

Transcript – 3.21.23 BOE Monthly Meeting

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yes and um

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Jeff can you uh take a look at this one for me

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I'm sorry thank you

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thank you

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all right I have seven o'clock actually 701 so let's get going

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702. um welcome everyone to the March 21st

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2023 public meeting of the Moorestown Board of Education which has been properly

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noticed at set forth in the agenda may I please get a moment of silence

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please rise for the pledge

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did you take role please James Mrs arkara Burns present Mrs spouse

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Macaluso here Dr Mai here Mrs Miller

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yeah Mrs Morano here miss Romano Mr weeks president Mrs mcpoulos here Mr

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Villanueva here thank you thank you James well welcome everyone to the March

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board meeting uh tonight we will be reviewing the budget and follow-up to

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the budget Workshop that we had just a couple of weeks ago um so James will will uh Be our guest of

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honor this evening and uh present the the budget for the board's consideration and approval

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um by way of brief update with respect to the superintendent search

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I'm told by our search firm that we have uh roughly 20 candidates

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um that have either replied or are in the pipeline and that uh we will shortly

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after spring break be reviewing those uh candidates credentials and be discussing

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with our search firm who they recommend and who we as a board

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believe uh should come in for interviews and um while we don't have an exact timeline

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quite yet my hope and expectation is that we have interviews either in late

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April or early to mid-may for the for the spot of the permanent superintendent

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um so that's that's really all I wanted to talk about and give a brief update about and I'll turn it over to Mr

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ballador thank you Mark well Happy Spring

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everybody it's it's finally here it's nice that we started this meeting tonight it was still daylight outside that was kind of cool it's the first

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time I navigated that parking lot and it wasn't dark so uh at my age that's a good thing

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um congratulations to all of our kids that performed in our spring musicals at both high school whams and reminder that

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seussical's coming up at ues I promises to be a great show I also want to

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congratulate our boys basketball team on our Unified sports team on their tremendous seasons and as we look

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forward to getting into spring Sports there is something I do want to talk about there was an expectation that one

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of the presentations that were going to happen tonight was a presentation on our CCE is

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which essentially is for uh comprehensive coordinated early intervention services

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and essentially what that means is the through the idea and through the njdoe

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schools are monitored and uh they are monitored for something called disproportionality
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it's a scary word um it's something that would advise a district when something seems out of
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whack out of bounds more kids of a particular uh disability or type are
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being handled in a certain way where other kids are not and nobody likes that kind of news right but it's important
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and it's important for us as human beings to recognize when things can be
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better and we all should know that as an educator for as long as I've been I've been in scenarios where I've learned
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things weren't quite as I thought that they were and if you're truly somebody that cares about kids and cares about people that's
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something that you should never shy away from and I find in Moorestown a district that doesn't want to shy away from those
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things so they've been actively engaged in work for this proposition and a fuller report on that work and what it
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means to us will be given in April and it's important stuff but it's an opportunity for me to tell you
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that in my years in all my years the only thing that I ever thought was
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most important as an educational leader was to try to create an environment where kids love coming to school
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teachers love being there and teaching when you can capture those things and
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you can support people in that way that's when good schools good districts go to be from go from being good to
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great so to ignore or to not pay attention to
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the world around us the way people feel to not try to provide an environment
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where everybody feels accepted for who they are can ever be the momentum and the and the
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direction of really a truly great public school system kids need to feel supported and loved
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teachers need to feel supported in love people in general need to feel to be
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supported and loved and I think it's really important that that's the kind of environment that we Embrace here as a
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community I'm proud to work with this board because I really feel strongly that the board is committed to that
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proposition and I think that the work that we will continue to do together will continue to
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help people feel comfortable to allow folks to be who they are and work in
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this wonderful environment so I hope that you'll be here next uh month and see that presentation
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um I think it's great work um and uh and it's work that will never quite frankly end and that's an
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important thing to remember so with that being said they're really all the comments that I had I do want to
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introduce James who has been working his tail off delivering this budget and I'm very
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proud to introduce them to you because I'm very proud of the work that he this team and this board has done in in
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putting this budget together uh for us for next school year so without further Ado you're up
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before we do that oh I'm sorry no no that's fine that's right there's kids first off I missed the first agenda item
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uh and we need to approve the minutes from the February 21st and March 7th meetings both regular and executive
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sessions so can I get a motion for that please all in favor
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and you know those are abstentions extension um abstain from February 21st regular
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and exactly anyone else all right now with that now I know
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you're all dying to sit through the budget presentation but we thought it might be helpful uh
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if you guys went ahead and gave us gave us the student report so we got some some new faces here so
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why don't you start us off and introduce yourself please
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thank you which why don't we go on right on Down the Line

