

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**VIDEO-CONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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 video-conferencing meeting, scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 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 2019-2021

  X   James Blumenstein

  X   Allison Cox

  X   Ralph Gilmore

SY 2020-2022

  X   Ammie Davis

  X   Joseph Ryan

  X   Tara Sullivan-Butrica

SY 2021-2023

  X   Joseph Miller

  X   Christopher Proulx

  X   Everett Simpson

SY 2021 Mt. Ephraim Representative

  X   Nancy Schiavo

III. **Call Meeting to Order**

IV. **Flag Salute**

V. **Presentation of the 2021-2022 School Budget**

VII. **Participation:** (Agenda Items Only)- None

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In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board has set aside two portions of this Board meeting for public comment on any school or school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of interest to the residents of the school district.

For the first portion, public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda for tonight's meeting. For the second portion, public comments are invited on all matters pertaining to the school district.

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individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. Reference bylaws #0167 of the Audubon Public Schools Board of Education Policy Manual.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen. Not all issues brought to a Board meeting will be resolved at that particular meeting. Complaints stated or actions requested by the public may be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, actions, or disposition at a later date or time. The public comments sessions are an opportunity for citizens to share their opinions and remarks with the Board; it is not a question and answer session. The Board may or may not respond to public comments at the time they are made and is under no obligation to do so.

The Board does not endorse public comments nor will the Board be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Any individuals who may be the subject of public comments, including district employees, shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

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

**VIII. OPERATIONS: Chairperson: Mrs. Cox – Committee Members: Ms. Butrica, Ms. Davis, Mr. Gilmore, Alternate: Mr. Miller**

**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.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 1**

Motion by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mrs. Cox

1. Motion to approve the following resolution for Adoption of the 2021/2022 Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be approved for the 2021/2022 School Year using the 2021/2022 state aid figures:

	<b>2021/2022 Budget</b>	<b>Audubon Borough Tax Levy</b>	<b>Audubon Park Tax Levy</b>
General Fund	25,363,849.00	12,495,140.00	372,044.00
Special Revenue Fund	1,545,013.00		
Debt Service Fund	920,200.00	920,200.00	
Total	27,829,062.00	13,415,340.00	372,044.00

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Audubon Board of Education established \$36,000.00 as the allotted maximum expenditures for travel. To date thus far in the 2020/2021 school year, the Audubon Board of Education has spent \$ 7,451.31 on travel, out of the \$36,000.00 that was budgeted.

Motion to Approve Item 1:  R. Gilmore  Second:  A. Cox

**Roll Call**

X  James Blumenstein     X  Allison Cox                     X  Ralph Gilmore                     X  Nancy Schiavo  
 X  Ammie Davis                     X  Joseph Ryan                     X  Tara Butrica  
 X  Joseph Miller                     X  Christopher Proulx                     X  Everett Simpson

**VOTE FOR ITEM1**

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (10-0)

**IX. Public Participation: (Open Discussion)**

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**X. ADJOURNMENT**

1. The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 via video-conferencing at 6:30 PM.

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2. Motion by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn meeting at approximately 7:55pm.

Motion approved by unanimous roll call (8-0)

Motion to Approve: R. Gilmore

Second: A. Cox

**Roll Call:**

X James Blumenstein

X Allison Cox

X Ralph Gilmore

X Nancy Schiavo

X Ammie Davis

X Joseph Ryan

X Tara Butrica

X Joseph Miller

X Christopher Proulx

X Everett Simpson

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**Deborah Roncace**  
**Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

*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.*