

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE DELSEA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING**

Purpose: 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR MAY - PUBLIC HEARING
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Special Note: THE MEETING APPROVED AND PRE-SCHEDULED BEGAN 7:00 P.M.

Board Mem. Pres. Ms. Kathie Catucci
Mrs. Tina DeSilvio Mr. Garry Lightfoot
Mr. William DiMatteo Mrs. Desiree Miller
Mr. Harry Kennedy Mr. David Piccirillo
Mr. James Kelly Ms. Diane Trace

Admin. Pres. Dr. Piera Gravenor, Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Collins, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. Melissa Williams, Assistant Superintendent

Press Identified: Sentinel

Statement: Board President Mr. James Kelly read the following statement: "As President of the Delsea Regional
Regular Session: High School District Board of Education, I hereby certify that provisions of the "Open Public Meeting Law" P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been met. Notice of this meeting was mailed to "The Gloucester County Times", "The Sentinel", and "The Daily Journal", as well as to the municipal clerks of Elk and Franklin Townships.

Pledge: Mr. James Kelly led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS

Mrs. Cindy Merckx questioned what changes were made to the Budget from the previous meeting to today
Mr. James Kelly explained the process and the actions that were taken by the Board to make the changes needed.
Mr. Joseph Collins stated that that all line items were reviewed and \$141,106 was able to be cut from the original budget

Mrs. Marsha Bilinski questioned the tax increase
Mr. Joseph Collins explained that the increase is based on the average home within Elk and Franklin Township

Mrs. Marsha Bilinski questioned who was on the Budget Committee
Mr. Joseph Collins stated that the committee was made up of Ms. Diane Trace, Mrs. Tina DeSilvio, Ms. Kathie Catucci, and Mr. David Piccirillo

Mrs. Marsha Bilinski questioned how bus drivers were payed
Mr. Joseph Collins stated that bus drivers are paid for 180 days

Mrs. Marsha Bilinski questioned if there were any exchange students in the Delsea Regional School District
Dr. Piera Gravenor stated that there are no exchange students within the district

Mrs. Marsha Bilinski questioned what Delsea Regional Board of Education members are up for reelection at this time
Mr. Harry Kennedy stated that Mr. James Kelly, Mr. Harry Kennedy, and Ms. Kathie Catucci are all up for reelection

Mrs. Marsh Bilinski questioned why the meeting last week was not canceled last week
Mr. James Kelly thanked Mrs. Bilinski for her comments

COMMITTEES:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - Ms. Diane Trace

Aprv. Budget
Submission:

Mr. James Kelly thanked the Administration and the Budget Committee for all of their work on the Budget

Mr. Harry Kennedy thanked the Administration and the committee for their diligence with the 2020-2021 Budget

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board approved adoption of the 2020-2021 school budget as presented:

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2020 - 2021 Total Expenditures	\$ 35,344,261	\$ 1,377,498	\$ 641,813	\$ 37,363,572
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 19,456,396	\$ 1,377,498	\$ 198	\$ 20,834,092
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 15,887,865		\$ 641,615	\$ 16,529,480

Mrs. Tina DeSilvio read the following prepared statement:

I would like to thank the administrators and finance committee for agreeing to meet this past week to discuss possible revisions to the district budget.

In March, I voted in favor for our budget to be sent to the County for their approval. At the time, I felt comfortable with the proposed tax increase. As we all know, taxes are a necessary evil to ensure our schools function day to day and to the best of their abilities.

Unfortunately, a lot has changed in our nation and in our state due to the current pandemic. Businesses are forced to remain closed and over a million residents are currently laid off, many of which have yet to receive a stimulus nor unemployment check.

While I appreciate the fact that a decrease from the original proposed budget has been reached, I cannot vote in favor of it at this time. Asking the residents, our neighbors, for even the slightest tax increase is not something I can support during these troubling times. Tonight I am voting with my conscience, I vote no to the budget.

Motion by Ms. Diane Trace, seconded by Mr. Harry Kennedy

Roll Call Vote

Yes - 8 No - 1 Abstentions - 0

Mrs. Kathie Catucci - Yes

Mrs. Tina DeSilvio - No

Mr. William DiMatteo - Yes

Mr. James Kelly - Yes

Mr. Harry Kennedy - Yes

Mr. Garry Lightfoot - Yes

Mrs. Desiree Miller - Yes

Mr. David Piccirillo - Yes

Ms. Diane Trace - Yes

Motion Carried Unanimously

Adjourn Meeting: Motion by Mr. James Kelly, seconded by Mr. William DiMatteo that the meeting be adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Voice Roll Call Vote

Yes - 9 No - 0 Abstentions - 0

Motion Carried Unanimously

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Collins
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary