

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

I. **Call to Order:** In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, the Audubon Board of Education transmitted notice of this meeting, scheduled at 7:00 P.M. in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Library Media Center to the Retrospect newspaper and the Borough Clerk and by postings on the Audubon Public School District website and at the Main and the Pine Street entrance of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. **Roll Call**

SY 2021-2023

___ Joseph Miller

___ Alison Lipsky

___ Lori Cassidy

SY 2022-2024

___ James Blumenstein

___ Allison Cox

___ Andrea Robinson

SY 2023-2025

___ Ammie Davis

___ Stephen Wilson

___ Tara Sullivan-Butrica

SY 2023 Mt. Ephraim Representative

___ Nancy Schiavo

III. **Call Meeting to Order**

IV. **Flag Salute**

V. **Presentation(s): **Presentation of the 2023-2024 Budget****

VI. **Participation:** (Agenda Items Only)

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until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Reference bylaws #0167 of the Audubon Public Schools Board of Education Manual.

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All motions are voted on by all members unless otherwise marked with a +.

VII. OPERATIONS: Chairperson: Mrs. Cox – Committee Members: Ms. Butrica, Ms. Davis, Mr. Miller and Alternate: Mr. Wilson

Board of Education Goals

- ❖ To continue to provide equitable access to a rigorous curriculum while focusing on improving student achievement and decreasing the achievement gaps.
- ❖ To maintain a cost-effective budget that provides for educational resources, supports a preventative maintenance program, and encourages and facilitates long-range facility improvements.
- ❖ To foster a positive school climate and culture in order to positively impact student motivation, engagement, and achievement.

1. Motion to approve the following resolution for the Adoption of the 2023/2024 School Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2023/2024 School Year using the 2023/2024 state aid figures

	2023/2024 Budget	Audubon Borough Tax Levy	Audubon Park Tax Levy
General Fund	27,646,809.00	13,083,774.00	327,481.00
Special Revenue Fund	3,774,522.00		
Debt Service Fund	2,417,250.00	1,682,886.00	18,314.00
Total	33,838,581.00	14,766,660.00	345,795.00

WHEREAS, the Audubon 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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1,1 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, that the Audubon Board of Education established \$ 44,240.00 as the allotted maximum expenditures for 2022/2023 school year and has expended \$ 16,282.00 as of this date.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursement in accordance with N.J.A.C 6A: 23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$ 49,490.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon Board of Education includes in the proposed 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 \$ 120,197.00 for the purpose of adjustment for increase in health care costs. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects in the amount \$ 650,000.00 for excess costs of the December 14, 2021 bond Referendum for the various improvements, alterations, renovations, upgrades and additions at Haviland Elementary School, Mansion Elementary School and Audubon Jr./Sr. High School. The total costs of the school facility project are \$ 27,810,551.00 for which \$ 27,321,835.00 was determined as the final eligible cost and within the facilities efficiency standards and the \$ 650,000.00 was determined as excess costs and represent expenditures for construction elements or projects that exceed the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the general fund appropriations include a \$ 250,000.00 withdrawal from the Emergency Reserve Account for the increase health benefits costs.

Motion to Approve Item(s) 1 through 1: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call

___ Ammie Davis	___ Stephen Wilson	___ Tara Butrica	___ Nancy Schiavo
___ Joseph Miller	___ Alison Lipsky	___ Lori Cassidy	
___ James Blumenstein	___ Allison Cox	___ Andrea Robinson	

VIII. Public Participation: (Open Discussion)

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Audubon Junior-Senior High School Media Center.
2. Motion to adjourn meeting at approximately _____ pm.

Motion to Approve: _____ Second: _____

Roll Call

___ Ammie Davis ___ Stephen Wilson ___ Tara Butrica ___ Nancy Schiavo
___ Joseph Miller ___ Alison Lipsky ___ Lori Cassidy
___ James Blumenstein ___ Allison Cox ___ Andrea Robinson

The Audubon Board of Education reserves the right to add and/or delete motions or make changes to motions in this agenda up to the time of the meeting and during the actual meeting.