

Special Public Meeting

March 4, 2024

		
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

This meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975. The notice of this meeting was mailed to The Herald News and The Record, and to the presidents of the five employee groups. A copy of the meeting notice was delivered to the Office of Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board at City Hall. A copy was also posted at the Board of Education Administration Building. Annual notice was filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d). Adequate notice has been provided in accordance with the law.

2. Invocation

God, guide us in the decisions to be deliberated this evening and help us to work together in the best interest of the children and the parents of the City of Passaic.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the 2024-2025 School District Budget for Submission to the New Jersey Department of Education/Executive County Superintendent of Schools

Recommends that the Passaic Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5(c) and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-8.1(a) recommends the proposed school budget for the school year 2024-2025, as prepared by Dr. Sandra M. Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools, be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education and the Executive County Superintendent for Passaic County for review and approval.

The proposed school district budget as introduced by Dr. Diodonet highlights the following:

Total School District Budget Appropriations	\$ 405,154,643
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ <u>387,656,595</u>
Minimum Tax Levy for Passaic Taxpayers*	\$ <u>17,498,048</u>

*The Minimum Tax Levy of \$17,498,048, reflects a two percent (2%) tax increase over last year's budget.

The budget to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review is subject to possible adjustments and revisions. The proposed school budget is subject to revisions by the Passaic Board of Education. Budget discussions and review are ongoing through the month of March. The budget will be advertised in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-10.

Dr. Sandra M. Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools notes the following budget dates:

Monday, March 25, 2024 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing of the Budget in person

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Annual School Board Election – Vote on the Budget

3. Resolution Establishing Professional Services Appropriations and Extra Curricular Activities (Clubs and Athletics) for the 2024-2025 School Year

Professional Services Appropriations – N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) (1)

The Passaic Public Schools has budgeted the amount of \$16,716,500.00 for professional services in the 2024-2025 general current expense budget:

Description	Amount
Legal	\$ 343,000.00
Financial Audit	\$ 76,000.00
Actuarial Certification-IBNR	\$ 35,000.00
Insurance Consultant	\$ 32,500.00
OT/PT/Speech/Evaluation (Pre-K - 12)	\$ 10,170,000.00
Medical Inspector/Nursing/Drug Screening	\$ 320,000.00
SRO Contract	\$ 3,800,000.00
Architect Contracts	\$ 1,650,000.00
Home Instruction	\$ 290,000.00
Total	\$16,716,500.00

Extra-Curricular Activities (Clubs and Athletics) —N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 (c) (3)

The Passaic Public Schools has budgeted the amount of \$1,668,363.00 for extracurricular activities in the 2024-2025 general current expense budget:

Description	Amount
K-8 Co-Curricular (Clubs & Activities)	\$ 126,000.00
High School Co-Curricular (Clubs & Activities)	\$ 190,500.00
Interscholastic Athletics (Includes Coaches, Supplies & Services)	\$ 1,351,863.00
Total	\$ 1,668,363.00

4. Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

Recommends that the Passaic Board of Education based upon the recommendation of Dr. Sandra M. Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools, recommends a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$7,793,449.00. The district intends to utilize the resources to fund required maintenance activities throughout the district.

5. Capital Reserve Withdrawal

Recommends that the Passaic Board of Education based upon the recommendation of Dr. Sandra M. Diodonet, Superintendent of Schools, recommends a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. The district intends to utilize these funds to implement district wide capital improvements as follows:

Project Description	Amount
Boverini Stadium Turf Replacement.	\$2,000,000.00

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next ***Regular Public Meeting*** of the Passaic Board of Education will be held on ***Monday, March 25, 2024*** at 6:00 p.m. at the Passaic Board of Education, Board Meeting Room, 663 Main Avenue, 6th Floor, Passaic, New Jersey.