Erin Hamilton-JSASD teacher – commented on use of Personalized Learning and 1:1 initiative.

Teri Dolan-Ward –JSASD teacher – commented on her students success and the 1:1 iPad initiative.

Ann Knipe-Anthony Twp & Teacher – commented on 1:1 iPad and usage in her classroom.

Amy Staggert-Limestone Twp. & Teacher – commented on usage of a variety of instructional materials which includes iPads.

Patrick Ward-Cummings Twp. – commented on technology in the world and future of business.

Carol Homler- PorterTwp. – commented on iPad and importance of technology for the future.

Justin Wall-Anthony Twp. – commented on change in the budget deficit number, consolidation, and iPad initiative.

Bert Francis-JS Boro – commented that all students are important no matter the skill level and iPads.

Don Lomison-Pine Creek Twp. – commented on budget and deficit.

Nancy Petrosky-Watson Twp. – commented on public comment and feasibility study.

D. Executive Session: An Executive Session was held beginning at 9:38 p.m. for personnel matters after which no business will be conducted.

E. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Christopher Fravel and seconded by John Pecchia to adjourn the March 19, 2018 Work Session at 10:49 p.m.

The vote was a unanimous Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin J. Enders
Board Secretary