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you could take the mic too don't be bashful yeah we probably should be coaching it better if you have a report you guys
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could all step up and one after the other do your do your report at the microphone so the folks watching at home
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can hear you
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um so you all know who I am now so I guess we'll just jump right into it
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um I'm here to report um and it would have made more sense for a mean to go first
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um but I'm reporting on two committees that we have in the process of of being made
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um for our student council so the first one is the Hall of Fame committee so
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you know what really what that's doing um is it's going to put together a list
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of students and or faculty members um that want to be recognized for
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various reasons um so this is going to be composed of students at the high school and that's really as
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simple as that um the next committee that has not been you know we don't have any members for yet
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um that's the high school handbook and District policies so you know it's exactly what it sounds like we're just
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reviewing policies that we have that we don't like or that we do like or anything the students feel needs change
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that's what's going to be reviewed in this uh in this committee that does not have any members yet we'll hear about
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the Committees that we do have members for um when my friends speak thank you
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good evening good good evening everyone it's great to see you all again I'm Amin cosmi I've been here every month I'm a
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sophomore class liaison and and it is actually the 125th year of
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Morrison High School being in place and to celebrate this anniversary as like a recap from last meeting uh the advisors
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and council members have come up with a tour that we're going to give to the members of the class of 1973 or 50 years
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ago and to prepare for this event we've established three committees where we've already gotten members for within the
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council and some out of the council as well these are the research committee the video production committee and
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designing the tour committee the world the names we'll work on but the research committee will be in charge of looking
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for and researching like the old layouts of the building and we're going to present these findings to the alumni
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because the alumni they're used to a much smaller school and the school is undergone like many um X
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extensions like we have a whole new floor like it's probably tripled the size by now I don't know the details
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that's what that committee is for and then next we have the video production committee it's gonna be in charge of
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basically compiling like a five minute video that's going to be presented to the alumni when we reach out to them on
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the day which is June something I don't know the exact date but basically we're going to present the video on the
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Revival we'll basically be welcoming them say and I'll show some brief a couple of the improvements to the school
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that are like the big obvious ones and then finally we have the tour committee this committee will be in charge of
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actually making the tour like planning a route planning on how the tour is actually going to go on in June and
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they'll come and like the people that are given the tour will like give us like fun facts like be able to point out
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oh this Hall was not here 50 years ago but here we'll show you what all the classrooms look like now maybe like the
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new tech we have because like it's all new to them and a lot of the planning is still
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underworks but if we work hard enough which I know our council is really good at we can make this a really great
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tradition for our high school that we can continue in years forth and I'm going to pass it off to the junior liaison thank you thank you
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hi everybody I'm vavika the junior class liaison and as Mr vollendorf mentioned
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it's officially spring and it was actually my first time driving to a board meeting so light was a really
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great advantage to have thank you thank you um I just have my permit not my license
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but still a really big achievement for me but on the note of spring I'm here to talk about the high school's biggest
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spring event ever which is prom so after some very stressful AP exams
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Juniors and seniors will have a chance to relax and get ready for prom on May 12th prom 2023 will take place at
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Lucian's which is a very beautiful event venue and we have not yet decided what we would like this year's theme to be
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although I have some ideas that I'm very excited about and even though prom is a couple months
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away we have a problem related event coming up next Thursday on March 30th which is the prom fashion show so this
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year our prom fashion show will be hosted by Dahlia's prom boutique and formal Expressions so what that is
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that during all of the lunch periods 15 junior boys and 15 junior girls will
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walk together in pairs down the cafeteria to show off their dresses and suits in order to encourage students of
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the high school to purchase their prom outfits from Dahlia's prom boutique and formal Expressions I picked out my prom
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dress last Thursday at Dahlia's prom boutique and it's a very beautiful place they have many staff members that were
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willing to help me and just racks of dresses of many different types and colors so I would definitely recommend
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the place it's great for prom dresses and for the past few months we've been
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reporting on the love fair and one update from this event is that the junior class plans to volunteer at
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Brandywine Senior Living which was one of the organizations present at the Love Fair so when we were originally planning
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for the love fair I actually got to speak with the representatives from Brandywine and they were very excited
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and willing to work with high school students so we are also very excited to work with them and the junior class
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plans to schedule days during the week when we can visit Brandywine residents and just spend time with them whether
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that's reading with them or simply just chatting with them we want to be there for them and we would like to open this
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opportunity up to the whole High School any grade level and student council member or not so that's what we're
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looking forward to this spring at Morristown high school and I would now like to pass it off to our senior
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liaison thank you thank you
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hi everyone I'm Mia Savage I am filling in for Lucas McGill I am one of the the
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Town Council people so I'm not the liaison but I wanted to report out on the recent senior trip that we just had
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and we think that everyone had a good time we went for a week we went to Universal and Disney and we had all five
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days um when we were going there some flights were delayed like Spirit um the AC flight was really delayed but
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it all worked out we got all all of the days in the week and um none of them were delayed home and it
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was a really good time and moving forward um like she said prom and all of the
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graduation Project Graduation is still working on Under Wraps um and uh yards
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yard for sale signs are getting up in purchases and just everything is under
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wraps right now going towards the end of the year but I'd be happy to report that the senior trip was a very good
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time so thank you great thank you to all our Representatives
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you're more you're more than welcome to stick around or get a ride home with vavika uh it's up to you guys
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and with that James we'll turn it over to you thanks guys
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all right thank you Mr villanuevan first let me start by thanking all of our
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administrators and everyone that has worked on the 2324 budget it is an endless process uh it certainly doesn't

