

Neptune City Board of Education

Board Meeting Agenda



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GYMNASIUM

Woodrow Wilson School
210 West Sylvania Avenue
Neptune City, NJ 07753

May 1, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is an open public meeting of the Neptune City Board of Education. In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law of 1975, adequate advance written notice of the meeting was made by posting the Board Meetings in the Asbury Park Press and/or The Coaster.

Welcome to this meeting of the Neptune City Board of Education.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Calhoun Present Mrs. Bale Present Mrs. Dellet Present

Mrs. Emmons Present Ms. Lashley Present Ms. Santana Present

Mr. Van Huff Present Mrs. Zanni Present Mr. Susino Present

Others Present: Mr. Garrido Present Mr. Gahles Present

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MOTION, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings act of 1975, which allows the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to:

☒ Personnel Matters
☒ Student Matters
☒ Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege
☐ Pending or Anticipated Contract Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Calhoun Second by Ms. Bale
All in Favor All Ayes Oppose None

Motion to return to Public Session

Motion by Mr. Calhoun Second by Ms. Bale
All in Favor All Ayes Oppose None

Motion to open to Public Session

Motion by Mr. Calhoun Second by Ms. Bale
All in Favor All Ayes Oppose None

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget
Mr. George Gahles- Business Administrator

VII. PUBLIC FORUM ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments should be directed to the President. Commentators should present themselves in a strong voice stating their name, address and affiliation.

Mr. Moldowney - commented on Ratios to Property values, the numbers don't add up.

Ms. Sciarappa - Asked what are budget cushions?

Ms. Carlson - Commented, Who are the kids who go here? Stay Here? Kids being taken out or kids who don't speak english. What are kids getting here? Parents have options.

Ms. Van Huff - commented she has lived here since 1989, wants the best education available for our kids, understands some people are strapped financially, but kids need what they need, can you maybe run on 10% or 11%? This could hinder families.

Ms. Renee - Commented After all we have heard asked to say no. 10%-12% should be revisited

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Mr. Thomas - commented he feels bad for the board, but funding is on the backs of the tax payers at some point residents cant take it. Municipality gets blamed, not putting the blame on the district but something has got to give.

Ms. Santana - commented that we hear closing the school, fire teachers, we don't want that, we need to raise funds, but vote no to 17% increase. Nobody wants to deny the kids but go back and look at it again.

Mr. Calhoun gave a speech

Mr. Moldowny - commented that this was the cadillac version, this time 17%, last year 7.7% whats next? Go back and figure out something better.

VIII. MINUTES

Tabled

IX. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Chief School Administrator's Report

None

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Neptune City Board of Education, to affirm the finding in the HIB Allegation #1 Investigation

MOTION, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Neptune City Board of Education approve the IX. Administration Report inclusive of A. Resolutions, Item 1.

Motion by: Ms. Lashley Seconded by: Ms. Dellet

DISCUSSION:

All in Favor All Ayes

Oppose None

X. CORRESPONDENCE

1. None

XI. BOARD PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board President's Report - Mr. Anthony Susino

Discussion topic of Buying live stream camera

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XII. EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Mrs. Sheryl Zanni, Chairperson Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Dellett, Mr. Susino

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

XIII. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS - Mr. David Calhoun, Chairperson Ms. Lashley, Ms. Santana

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None, next meeting postponed

PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

The Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary reports, in compliance with N.J.S.A 18A:19-1b, that he has certified the following April 2025 amounts:

April 30, 2025	\$137,817.80
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B. RESOLUTIONS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Neptune City Board of Education, that the April 2025 claims for goods received and services rendered and certified to be correct by the Business Administrator, be approved for payment in the amount of \$674,353.21.

MOTION, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Neptune City Board of Education approve Item 1. listed under XIII. Finance and Operations B. Resolutions as presented.

Motion by: Ms. Lashley Seconded by: Ms. Santana

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Calhoun Yes Ms. Bale Yes Mrs. Dellet Yes

Ms. Emmons Yes Ms. Lashley Yes Ms. Santana Yes

Mr. Van Huff Yes Mrs. Zanni Yes Mr. Susino Yes

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C. 2025-2026 BUDGET- *Pending Department of Education approval of tax levy increase application.

1. FINAL Budget Adoption – with all other resolutions re-adopted

Adoption of the FINAL BUDGET, with modifications to the TENTATIVE BUDGET approved by the Executive County Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Board of Education adopted a TENTATIVE budget on March 13 , 2025, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 24, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the TENTATIVE budget was advertised in the legal section of the Asbury Park Press on April 28 2025, and

WHEREAS, in the proposed FY2026 State Budget, certain districts had the opportunity to apply to the Commission of Education to increase expenditures, including an allocation of Tax Levy Incentive Aid, in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46.

Whereas, Neptune City School District is below local fair share and spending below adequacy to be eligible to participate in this program.

Whereas, Neptune City School District is eligible to increase expenditures by \$1,450,785 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of \$69,085.

Whereas, the Neptune City School District has been granted approval to increase expenditures based on the following reasons provide a thorough and efficient education.

