

CLIFFSIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)

THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025

A Special Virtual Meeting of the Cliffside Park Board of Education with the Board Members was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. with the Board Secretary presiding.

The assemblage saluted the flag

ROLL CALL	Present:	Mr. Capano, Mr. Ndreu, Dr. Pantoliano, Mr. Russo, Mr. Tarabokija, Mr. Yannuzzi
	Absent:	Mrs. Abreu, Mrs. Frato, Mr. Garciga, Mr. Raincourt,

Dr. Mark Hayes, Interim Superintendent of Schools, was in attendance

Board Secretary read the following statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of this act the Cliffside Park Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the offices of the Borough Clerk, the Borough Library, the Borough Recreation Department, the office of the Board of Education, and the offices of Schools Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and the High School on February 27, 2025 and notices were forwarded to reporters of The Record on February 27, 2025. This is an official meeting.”

CLIFFSIDE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SY2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET RESOLUTION APPROVAL

MARCH 6, 2025.

FINANCE

The Interim Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the **TENTATIVE** Budget for SY2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the TENTATIVE budget be approved for the SY2025-2026 using the SY2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the TENTATIVE budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District Budget for the FY 2025-2026 School Year for submission in the amount of \$72,198,216 as follows:

General Fund	\$69,194,960
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 3,003,256
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District General Fund **Local Tax Levy** for the FY 2025-2026 School Year for submission in the amount of \$40,951,209 and **\$0 to support Debt Service for the 2025-2026 School Year budget.**

And to advertise said TENTATIVE budget in the RECORD in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Cliffside Park Board of Education located at 525 Palisade Ave., Cliffside Park, NJ 07010 on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the SY2025-2026.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Cliffside Park School District Capital Reserve Withdrawal as follows:

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects. Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is **\$4,100,000** that is for other capital projects for other capital project costs of:

\$1,700,000 costs for Multi-Purpose Room Upgrades at School No. 6, including: gym floor, windows, doors, auditorium seating, etc.: **State Project# 03-0890-080__.**

\$50,000 costs for district-wide construction services projects that may include classroom expansion, new labs, other instructional space expansion, and office expansion projects (example: NEW LABS at High School, etc.). The expansion will include demolition, as well as partitioning of the spaces.

\$50,000 cost for remodeling of bathrooms and replacement of classroom floors, throughout the district;

\$1,000,000 costs to install AC System at Gymnasium at School No. 3. **State Project #03_0890-050-25-1000_____.**

\$1,000,000 costs to install AC System at Gymnasium at School No. 4. **State Project #03_0890-060-25-1000_____.**

\$300,000 cost for Architectural/Engineering services.

The total costs of these projects is \$4,100,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

Adjustment for increases in healthcare costs: 600,000.

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, **Adjustment for increases in healthcare costs:**

The funds will be used in the 2025-26 budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

Adjustment for increases in enrollment costs: \$0.

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, **Adjustment for increases in enrollment costs:**

Use of Banked-Cap – \$0:

Tax Levy Cap Calculation, Use of Banked Cap:

The amount of \$0 is authorized for utilization for the purposes of Special Education Program needs and the ongoing increases in healthcare costs. The funds will be used in the 2025-26 budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

Appropriation of SURPLUS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the TENTATIVE budget an appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$1,049,258.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS:0

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Cliffside Park Board of Education by a majority vote at its duly authorized meeting on March 6, 2025.

Dated: March 7, 2025

LOUIS ALFANO

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Special Virtual Meeting March 6, 2025, 2025 (continued)

The Board unanimously approved by voice vote to adjourn the Virtual Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Louis Alfano, Business Administration/Board Secretary