

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

October 2, 2018

Board of Education Committees:

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Members (yellow)

Chairperson: Lisa Saidel

Administrative Liaison: Farrah Mahan

Committee Members: Carol Matlack, Jane Scarpellino, Dr. Edward Wang

Business & Facilities Committee Members (blue)

Chairperson: Ken Tomlinson, Jr.

Administrative Liaison: Lynn E. Shugars

Committee Members: Eric Goodwin, Carol Matlack, Ruth Schultz

Negotiations, Human Resources & Litigation Committee Members (pink)

Chairperson: Kathy Judge

Administrative Liaison: Nancy Adrian

Committee Members: Dr. Barry Dickinson, Ruth Schultz, Ken Tomlinson, Jr.

Policy & Legislation Committee Members (green)

Chairperson: Jane Scarpellino

Administrative Liaison: Dr. Joseph Meloche

Committee Members: Dr. Barry Dickinson, Dr. Edward Wang

Strategic Planning Committee Members (buff)

Chairperson: Carol Matlack

Administrative Liaison: Dr. Joseph Meloche, Lynn E. Shugars

Committee Members: Eric Goodwin, Kathy Judge, Lisa Saidel

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Board Goals

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A. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

NO ITEMS

B. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

NO ITEMS

C. HUMAN RESOURCES/NEGOTIATIONS

NO ITEMS

D. POLICIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

NO ITEMS

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E. STRATEGIC PLANNING

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The Superintendent recommends the following:

ITEM 1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THREE SPECIAL BALLOT QUESTIONS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) desires to undertake various school facilities projects (collectively, the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the Projects, the Board seeks to authorize the submission of three ballot questions and an explanatory statement at a Special School District election to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 (the “Election”) and to authorize certain actions required to be taken in connection with the conduct of the Election and the undertaking of the Projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following Explanatory Statement and Proposals (the "Proposal") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the School District for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

PROPOSAL #1

The Board is seeking to undertake school improvements including:

- security upgrades, secure entrance/vestibules and improvements throughout the district
- infrastructure improvements including building envelope and masonry improvements, roof replacement and HVAC improvements to all-purpose rooms and other areas
- addition of a security vestibule entrance to Harte, Stockton and Rosa Schools
- construction of a multipurpose room at Johnson School

Proposal #1 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$49,734,143.

PROPOSAL #2

The Board is seeking to undertake school improvements including:

- ceiling and lighting replacement throughout the district
- electrical upgrades and domestic water upgrades
- toilet room upgrades
- creation of small group instruction rooms
- HVAC upgrades
- renovated and expanded cafetorium at Rosa Middle School
- roof replacement and fire/alarm system upgrades at Carusi Middle School
- renovated and expanded all-purpose rooms at Barton, Kingston, Knight, Mann and Sharp Schools

Proposal #2 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$113,402,251.

PROPOSAL #3

The Board is seeking to undertake school improvements including:

- renovated science labs and gymnasium at Carusi Middle School
- renovated locker rooms at Beck and Carusi Middle Schools, High School East and High School West
- auditorium upgrades at High School East
- renovated science labs at High School West
- athletic facilities improvements at High School East and High School West
- various site improvements throughout the district including playground, paving, lighting, drainage, sidewalk and accessibility improvements

Proposal #3 improvements would be undertaken at a cost not to exceed \$47,636,213.

STATE FUNDING

The Board will receive State aid for the projects in the form of debt service aid. This State aid reduces the taxpayers' share of each of the projects. Such State funding will only be available if the respective Proposals pass.

Proposal	State Contribution to total cost	Local contribution to total cost
#1	37.71%	62.29%
#2	35.41%	64.59%
#3	36.18%	63.82%

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VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ON ALL THREE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL #1

The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade, renovation and expansion of schools including, as applicable, security upgrades and improvements; infrastructure improvements including building envelope and masonry improvements, roof replacement and HVAC improvements to all-purpose rooms and other areas and the addition of a security vestibule entrance to Harte, Stockton and Rosa Schools and the construction of a multipurpose room at Johnson School. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$49,734,143 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$46,892,607. The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

PROPOSAL #2

IF AND ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 IS APPROVED, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade, renovation and expansion of schools including, as applicable, ceiling and lighting replacement, electrical upgrades, domestic water upgrades; toilet room upgrades; creation of small group instruction rooms; HVAC upgrades; renovated and expanded cafetorium at Rosa Middle School; roof replacement and fire/alarm system upgrades at Carusi Middle School and renovated and expanded all-purpose rooms at Barton, Kingston, Knight, Mann and Sharp Schools. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$113,402,251 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$100,387,888. The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

PROPOSAL #3

IF AND ONLY IF PROPOSAL #1 AND PROPOSAL #2 ARE APPROVED, The Board of Education of the Township of Cherry Hill in the County of Camden, New Jersey is authorized to undertake a school facilities project consisting of district-wide upgrade and renovation of schools including, as applicable, renovated science labs and gymnasium at Carusi Middle School, renovated locker rooms at Beck and Carusi Middle Schools, High School East and High School West, auditorium upgrades at High School East, renovated science labs at High School West, athletic facilities improvements at High School East and High School West and various site improvements throughout the district including playground, paving, lighting, drainage, sidewalk and accessibility improvements. The Board is authorized to expend and issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$47,636,213 on such project. The State has agreed to provide debt service aid in the amount of 40% of the “final eligible costs” of the school facilities project. The “final eligible costs” of the project are \$43,084,088. The project includes \$4,552,125 school facilities construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The local shares of each of the projects may be transferred among projects.

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2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposals and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

3. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to comply with applicable provisions of the Education Law and Election Law, to the Executive Camden County Superintendent of Schools, Camden County Clerk, Camden County Boards of Elections, and to the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill, and to request such persons to undertake their respective functions under the Education Law and the Election Law, as applicable, in connection with the Election. The Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to amend the Proposals and the Explanatory Statement to conform same to statutory requirements.

4. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 24-16 and 24-17 of the Education Law, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cherry Hill, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposals, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill, and in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to cause such Supplemental Debt Statement to be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

5. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel and the Architect for the Project, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposals to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of debt service aid.

6. The Board hereby (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letters of the New Jersey Department of Education (the "NJDOE Eligibility Letter"); (ii) elects to receive the State Share in the form of debt service aid; (iii) determines to construct the Projects; (iv) agrees to locally fund any excess costs and (v) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____