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start and it certainly doesn't begin it doesn't end sorry um so thank you for all the support and
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I appreciate it um so let me see if our clicker works
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from from this far away thank you thank you Dylan uh can you go to the previous slide
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please one moreover all right perfect now the clicker is not
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going to work I don't know um so what we're going to talk about ultimately is our budget development
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process so we're going to talk about the goals that we utilize for our budgetary alignment obviously everything we
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purchase stems back to uh some sort of overarching goal here and we're going to talk about talk about those goals and
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then when we go through our budget highlight section we'll talk a little bit further about what those highlights
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the goals that those highlights tie to we'll talk a little bit about the budget development process what do we go
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through to ultimately get to a balanced budget here uh we'll review our revenues we'll review our Appropriations we'll
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talk about some of the budget adjustments so the the board has been uh
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fully in tune with this entire process so thank you for that um I appreciate all of the questions
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that I've received and the the thoroughness that the board has taken here um so we'll talk about some of those
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adjustments that have been made since ultimately our budget Workshop which it feels like it was yesterday but now it
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is I believe two weeks ago um we'll go through the budget introduction where the budget currently
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stands as of today and then ultimately we'll talk about what is the tax impact of the 23-24 budget can you go to the
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next slide please don't so the the goals that we created for budgetary alignment uh consists of the
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three goals that are seen there goal one is sustain and expand upon instructional supports developed during the last three
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years sustain and expand upon the level of Social and emotional learning support uh
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over the last three years uh to address student wellness and goal three expand upon District systems that ensure Safety
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and Security across all facets of District Operations so again there will be a budget highlight section where at
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the top of the slide it will indicate exactly what those highlights are tied to those goals that they're tied to can
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you go to the next slide please so our budget development process so we just went through the goals it starts
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ultimately with conversations around those goals and creation of those goals through stakeholder input uh from there
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we ultimately create a budget manual which is a lengthy 100 plus page document that is a good Saturday Sunday
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read and our school administration develops their building level budgets with input
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ultimately from faculty and uh content supervisors our Central Administration
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has Department level budgets they consist primarily of Technology curriculum personnel and facilities and
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transportation is one that's missing from there and then ultimately revenue and Appropriations are updated based on
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finalized numbers so the budget is a very fluid process ultimately we create
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a high level budget in January we don't get a state aid number until typically
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the first week of March and all along the process all sorts of Appropriations and revenues are updating for actual
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numbers that become known over time can you go to the next slide please
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so part of the budget development process and it's actually a Cusack requirement we actually have to develop
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what's called a budget calendar so this is a very high level overview of our budget calendar our detailed budget
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calendar consists of certain committee level meetings that we have discussions about the budget as well but ultimately
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the two bolded areas on March 7th we held our our board budget Workshop to
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discuss where the budget was at as of that date and then tonight we are introducing our budget
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in the future looking at our future dates tomorrow I will submit the budget to the county
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office it goes through a thorough process where the state reviews the budget line by line and we ultimately
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have to answer certain questions that they may have during that review process once they are fine finished with that
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review process they give us the stamp of approval and ultimately approve the budget for advertisement and then we
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will finally adopt the budget on April 25th and that's actually when we actually
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hold a public hearing for the budget as well can you thank you at this point I'll turn it over to Dr Benton
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good evening so a few highlights for curriculum instruction
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um last year or this year we approved a new Adoption of our Ela curriculum and
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grades K through five so next year's budget will include our next phase of that adoption for grades six through
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eight as well as new curricula in other content areas across mostly our
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secondary courses we continue to make revisions and standards update in
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preparation for qsat compliance which will begin next year the College Board has made some significant changes in the
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way that they delivered their instruction using digital platforms so curriculum writing this year will
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include course updates to help us transition our teaching and learning resources to the digital platform and
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similar to how we are phasing in our Ela curriculum we will begin our ESL or
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multilingual learner curriculum rewrite for this year across three grades and under curricular
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resources um as we always do we have textbooks and digital learning access renewals that
23:40
support 23 courses and curricular programs as well as we continue to use
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an integrated approach so you see digital instructional and assessment platforms that we are using K-12 under
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professional development you can see that we have three focal points for the for our district professional
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development plan multi-tiered systems of support multilingual Learners as well as diversity inclusion and cultural
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responsiveness and these are tied to both state initiatives as well as state standards and also include in our
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professional development that you see every year are the things that you see listed here for both teacher presenters
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and outside presenters as well as AP summer institute's new teacher orientation and embedded support teams
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that will support our upcoming K-8 math pilot which will not be in this curriculum I mean I'm sorry this budget
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but in the next year's budget next slide
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and our second goal and first and second goal has to do with support for our
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student learning as well as support for student wellness so really looking at students in a holistic sense and
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understanding that our budget needs to support both arms of the of student
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learning in schools so we have continued PD and curricular resources that focus on small
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group and guided instruction as well as intervention support staff that we are maintaining from the Grant and then we
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also have additional staff in the budget to support enrollment increased enrollment needs under student wellness
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um character strong is a social emotional learning program that we adopted at ues and they will be in year
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two and we the SEL committee at whams has selected to adopt character strong
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the Middle School curricular program so they will be in year one so both of
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those are in this year's budget and then as we said on the previous slide a
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professional development Focus specifically on fostering diversity inclusion and sense of belonging in

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classrooms and school and we have a district mental health professional that is also being maintained from the grant
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as well as care Solace which we brought in last year that is an online platform
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and offers the ability uh to do counseling
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service referrals at a higher more intensive level beyond what the school can provide
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so for the technology highlights uh the things are on the budget uh
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maintenance of our one-to-one program one-to-one device program uh replacing two grades of devices one a set of
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Windows laptops and another set of Chromebooks uh replacement of all of the access
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points throughout the district we have 40 new ones that we bought in this year they've been working out well so we're
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going to replace the rest of them we do have a little bit of e-rate grant funding to cover part of the cost of
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that project it's going to give us better coverage and throughput we're looking at a new work order and
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asset management system for both it and buildings and grounds assets
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and work orders several security camera additions and replacements
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some funding for a security audit for an outside firm to look at some of our overall security positioning very
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important in this day and age an expansion of endpoint
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uh and multi-factor authentication this is another security thing to make sure
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that we're as secure as we can be and try to move us towards a better tier of
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cyber security insurance coverage
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thank you Mr Aryan thank you Dr Benton uh so the human resources section of uh
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the budget and the budget highlights we ultimately went through the budget requests in in the sense of human
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resources and priorities prioritize those against our goals so we prioritize
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2.8 positions that were originally supported through grants so we can maintain those positions moving forward
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we identified new needs supporting programming and student needs connecting to goals one and two and the net impact
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for the board is a net 1.0 FTE increase because we were able to identify certain
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areas in certain populations through attrition and enrollment shifts to to better prioritize uh our our support
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staff in operations and this connects to goal
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three ultimately our district systems Capital outlay uh one item that you'll
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see through the appropriation slide in the future is a large jump in our capital outlay budget that consists of
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two items a PA replacement here at our middle school and a univent replacement
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at Baker that uni-vent replacement was included in the 2019 failed referendum
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the univent replacement the PA system costs four hundred thousand uh estimated
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400 000 to replace the unit vents the total cost of that is 2.2 million
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roughly in estimated work but we're able to do that for a local cost of six
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hundred and fifty thousand dollars we're able to do that at a local cost of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars because we set aside six
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thousand dollars of Esser funding to go for univent Replacements and then also
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there is a rod Grant opportunity currently with the state of New Jersey that we will be completing an
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application for uh the state set aside 350 million dollars for Rod grants which
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is sixty percent forty percent split so ultimately this is the equivalent of a