WHEREAS, the FINAL BUDGET including the increase in accordance with the tax levy incentive aid was presented to the public during a public hearing held in the Woodrow Wilson School, Neptune City NJ, at 7:00PM on May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has now determined to make modifications to the Tentative Budget as follows: Increase in Revenues:

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Revenue Budget Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
10-1210-000	Tax Levy	\$8,456,251	\$9,837,951	\$1,381,700	Tax Levy Incentive Program
10-3XXX	Other State Aid	\$00.00	\$69,085	\$69,085	Tax Levy Incentive Aid
TOTAL		\$8,456,251	\$9,907,036	\$1,450,785	

Increase in Appropriations:

Budget Appropriation Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
11-000-219-104	School Counselor	\$169,437	\$269,437	\$100,00	Mental Health Support
11-204-100-101	MLL Teacher	\$64,957	\$174,957	\$110,000	Multi Language Learning Instructional Support
11-000-219-105	Office Support Staff	48,365	133,365	85,000	Salary Confidential Secretary
11-213-100-101	Salary Resource Room	134,681	244,681	110,000	Special Ed Teacher
11-110-100-101	Kindergarten Salaries	62,380	162,380	100,000	Kindergarten Teacher
11-000-219-104	Salary BCBA	169,437	244,437	75,000	Behavior Support Staff
11-000-291-270	Health Benefits	1,168,563	1,468,563	300,000	Health Benefits
11-000-100-566	OOD Tuition	549,979	840,764	290,785	Spec Ed - Private

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11-000-270-514	Contracted Spec Ed Serv	48,488	148,488	100,000	OOD Transportation
11-214-100-106	Other Salaries for Instruction	45,768	145,768	100,000	Aides for mental and physical support of disabled students
11-000-213-101	Salary Resource Nurse	134,681	214,681	80,000	Tuition Spec Ed Private
TOTAL		\$2,596,736	\$4,047,521	\$1,450,785	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the above, the Board of Education of Neptune City hereby adopts the following FINAL Budget for SY2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Final budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following Final Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2025-2026				
Total Expenditures	\$11,338,909	\$824,883	\$653,942	\$12,817,734
Less:				
Anticipated Revenues	\$1,500,958	\$824,883	\$164,443	\$2,490,284
Taxes to be Raised	\$9,837,951	\$0	\$489,499	\$10,327,450

***Adjustment for HEALTH CARE COSTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Neptune City Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$108,814. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

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***Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Neptune City Board of Education established \$8,000.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$972.00 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$8,000.00 for the 2025-2026 School Year.

MOTION, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Neptune City Board of Education adopt the 2025-2026 Budget.

Motion by: Mr. Calhoun Seconded by: Ms. Emmons

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Calhoun Yes Ms. Bale No Mrs. Dellet No

Ms. Emmons Yes Ms. Lashley No Ms. Santana No

Mr. Van Huff No Mrs. Zanni No Mr. Susino Yes

Motion did not pass.

XIV. HUMAN RESOURCES - Mrs. Bale, Chairperson Mr. Calhoun, Mrs. Dellett

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

B. RESOLUTIONS

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1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Neptune City Board of Education, to approve the following staff for extracurricular stipend positions for the 2024-2025 School Year.
 - A. Morning Duty, LouAnn Chiotelis \$37.91
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Neptune City Board of Education approve the following 2024-2025 school year Schedule B appointments; y the Neptune City Board of Education, to approve the employment of the following staff members for the 2025 Summer Programs at their NCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement contracted hourly rates for the 2025 Summer Program:
 - A. 2024-2025 Extended School Year (ESY) Program:
 - a. Teacher - Erin McEvoy
 - b. Teacher - Brianna Haviland
 - c. Teacher - Kevin Henry
 - d. Occupational Therapist - Meghan Whitt
 - e. Speech and Language Pathologist - Mia Apostle
 - f. Social Worker - Grizel Wilson
 - g. School Psychologist - Carolina Bezerra
 - h. School Nurse - Gabrielle Lafer
 - i. Paraprofessional - Jennifer Neice
 - j. Paraprofessional - Karen Lyons
3. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Neptune City Board of Education, to approve the appointment of Micayla N’Kiyah Jones substitute teacher at the rate of \$125 per day.

MOTION, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Neptune City Board of Education approve B. Resolutions 1-3. listed under XIV. Human Resources as presented.

Motion by: Ms. Lashley Seconded by: Ms. Dellett

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Calhoun Yes Ms. Bale Yes Mrs. Dellet Yes

Ms. Emmons Yes Ms. Lashley Yes Ms. Santana Yes

Mr. Van Huff Yes Mrs. Zanni Yes Mr. Susino Yes

XV. POLICY

None

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XVII. REPORT ON NEPTUNE CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

XIX. NEW BUSINESS - None

XX. PUBLIC FORUM ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Rhotem - There are pro's and Con's to this budget, Hopes staff are not let go.

Ms. Zanni - Asked how the CSA search was going?

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Mr. Van Huff Seconded by: Ms. Lashley

All in Favor: All Aye's Oppose: None

At: 9 PM