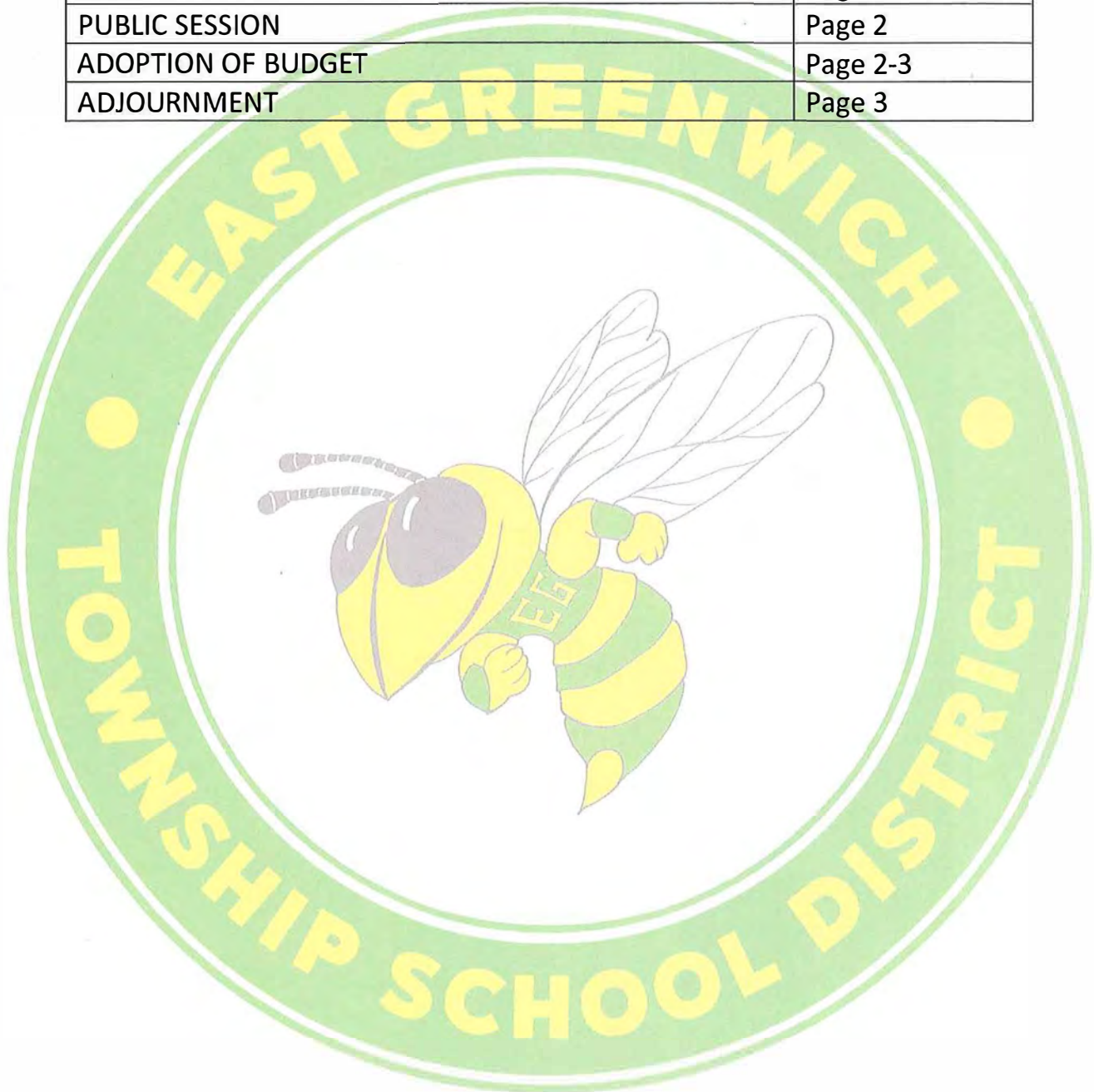




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The public hearing on the 2023-2024 school budget of the East Greenwich Township Board of Education was held on the above date, duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Notice of this meeting was posted in the East Greenwich Township Municipal Building, each school in the district and advertised in the South Jersey Times and Courier Post. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Jones. Following the flag salute, a moment of silent reflection was observed.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Baird, Cavalieri, Cosentino, Jones, O'Brien, Schonewise, and Starks. Absent: Becker and Christian. Also present were the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and two (2) members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

The proposed 2023-2024 annual school budget was presented, discussed, and questions were addressed from the Board and the public regarding the presentation. **(Attachment – 1)**

ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

On motion by Schonewise, second by Cavalieri, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Annual School Budget as follows:

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 15, 2023, 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 March 21, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the South Jersey Times on April 14, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a public hearing held by the East Greenwich Township Board of Education located in the Samuel Mickle School at 559 Kings Highway, Mickleton, NJ on May 3, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. and

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township Board of Education includes in the budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$271,683 for the purpose of meeting extraordinary one-time expenses. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2024, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$13,865,258 for the ensuing school year, 2023-2024:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2023-2024 Total Expenditures	\$22,849,479	\$402,000	\$1,592,550	\$24,844,028
Less: Anticipated Revenue	\$8,984,220	\$402,000	\$0	\$9,386,220
Taxes to be Raised	\$13,865,258	\$0	\$1,592,550	\$15,457,808