29:36 referendum type of split on this type of project so we're able to do 2.2 million dollars worth work for the cost the
29:43 local cost of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars um a budgetary and Personnel system
29:48 replacement so we're reviewing currently replacing our budgetary and Personnel systems to have uh better efficiency and
29:55 security there uh an LED project so our lease purchase we always like to include
30:00 an LED project into our lease purchase because that helps pay for the interest that is associated with the lease
30:07 purchase the reduction in energy costs uh helps offset that
30:12 Transportation highlights one thing that you'll see in a future slide is this was
30:17 a very tough budget to ultimately balance because the CPI increase that
30:23 exists the CPI increase comes straight from the state of New Jersey and is
30:29 marked at 5.89 percent currently for the 2324 budget we've reviewed our driver salaries and
30:36 then we also allocated an additional budgeted amount for additional cameras on Buzz on buses
30:44 and Facilities maintenance we do have one aging truck so this is to better
30:49 manage our our Fleet and replace that truck
30:54 so talking about our revenues a little bit our local tax levy currently the
30:59 budget includes a two percent increase on our local tax levy which amounts to
31:05 1.375 million uh our tax levy it's important to note our tax levy makes up
31:10 83.88 of this budget in terms of revenues our state aid was initially budgeted
31:17 flat as the board is aware we are on the positive side of S2 legislation uh so we
31:23 ended up seeing a 525 000 increase from state aid uh we became aware I believe
31:30 on March 2nd of that increase uh that represents roughly 6.47 of our budget
31:36 budget at fund balance so board members will recalled our budget Workshop I I did my best to explain budgeted fund
31:45 balance to you guys um it consists uh primarily of our audited access Surplus which we will be
31:52 approving our audit tonight from 2122 as well as allowable adjustments to free
31:59 general fund access balances that are projected as of the end of this year so ultimately what does that
32:05 relate to 824 000 increase in our revenues ultimately
32:10 our other Revenue sources they were adjusted uh for the for the ending
32:16 budget ultimately uh based off of projections and actual numbers that we
32:21 do now expect so we have a thirty four thousand dollar increase there that we are expecting
32:28 so this slide here shows ultimately our state aid and ultimately the impact of S2 legislation S2 legislation was passed
32:37 ultimately to move districts that were underfunded to move funding sources to
32:42 those districts and districts that were overfunded to move funding sources away from them and balance out to be in
32:49 accordance with the actual funding formula so you can ultimately see that on this slide so the green line at the top there
32:57 is what's called our uncapped Aid that is what we should have received in those given years
33:03 the blue line is what we actually received so you can see we actually we
33:08 did not receive the actual amount that is in accordance with our funding formula S2 was designed to narrow that
33:16 approach and you can certainly see it here um so this year our uncapped Aid was
33:21 roughly 5.5 million and our actual state aid that we're seeing is 5.4 million so
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the difference there is 166 000 S2 does have remaining years so I do expect at
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some point in time that green will touch the blue and the blue will touch the green and the yellow will be zero and
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that's ultimately the goal of S2 foreign
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part of our budget is our extraordinary a budget so this is a three-year look
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ultimately at our extraordinary a budget uh in 1920 we budgeted 600 000 of
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anticipated revenues for Extraordinary Aid in 2021 600 000 and 21 22 750 000
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and we're expecting in 22 23 900 000. we're expecting nine hundred thousand
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and we've increased that number over those years because the state down at
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the bottom you can see 275 million 400 million 420 million and they just
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announced 420 million into their uh into their budget ultimately
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so these are student by student applications so they are dependent on
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actual costs that exist that's why nothing else is is filled in on that 22-23 year and this is a reimbursement
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basis Grant so in 2122 you can see that we spent rough least six and a half
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million dollars and we got 2.3 million ultimately back from the state
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uh can you go to the next slide please our revenues this is our other sources
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ultimately that consist primarily of tuition facility rentals uh other
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governmental uh amounts and then other sources so really everything is pretty
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constant and flat here there's nothing kind of crazy jumping out the other
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governments is increasing but that is because of the extraordinary Aid increase that we saw on the last slide
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looks like looking at our Appropriations so salaries we know what our salaries will
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be for year two uh we're in year two or three with our mea contract and our ma contract expires at the end of this
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school year the administrators Association and the board is actively in negotiations for a success or contract
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our insurance so we originally projected a five percent increase on our insurance our health insurance came back at 6.4
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percent our general lines of insurance came back at seven and a half percent and our student accident came back at
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one percent again this is this is what presents a significant challenge of budgeting and balancing a budget that
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has a cap at a two percent Levy when everything else is growing by numbers that are five six seven percent
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instructional supplies materials so those are budgeted at our at our school level and are based off of per pupil
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allocations and then obviously we have our department level budgets and our Capital outlay we'll go into those in a
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little bit further detail on the appropriation side the the big items here
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uh we did anticipate a minimum wage impact because we do have one remaining
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year to remove to move from 14 and 13 cents to Fifteen dollars an hour
36:43
winter track is included in in this uh budget that we're going to introduce uh
36:50
our budgetary CPI from the state is 5.89 the piece down there at the bottom with the highlighted eight percent that's the
36:57
most recent 2022 fourth quarter calculation on CPI for local public
37:02
contracts law so the board you'll be aware that you know last time at the workshop I discussed anytime we need to
37:09
renew a contract that was previously bid out this is the amount that we can renew it for at that point in time
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the 5.89 applies to our transportation contracts that are contracted out it's a
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good thing and a bad thing right you know the good thing is hopefully our vendors renew and we actually have had one vendor of the four renew so far so

