District Goals 2019-20

- To create a comprehensive community outreach program that will educate the citizens of Dunellen about the proposed $23.8 million bond that will fund the construction and renovation plans created to address an emerging population and modern curricular needs. The program will culminate in the approval of the bond in a Special Election on December 10, 2019.
- To finalize the new emergency plans for the district and the individual schools while simultaneously creating a reunification plan that would be flexible enough to cover any emergency scenario, whether it be district-wide or isolated to a specific school or schools.
- To evaluate the curricular offerings in the middle school. This will include a reassessment of the cycle electives that will result in the development of new electives that best meet the needs of 21st century learners.
- To develop a new budget process that will reflect a zero-base philosophy and require each administrator to provide a detailed, itemized budget that they will defend in pre-budget meetings with the business administrator and the superintendent. This should result in a more transparent, streamlined budgetary process that accounts for every item and avoids departmental and/or building duplication.

Agenda: For the meeting of the Board of Education, March 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm Special Public Meeting via telephone conference call:

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I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

III. Roll Call

IV. President’s Remarks

V. Superintendent’s Report

VI. Questions/Comments from Public – Agenda Items

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importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. In support of this position, the law establishes a period of public comment at every public Board meeting.

Individuals wishing to speak must state their name and address. Comments can be limited to five minutes’ duration, but an individual may speak a second time after all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard.

All statements and/or questions shall be directed to the presiding officer and no participant may address or question Board members individually. All speakers are requested to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy rights of others whose legal rights may be affected.

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VII. Information/Reports/Action

A. Finance

1. Approval to submit the tentative 2020-2021 Dunellen Public Schools District Budget to the County Superintendent of Schools

Acknowledgement of the 2020-2021 state aid figures in the following amounts: Equalization Aid of $8,424,501, Categorical Special Education Aid of $1,045,367, Security Aid of $361,377, Transportation Aid of $76,133 for a General Fund state aid total of $9,907,378;

Approval of the 2020-2021 General Fund Tentative Budget in the amount of $24,862,624, Special Revenue Fund Tentative Budget in the amount of $516,000, and Debt Service Fund Tentative Budget in the amount of $1,120,570 with a total 2020-2021 Tentative Budget of $26,499,194;

Approval of the General Fund Tax Levy in the amount of $12,321,028, and the Debt Service Tax Levy in the amount of $728,201;

And that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator are authorized to submit all required 2020-2021 budget documents to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

In accordance with Board Policy and N.J.A.C. 6a:23A-7.3, the maximum travel expenditure limit for the 2020-2021 school year is $100,000.

VIII. Comments from the Public – Any Issue/Topic

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IX. New Business

X. President’s Remarks

XI. Executive Session

XII. Adjournment