WHEREAS, the East Greenwich Township 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



ADOPTION OF BUDGET: (continued)

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 East Greenwich Township Board of Education established \$20,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$0 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 \$20,000 for the 2023-2024 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Absent – 2

Y John Baird

A Krissy Christian

Y Jodie O'Brien

A Lori Becker

Y Stephanie Cosentino

Y Mark Schonewise

Y Jennifer Cavalieri

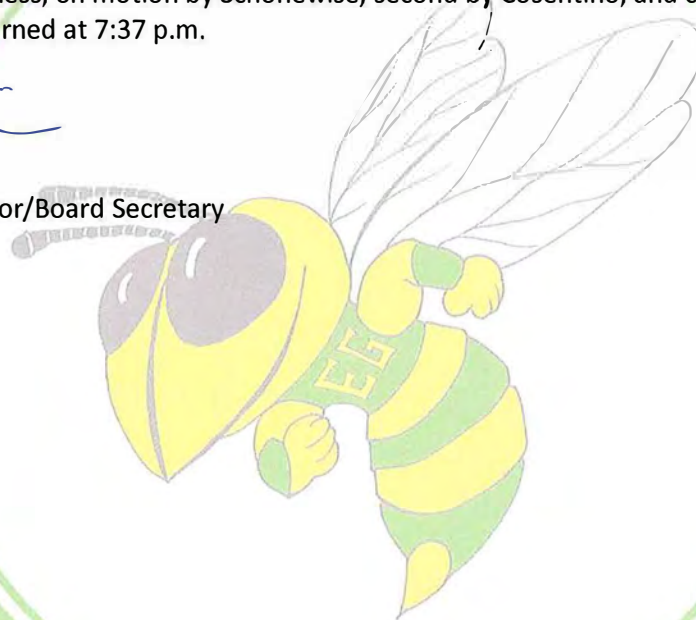
Y Todd Jones

Y Lynn Starks

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, on motion by Schonewise, second by Cosentino, and carried by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Gregory Wilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary



**East Greenwich Township School District
2023-2024 Advertised Budget**

	<u>Revenues</u>		
	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase
Surplus	1,811,295	1,499,353	(311,942)
Local	13,072,869	13,865,258	792,389
Tuition	15,000	15,000	-
Misc Rev/Semi	5,000	5,000	-
State Aid	7,216,457	7,464,867	248,410
Grants	869,327	277,000	(592,327)
Local Debt Service	1,590,394	1,592,550	2,156
Debt Service Surplus	125,000	125,000	-
Local Grants	-	-	-
Total	24,705,342	24,844,028	138,686

	<u>Expenses</u>			
	Account	2022-2023	2023-2024	Increase
Regular Programs Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	6,482,337	6,460,995	(21,342)
Special Education Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	2,102,215	2,226,246	124,031
Basic Skills Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	851,750	915,386	63,636
Community Services	11-800-330-XXX	2,000	2,000	-
Tuition	11-000-100-XXX	507,555	819,550	311,995
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	215,859	227,276	11,417
Speech, OT, PT, & Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	650,836	636,099	(14,737)
Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	527,486	526,141	(1,345)
Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	258,704	266,665	7,961
CST	11-000-219-XXX	501,202	634,317	133,115
Improvement of Instruction	11-000-221-XXX	230,266	236,738	6,472
Media Services	11-000-222-XXX	223,936	231,004	7,068
Staff Training	11-000-213-XXX	151,212	153,899	2,687
General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	508,607	509,775	1,168
School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	736,535	642,447	(94,088)
Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	315,010	311,248	(3,762)
Information Technology Administration	11-000-252-XXX	76,220	78,888	2,668
Operation & Maintenance Services	11-000-26X-XXX	1,773,880	1,837,935	64,055
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,793,275	1,923,127	129,852
Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	3,597,988	3,952,126	354,139
Prior Year Carry Over		(161,272)		
Capital Expenditures				
Equipment	12-XXX-26X-730	20,000	10,000	(10,000)
Construction Services	12-XXX-4XX-730	707,405	200,000	(507,405)
SDA Debt Assessment	12-000-400-XXX	47,615	47,615	-
Grants	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	994,327	402,000	(592,327)
Repayment of Debt	40-701-510-XXX	1,590,394	1,592,550	2,156
Total		24,705,342	24,844,028	138,686

2023-2024 Budget Preparation Summary

1. The 2023-2024 budget includes the following fixed increases:
 - Salaries & Benefits \$650,000
 - Transportation Increases \$100,000
 - Out of District Placements \$300,000
2. The 2023-2024 budget includes money for new language arts resources and repairs to the Jeffrey Clark School parking lot.
3. The 2023-2024 budget is being created with an additional \$248,410 in state aid.
4. The 2023-2024 budget includes a 2% increase in the local tax levy. This will be the first increase since the 2018-2019 school year. The budget will also utilize the health care cost adjustment of \$259,250. The budget includes utilizing our banked cap from the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$271,683. The district will carry \$522,914 in banked cap for future years.
5. The budget is being built with a \$1,499,353 surplus. This surplus is about \$200,000 more than we traditionally carry forward. The additional money will be used to fund the repairs to the Jeffrey Clark School parking lot.
6. The increase in the local levy will increase taxes on the average homeowner by about \$57 per year.