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that's a great thing because we've seen significant increases when they don't renew so hopefully it does help us there

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so adjustments that we've made since our board Workshop revenue revenue has been

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increased uh to the tune of 740 thousand dollars our capital and our maintenance Reserve

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so we made an effort over the last two to three years to really grow our capital reserve because the District of

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this size our capital reserve really wasn't adequate this allows us to do those projects the

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projects that we saw with the Union event it allows us to partake in an opportunity where we have a grant

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opportunity for a 60 40 split we have to be able to fund the 40 percent locally

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we would never be able to do that type of number through our main budgeting process so the capital reserve allows us

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to do that ultimately Staffing new positions and requests have

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been adjusted and removed from the budget that is 477 000 and then our

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department building budgets reduced to by about three hundred and four thousand since our workshop and our Capital

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outlay was adjusted to ultimately remove some of the other projects and either

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find another funding source for them or put together a multiple year plan to to

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approach those items so our current status this is our Revenue as it currently exists today so

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we talked about our tax levy we talked about our state aid extraordinary Aid you can see the increase there to 900

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000. all of our other revenues have been pretty constant down at the bottom there

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withdrawal from reserves that was one of the large adjustments that was made to balance the budget that's a withdrawal

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from capital reserve of one million fifty thousand dollars and a withdrawal from maintenance reserve for fifty

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thousand dollars that's ultimately how we're paying for those projects and then our budgeted fund balance

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on the appropriation side and this one's always a test of your vision here

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um the Appropriations were adjusted by a little over 1.1 million to ultimately

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balance the budget and that was through those avenues that we discussed on the original Appropriations the good thing

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on this slide here down at the bottom you do see that we do have a balanced budget for the 23-24 budget

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so tax impact so the first thing when you look at tax and tax impact and the

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the amount that you can ultimately Levy is you have to consider how much you actually can Levy so looking at our tax

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impact you take the pre-budget your tax levy and we actually had an allowable Health

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Care adjustment that we could have utilized the board could utilize that adjustment and could what it does allow

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you to do is it allows you to go over your two percent normal Levy so that adjustment was 463

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665 dollars so that's how you come up with the maximum tax levy that you can ultimately

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take which is that 70 million six hundred eleven thousand dollars the budget contains a two percent

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increase which is 70 million one hundred and forty eight thousand so the board not electing to utilize

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ultimately all that taxing Authority that goes into what's called Bank cap that becomes available for the

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subsequent three years budget Cycles so that will be available in future years if necessary

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looks fine so looking at our attack our ultimate

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tax impact and our rate review this is a five-year review of the the rate

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ultimately uh you can see in 2324 our general fund and our tax rates can pose to two

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separate funds ultimately our general fund and our debt service fund you can see that our general fund has a two
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percent increase our debt service is anticipated at a 1.05 percent decrease
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for a net total of 1.81 impact
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the actual tax impact is calculated on this slide um on the left side here we are
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anticipating an increase in rateables the rateables is ultimately the total number of taxable properties in
41:52
Morristown Township um so that is ultimately what's uh helping out decrease that that tax rate
41:59
ultimately on the average assessed value of 461 559 dollars in Moorestown the
42:08
monthly increase for the school levy would be about 9.26 for next year
42:16
does the board have any questions and thank you always for your support
42:25
Thanks James I mean as always uh an incredibly thorough and very helpful
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presentation and and I know It uh you've been killing yourself working on it
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um and I I really thought that this was going to be no I know it was a tough budget
42:43
it's always tough preparing a budget but I was really concerned that this year was going to be particularly difficult
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given that the SR funding is is sun setting everything is more expensive
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right the Consumer Price Index is is eight percent um
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it's six percent for transportation eight percent for for other contracts and so
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um I was very concerned going into this year about what the budget was going to
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look like and I'm thrilled I'm really proud of the work that the district has done because not only are we maintaining
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but we're adding things which is great I mean I know there's there's at least an additional FTE we're adding winter track
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um and there's a lot of great technology initiatives always with curriculum and instruction there are some great
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initiatives built in there so um I I think it's great and and I don't
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take taxing lightly um and
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quite frankly though this is not the time you know we we have to continue to pouring our resources into these schools
43:51
coming off of covet and the impact of covid um and we have to continue to to
43:58
make sure that we are addressing those three priorities in terms of instruction SEL and safety and I think this budget
44:04
really effectively lays out how we are prioritizing those things so thank you to James to Cabinet to the principals to
44:12
supervisors everybody that was involved in putting this together because I know it's extremely complicated
44:18
um it's not easy I know James has been working very late and was here very early this morning to to dot the eyes
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and cross the T so um very very appreciative of it and and I just wanted you know it's I flagged
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here that uh 80 roughly 84 percent of the budget is generated by the tax
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levy um I guess I'll take a step back I'm glad that we're not maximizing our
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taxing Authority right we could be going we could be taxing at a higher level and
44:51
we are restraining ourselves um which I think is is great
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um but noting that 84 of our budget is driven by by taxes
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um is obviously significant and you know roughly 65 percent of a homeowner's Property Tax Bill comes to the school
45:12
and um you know I think we've talked the board has been talking about this now
45:18
for a while about you know impending growth in in town and with the the
45:24
housing developments that are going to be coming to Moorestown some are under construction at the mall we know that

