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, April 28, 2020 at 4:00 pm Regular Public Meeting via telephone conference call

I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
III. Roll Call
Executive Session: Personnel Matters
IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. Approval of April 7, 2020 minutes
V. President’s Remarks
VI. Superintendent’s Report
VII. Questions/Comments from Public – Agenda Items

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VIII. Information/Reports/Action

A. Curriculum and Instruction

   1. Approval of the revised 2019-2020 District Calendar

B. Buildings and Grounds

C. Finance

   1. Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2020-2021 Dunellen Public Schools District Budget

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

      Approval to withdraw from the Capital Reserve for an amount of $392,368.00 for expenditures related to interest payments for the Bond Referendum in the 2020 – 2021 school fiscal year and $2,107,632 for expenditures related to Classroom additions;

      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.

   2. Approval of the Emergency Contract Modifications due to the Novel Coronavirus with Maschio’s Food Services, Inc.

D. Executive Session
E. Personnel

1. Approval to amend the Maternity Leave dates for Mrs. Shannon Pair, for the 2020-2021 School Year, with an anticipated return to work date of September 1, 2021

2. Approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Barbara Guhl, Teacher at John P. Faber Elementary for retirement purposes effective June 30, 2020

3. Approval to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeffrey Nolan, Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2020

4. Approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Karen LaJeunesse, Secretary at Lincoln Middle School, effective April 14, 2020

5. Approval to accept the compensation of Mrs. Lauren Caulfield, for leave coverage of Mrs. Allison Dronne from April 27, 2020 until June 18, 2020 for a total amount of $8,500.00

IX. Board Policy and Operations

A. Consent Motions

1. Approval of the Bills list dated 4/28/20

2. Acceptance of the Cafeteria Report for March 2020

3. Transfers of Funds for February 2020

4. Approval to accept the following financial reports, append the reports to the minutes and approve the following certification for February 2020:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3, I certify that as of the report date, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Dunellen Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1

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Johnny Rosa, Board Secretary

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a), the Dunellen Board of Education hereby certifies that as of the report date after review of the Secretary’s Report (appropriations section) and upon the Board consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
X. Comments from the Public – Any Issue/Topic

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XI. New Business

XII. President’s Remarks

XIII. Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment