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

May 9, 2025
5:00 PM

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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.

Thank you for your cooperation and welcome to this meeting of the Neptune City Board of Education.

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II. ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Emmons Present Ms. Lashley Absent 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. PUBLIC FORUM ON AGENDA ITEMS

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Ms. Reynolds: Asked whether the meeting was advertised

Mr. Welsh: Is this reflect the Tax levy percentage plus aid? Thoughts on Neptune? Charter Schools can parents pay? Can the district have an OOD school of their own?

Ms. Van Huff: Kids need to succeed, We need to try and keep our school open, it's a great school and needs to be supported and kept. Our kids need to be educated and prosper.

Ms. Asado: Can we keep OOD kids in our school? Although HS would be difficult.

Ms. Mulvihill: Do parents pay for their own OOD students?

Ms. Graziano: Whos fault is this? Heard it was not going to be the last time. Tell Realtors.

Mz. Tonzola: Spoke about families that send children to other districts, we need money to help our district.

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

V. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS - Mr. Calhoun, Chairperson, Ms. Lashley, Mr. Susino, Ms. Santana

A. COMMITTEE REPORT

B. RESOLUTION

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 \$976,697 and qualify for Tax Levy Incentive Aid in the amount of \$46,509.

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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 5:00PM on May 9, 2025.

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

Revenue Budget Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
10-1210-000	Tax Levy	\$8,456,251	\$9,386,439	\$930,188	Tax Levy Incentive Program
10-3XXX	Other State Aid	\$00.00	\$46,509	\$46,509	Tax Levy Incentive Aid
TOTAL		\$8,456,251	\$9,432,948	\$976,697	

Increase in Appropriations:

Budget Appropriation Line	Description	Tentative Budget	Final Budget	Change	Explanation
11-204-100-101	MLL Teacher	\$64,957	\$144,957	\$80,000	Multi Language Learning Instructional Support
11-110-100-101	Kindergarten Salaries	62,380	142,380	80,000	Kindergarten Teacher
11-000-219-104	Salary BCBA-Part Time	169,437	209,437	40,000	Behavior Support Staff
11-000-291-270	Health Benefits	1,168,563	1,363,260	194,697	Health Benefits
11-000-100-566	OOD Tuition	549,979	749,979	200,000	Spec Ed - Private
11-000-270-514	Contracted Spec Ed Serv	48,488	128,488	80,000	OOD Transportation

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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
11-120-100-101	Salaries Teachers	533,114	655,114	122,000	Retention of Teachers
TOTAL		\$2,777,367	\$3,754,064	\$976,697	

Mr. Gahles discussed with the board the detailed changes from the approved Tentative Budget as outlined above and discussed the line items and amounts by account number for each of the changes. The discussion of these items was as follows:

- **Grades K Teachers (\$80K) & 1-5 Teachers (\$122K)**

Kindergarten: To help lower class sizes and meet the growing enrollment in Kindergarten.

Salaried Teachers: To retain 1st grade teachers

- **Salary for learning disabled (\$80K):** To support the growing multilingual population.
- **Salary BCBA (\$40K):** To help support teachers with the rising behavioral concerns in Pre-K thru 5th Grade.
- **Health/Dental Benefits (\$194.7K):** Contractually required necessary benefits and services.
- **Tuition Special Education Private (\$200K):** Contractually required necessary benefits and services.
- **Transportation Spec Ed (\$80K):** Contractually required necessary benefits and services.
- **Transportation Spec Ed Salaries (\$100K):** Contractually required necessary benefits and services.
- **Other Purchased Services Nurse (\$80K):** Contractually required necessary benefits and services.

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:

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	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2025-2026				
Total Expenditures	\$10,864,821	\$824,883	\$653,942	\$12,343,646
Less:				
Anticipated Revenues	\$1,478,382	\$824,883	\$164,443	\$2,467,708
Taxes to be Raised	\$9,386,439	\$0	\$489,499	\$9,875,938

***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.

***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.

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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. Bale

DISCUSSION:

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

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

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

Motion passed by Unanimous roll call vote

VI. OLD BUSINESS None

VII. NEW BUSINESS None

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

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

All in Favor: Ayes Oppose: None

At: 6:03PM