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there are others that are going to be planned um you know I think it's it's a priority
45:35
that the school district ensures that there's an accompanying Revenue stream for the
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students that are going to come uh with those with those housing developments and I know that I believe it's a
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priority of all of ours I mean I and I know that we've we've had some very preliminary discussions with the
45:53
township on on how we can ensure that we are uh you know getting getting a
45:59
Equitable amount of Revenue as it relates to those new housing
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projects and so we look forward to continuing those discussions and working cooperatively with the town to make
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sure that you know we can continue to have these budgets that uh that really
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show our priorities are to take care of the kids and to make sure that we're providing the best product that we can
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so thank you foreign
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you covered most of what I would have said um Mark and that's primarily commending
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all of the administration um on really like uh Mr Villanueva said
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uh an amazing job um to maximize the resources we have in
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a responsible way um I think one of the things this is probably what at least the sixth time I've gone through this budget process
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and I think I'm getting close to understanding it um but uh but no it is it is a complex
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thing and and one of the things I think that's that's hard to see but we talked about it in finance and operations and
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um you know I wasn't really going to cover this in the review of the minutes but it's it's not just
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um that you've done a good job with maximizing our resources to enable us to
47:33
make up for the grant funding that we're losing and to keep the level of services one of the things you know we talked
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about we joke that finance and operations was turning into a curriculum meeting because we asked about let's
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talk you know explain to us the impact this that the changes will have on the delivery of instruction to our
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our students and administration you know made some hard decisions but also we
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think the right decisions um when it comes to continuing to provide the level of service uh and
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instruction that our students will benefit from but I guess the part I wanted to add on was that this budget
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um the way we're doing this um holding back on some of it also sets
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us up for being able to do this in future years and I think that
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is also a key part of this that shouldn't be overlooked um that we should
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you know like you said if S2 continues to take its effect and and keep us balanced in uh the revenue the fair
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share that we should be receiving from the state uh if you continue to do good things like maximizing our Capital
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dollars by using them for the 40 of covering what we are trying to buy and
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getting other sources to pay for the other 60 continuing to do smart things like that are going to help us keep this
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level of service so I just wanted to mention that because I think some of that goes unnoticed
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um unless you're sitting here like like our committee and and the larger board looking at these things repeatedly
49:09
um so just to make sure we're we're getting that full understanding at least that's being acknowledged
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um because there's a lot more than than me it may seem on the surface so just wanted to add that in so thanks
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comments or questions all right let's move on to our board
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committee reports and Jill we'll start with Communications please
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sure so the communications committee met twice since we had our last Board of Education meeting and that is
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um Melissa Burns Brooke my heart Mark Villanueva myself Joe bolendorf and also
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Dave Tate um we met on February 22nd and we
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um had a good discussion where we talked about Lori perlow the consultant that
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was engaged by the district a couple of years back to provide her ad hoc
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Consulting Services as part of a shared services agreement that expires on June
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30th of this year and we talked about how the services have been underutilized for a bunch of
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different reasons and we'd like to have her come back and debrief the full
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Communications committee on the work she'd done thus far and align on a plan for moving forward so Lori did join us
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at our March 13th Communications committee meeting where she provided an
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overview of the stakeholder surveys that were conducted on web-based surveys as
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well as focus groups with the various stakeholder groups the parents the
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broader community at large and also faculty and staff and she identified a
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number of opportunity areas themes for us to consider as we move forward and
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she set forth some high-level goals that she thinks that we should consider as we
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modernize and enhance our Communications approach as a district and we agreed
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that though those high-level goals made sense and we asked her to put together a
51:20
more comprehensive Communications action plan that she's going to provide To Us by March 31st and then I'll be able to
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share it with the full board so those minutes went out but also a copy of the
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feedback as well as the high level goals was also circulated to the board so we're looking forward to seeing what she
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comes up with and how we can find the resources to really enhance our
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Communications going forward and I would just say thanks to all of the community members and the faculty and staff that
51:53
did participate and take time out of your schedules in those feedback focus groups and surveys the feedback was
51:59
really valuable and we appreciate it anyone have questions
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okay thank you Jill Lauren if you could give us an update on curriculum please
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sure we met on March 9th in attendance was Dr Benton bolendorf Dr Tate Matt
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Keith meet Wix sure meet Mick weeks, Cheryl Makopoulos, Danielle Miller myself
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uh that was a track name that's right
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um we uh discussed that um uh Dr Benton
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was going to um present the curriculum committee with a new field trip uh template uh the
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board as far as business goes we approve overnight stays um but in curriculum now uh Dr Benton is
52:53
going to provide the curriculum committee a monthly day only uh field
53:00
trip um overview just so that we can better understand the curricular connections
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with trips that are happening throughout the district on a daily basis so she shared that
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um Mr Keith came and talked about uh the program of studies well there's no
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program of studies changes for the high school for the 2023-2024 school year for whams uh Mr
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Keith came and explained the theater and Communications grade 7 and grade 8 changes
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um that were being made they were title changes really only um so the description would better

