

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Waldwick, New Jersey**

**REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**  
**MAY 5, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER/ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING**

President Marro called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated that this is a REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING of the Waldwick Board of Education for which adequate notice has been given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975. In addition to providing the annual notice of board meetings required under Section 13 of the Act, a separate written advance notice of this meeting under Section 3(d) of the Act specifying the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting was posted at the School Administration Building and hand delivered to the Waldwick Borough Clerk on Friday, May 2, 2025. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           Trustee Christine Figliuolo  
                      Trustee Andrew Frey  
                      Trustee Julie Mangler  
                      Trustee Mary Beth Nappi  
                      Vice President Troy Seifert  
                      Trustee Amy Weiner  
                      President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT:   Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools  
                      Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – May 5, 2025**

Offered by Trustee Mangler, seconded by Trustee Figliuolo:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Waldwick Board of Education go into Closed Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters relating to:

1. Discussion of 45-P-9 - Non-Tenured Administrators

Above resolution unanimously approved by voice vote.

When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be made available to the public.

## RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m. on motion of Trustee Mangler, seconded by Trustee Figliuolo and unanimously approved by voice vote.

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Christine Figliuolo  
Trustee Andrew Frey  
Trustee Julie Mangler  
Trustee Mary Beth Nappi  
Vice President Troy Seifert  
Trustee Amy Weiner  
President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

### A. BUDGET PRESENTATION

- Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### B. APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF FINAL 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

WHEREAS, the preliminary budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 budget has been held on this date and all persons desiring to be heard were heard, and

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-28, the budget in total be as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$40,386,787	\$34,605,361
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$710,755	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$1,588,463</u>	<u>\$1,102,879</u>
Totals	<u>\$42,686,005</u>	<u>\$35,708,240</u>

WHEREAS, school district policy number 3540 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2 (b)

provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2025-2026 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2025-2026 school year at the sum of \$90,000, the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2024-2025 School Year is \$90,000, of which, \$36,649.24 has been spent and \$2,987.79 is encumbered as of April 25, 2025, and

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.2 (a)1 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for public relations and each type of professional service for 2025-2026 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waldwick Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum expenditure amounts for the 2025-2026 school year as follows: public relations at the sum of \$35,000 and legal services at the sum of \$125,000, audit services at the sum of \$75,000, architectural and engineering services at the sum of \$400,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to accept the \$2,367,613 in State Aid less the \$30,028 assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding for a net total aid of \$2,337,585, and State funding for Extraordinary Special Education Aid estimated at \$251,938 for the 2025-2026 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025-2026 school year budget includes automatic adjustments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 for an automatic adjustment to the base tax levy cap adjustment for increase in health care costs of \$241,715, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025-2026 school year budget includes the use of Banked Cap generated in 2022-2023 in the amount of \$186,319, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2025-2026 school year budget includes a \$50,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the eighth yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the HS/MS Turf Field and a \$60,000 deposit to the Capital Reserve Account as the third yearly deposit for partial funding for the eventual replacement of the Hopper Turf Field and \$450,000 in withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve - for asbestos floor tile removal and replacement.

**C. DISCUSSION – 2025-2026 BUDGET – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY -**

Vice President Seifert asked about health benefits.

**D. OPEN FLOOR – 2025-2026 BUDGET – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

A parent asked questions about the Capital Reserve.

A parent asked questions about obtaining grants.

**E. CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	<b>X</b>			
Trustee Frey	<b>X</b>			
Trustee Mangler	<b>X</b>			
Trustee Nappi	<b>X</b>			
Vice President Seifert	<b>X</b>			
Trustee Weiner	<b>X</b>			
President Marro	<b>X</b>			

**REPORTS**

- A. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Casarico announced the 2025 Teachers of the Year:

Crescent: Mrs. Lisa Kane, STEM

Traphagen: Mrs. Jessica Palaia, PE Teacher

Middle School: Mrs. Tammy Fitzgerald, Special Education

High School: Mrs. Maria Doctor, Instructional Aide

The four recipients will be honored at a county wide luncheon later this month and will be at the June board meeting to be recognized.

- B. Board President - President Marro congratulated the National Honor Society inductees and the entire Senior class. He stated that it was Teacher Appreciation Week. He also said that baseball and boys lacrosse were in the County tournaments and that girls softball had a first round win in the County tournament. He thanked the Chamber for the 5K.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Figliuolo:

April 7, 2025

Regular Meeting

## ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

## CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Nappi:

45-A-1 through 45-A-23	Administration
45-F-1 through 45-F-4	Finance
45-P-1 through 45-P-15	Personnel

- B. Discussion – any item on Consent Agenda – Board of Education only - None.
- C. Open Floor to public comment on Consent Agenda only - None.
- D. Close public participation
- E. ROLL CALL VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

## ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT

A parent had a question on the Crescent floor tile project.

A parent asked about the use of Media Center at Crescent for STEM and purchasing supplies at Crescent.

A parent requested that the Administrators attend at least two meetings per year and asked to change the elementary school testing schedule.

A parent representing Waldwick music and arts - storage space follow up.

A parent asked if the District gets PSAT testing results.

#### **COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT**

Trustee Figliuolo thanked all those who helped with the 5K. This is a day when Waldwick shines.

President Marro asked if the intercom system at Crescent was done. He also asked if swipe cards for students would be in place by September for the High School/Middle School.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on motion of Trustee Figliuolo, seconded by Trustee Mangler.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN GRIFFIN  
Board Secretary