53:38 follow follow and represent the curriculum of each course and what was taught and then there was a discussion
53:43 on changing enriched art 7 and honors art
53:48 eight which was previously honors art seven and eight um explaining the rationale behind the
53:54 update to the title and description of the breakdown for the progression of the courses from 6th 7th and 8th to ninth
54:01 grade in the portfolio process that it included so he kind of gave an overall uh understanding of why whams was moving
54:09 forward in that direction um there's no curriculum change to any of that
54:15 um and Matt explained that the change in the rationale and how he was going to communicate that out with the school
54:21 district um and the parent at a parent meeting and follow-up Communications he also was
54:26 there and discussed a pilot of whams grade seven select Ensemble Club went
54:32 over the rationale for that again there's no curriculum changes that would be made to accommodate the change for
54:38 the the rest of this year it'll be a pilot program and then he'll present a recommendation moving forward for how
54:45 that might be incorporated next year um and then there finally was a discussion of wham's SLE programming for
54:53 the 2020 2024 us uh school year he shared uh Mr Keith shared the process
54:59 and the rationale for the adoption of the character strong program that was in the budget and also with the
55:04 professional development that was in the budget and we looked at the staff training that was going to be needed and
55:10 how the uh school was going to be planning for lessons in programming and delivery of
55:16 that program in the next school year uh Dr Benton then reviewed with us the
55:23 new 2023 njsls standards in ela and math um again
55:30 this was informational sharing um as the new standards were just sent out by the um New Jersey Department of Ed with very
55:36 limited details and so Dr Benton was just monitoring that to make sure that our new purchase of curriculum would be
55:42 in line with the new standards that were being presented by the state
55:47 um and then we kind of followed up a discussion based on the budget Workshop that we had in between
55:53 um the meetings in this so that was reflected in a discussion um where the final product we we are now
55:59 uh seeing and then lastly there was a preview and a lively discussion of the
56:05 March uh what was going to be the March cceis presentation that uh Mr bolendorf
56:12 referenced in his opening remarks and moving forward and looking forward to the April uh presentation of that
56:21 any questions for Lauren okay uh finance and operations Mr Meeks
56:35 um okay so we actually met twice uh finance and operations but it still didn't cut down on the overall amount of
56:41 time we had to meet we tried um so on March 6th we met uh all the
56:47 board members were in attendance on the committee um myself uh Cheryl mccopless
56:52 Claudia Moreno and Danielle Miller joined by the administration Joe ballendorf uh James Heiser Karen Benton
56:59 Carol Butler Jeff Perry and Dave Tate so uh we spent the beginning of that meeting covering the audit exit
57:06 conference we were joined by the principal uh at Holton McNally Associates Mike Holt and also his
57:13 manager Dave Gorski who handled our audit uh basically got a clean bill of
57:19 health on the audit well first of all they noted that the audit normally
57:24 happens in November but due to a late uh release in February of the gadsby 75
57:30 pension data the uh process was pushed out further while they while they
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awaited that so that's why we had it this month versus uh back in the fall or
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usually it's sort of the end of the year but anyway um the full audit is available to the
57:46
board if you would like that um via James's office there were no
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material issues with the overall findings of our audit however there was a finding on a compliance requirement
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which was a repeat finding related to food service and net cash on hand long story short
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Food Service even though it is a revenue generating area we're limited into the
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amount of Revenue that we can generate and due to some
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just normal processes we ended up doing better with that because we have such
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great management of it but anyway there's a plan to take care of that
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and so because that was found and we was reported on it showed up again in the
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audit because by the time you learn about it you have to figure out a plan and then implement it so anyway that is
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going to be dealt with and it wasn't really a concern by the Auditors uh their overall assessment was that the
58:44
general fund is in a healthy position uh our committee also reviewed some information about
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overnight trips the combustible lemons robotics uh engineering team is taking
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two out-of-state trips uh to continue their successful Ascent to being the best robotics team in the country
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um they are going to a conference in Pennsylvania one in Texas and then also boys lacrosse uh has a trip that's in
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New Jersey and they were going to clean up their budget and then that should have gotten James approval so the committee recommended
accepting those to
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the larger board and then also there was a donation uh bro for during a track meet there was a
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frozen yogurt truck that raced about 250 that was being donated to the district so that was much appreciated uh the bulk
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of the rest of the meeting was taken up by discussion of that the then current state again this is back on March 6th of
59:40
the budget and we went through a lot of the details of course all the challenges were resolved
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as we talked about earlier today so that was the March 16 we also talked that there'll be a bid for uh grounds going
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out soon and that will uh start looking over updated job descriptions uh that
59:59
Carol Butler and her office are working on uh that will match a new template and and have some information on them that
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needs to be in there and we'll start reviewing those in April so
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going back let's see then we met again on March 20th all the same people were
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in attendance and this one the meeting yesterday was just dedicated to getting an update on where this presentation
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today would be and pretty much all our discussion matched what was here
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um and then also in my previous comments I I commented on the things I thought were notable about that but again
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um great job on the budget and um that's basically the report so and
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we'll need to rehash what James just went over no please do all right uh Dylan if you
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can bring up the slides again okay well thank you uh any questions for Mick
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all right moving on to policy thank you uh policy met on March 14th uh in
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attendance was myself uh Melissa Burns Jill fallows Macaluso Mark Villanueva Mr
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balendorf and Mr Tate um we only had a brief item for
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discussion as the continued uh evaluation of our policies related to community organization boosters and
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parent organizations of continued work in progress but we're getting closer um and as far as the agenda tonight we
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do not have any new policies on first reading there are only a few on second reading which we have approved at the
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last meeting one of which is policy number 3125 we're amending a mandatory
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policy that's already existence related to the employment of teaching staff and reimbursement for
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certifications and fingerprinting for certain lower dollar threshold employees
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we have policy number 143.2 which is also mandatory policy from the state one
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of which you can tell from our high school Representatives we already have a policy and we're complying with this new
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policy already requiring that we have high school Representatives on the board uh policy 5722 has to do with student
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General journalism and Define certain aspects of freedom of student expression
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and uh related to our media and policy 5460 which is a mandatory update to some
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high school graduation requirements and that's what we have great thank you any questions for
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Claudine all right let's move on to public
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comment could I get a motion to open public comment on agenda items please so
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moved second second all in favor
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aye all right thank you so this is public comment on anything that is
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included in our agenda the ground rules are set forth in the written agenda so
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if anybody has a public comment please step up to the microphone
1:03:07
hi Allison Simpson 132 Chestnut Street last month a group of parents and
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students came before you to ask for your support in reinstating the winter track and field program at Moorestown high
1:03:20
school and we're pleased to hear that we have reason to be optimistic as I understand it's part of the proposed
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budget that's yet to be voted on and has a few more steps to go through but we wanted to express our gratitude to the
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board of education for hearing us out for having some one-on-one conversations with some of us to hear the need and the
1:03:39
ask um to superintendent balendorf who is a cheerleader in this as well
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to principal Seibel to our athletic director at the high school Sean connard to Mr Heiser for your help was it from
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the business administration standpoint to the community and our parents we had
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1100 community members signed an online petition in an effort to reinstate the
1:04:03
program and mostly we want to recognize our students who voiced their interest their
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ask through emails and through getting up here a month ago to ask for your
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support So bottom line you've made a lot of people happy we know it's not it's not a done done deal yet but we just
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want to say thank you thank you
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any other comment on agenda items all right seeing none can I get a motion
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to close public comment come on favor yeah okay
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moving on to article eight of our agenda reports to
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the board could I get a motion to approve items a
1:04:55
one through three is set forth in the agenda is second
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all up any comments or questions all right all in favor
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aye any nose or abstentions carries article nine
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relating to recommendations of the superintendent may I please get a motion
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for the policies for second reading has set forth in uh section A1

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second any comments or questions
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all in favor aye any nose or abstentions thank you
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letter b regarding educational programs may I get
1:05:47
a motion for approval of items one through four of the educational program section of
1:05:53
the agenda please don't move any comments or questions
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all in favor hi hi nose or abstentions thank you
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moving on to the finance and business section so
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uh section C1 relates to travel and expense
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reimbursements for 2023 and 2024 and section two is the approval of the
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tentative budget as set forth in detail on the agenda and as Mr Heiser had
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described in the presentation earlier may I get a motion for approval of items
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one and two please any comments or questions
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okay this is a roll call vote Mrs Arcaro Burns yes Mrs fowles Macaluso
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yeah Dr Mike Mrs Miller Mrs Morano Miss Romano
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Mr weeks yes Mrs mccopless yes Mr Villanueva yes
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thank you next we have uh items three through 14
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is set forth in the business and finance section of the agenda may I please get a
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motion for approval of those items second
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any comments or questions all in favor aye any nose or extensions
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thank you next employee relations may I get a motion for approval of items one through
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ten in that section of the agenda please
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any comments or questions right this is also a roll call vote Mr Heiser this is our Cara Burns yes Mrs
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fowles Macaluso Dr Mike Mrs Miller Mrs Moreno Miss Romano Mr weeks yes Mrs
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mcpoulos yes Mr Villanueva yes thank you article 10 of the agenda relates to
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suspensions and the Hib report which includes the items that were
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reviewed in last month's executive session may I get a motion for approval of article 10 please
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who moved any comments or questions
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all in favor aye extension so
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anyone else abstaining okay
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all right article 11 includes information regarding our enrollment
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anybody have anything for old business all right any new business
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yeah okay may I get a motion to open open
1:09:02
our second public comment section regarding uh anything on or off the agenda please so
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moved all in favor um all right we'll open up the second
1:09:16
public comments section and the rules are laid out in the agenda
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hello my name is Julianne Hansen I live at 9 Cedar Avenue in Somerdale New
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Jersey and I'm a teacher at the ues they teach sixth grade language arts so um today I'd like to come and um share our
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immeasurable thanks to the staff cast crew and volunteers that are involved in
1:09:42
preparing for the ues spring musical Seussical junior the team has devoted countless hours to
1:09:49
make sure that the actors dancers make up costumes Tech paint and Stage are
1:09:54
perfect um I'd like to also recognize the U.S ues custodial staff of Ross and Jose for
1:10:03
keeping our area safe and clean and it's a big job and finally I'd also like to
1:10:08
thank the art teachers at the ues for decorating the building with beautiful Seussical artwork the entire place is
1:10:15
turning into a Wonderland and I hope everyone will come out and see our play thank you you
1:10:29
I'm Tim Haas and I teach at wams first I apologize for my appearance I came up
1:10:34
in the baseball fields our seventh grade teams going through tryouts right now so try out
1:10:39
quick Wawa session and I'm here now so who knows what I look like right now to be honest with you
1:10:46
um I just want to thank and commend the wam staff for a couple things that have happened recently
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last week we had the honor of having Mary and lazan visit us she is a holocaust Survivor
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and she came to speak to am students about her experiences before during and after the Holocaust
1:11:04
since the eighth grade the current eighth grade was not able to hear her speak before we made arrangements to take the entire
1:11:11
school to the high school and use their Auditorium it was a pretty cool moment for me
1:11:18
um I actually sat way in the back dead center and it was a really cool picture to see both grades by it
1:11:24
and fully attentive and listening to her a really cool like image that I've ever like snapshotting in my mind it's
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cool this made it possible for all of our students to hear from her and to better
1:11:36
understand her experience I also got to personally meet her in the beginning by accident so it was really cool to shake her hand I felt like I
was shaking the
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hand of History also I wanna I also want to thank the staff and community members for coming
1:11:48
out and seeing our musical The Adams Family this past weekend it was amazing I got
1:11:53
to see it on Sunday afternoon and every year I'm amazed with how great our crew does
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there's definitely so much talent here thank you
1:12:07
hello I'm Kim Martin and I teach in the district and I would like to commend Roberts
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and the staff and students for rocking their socks today in support of down
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syndrome additionally Roberts will have their annual stem week next week
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there will be various science related presentations for the whole school from Edelman Fossil Park to Americorps
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Watershed project a Mad Science there will be some VSU there'll be some
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via Zoom from places such as Camden Aquarium and Duke Farms about bees and
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pollination in person presentations include subjects such as Aviation engineering pathology physical therapy
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to just name a few every year the parents of the children that attend Roberts are invited to share these
1:12:55
science-related professions and the students will enjoy Hands-On learning activities throughout the week
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thank you
1:13:09
hi everyone I'm Greg Harr social studies teacher at the high school I'd like to commend my high school colleagues with
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just a few of the great things that they do students in the work based learning program at the high school just completed a 16-week internship
at the
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center for aquatic Sciences located at the Camden Aquarium students rotate between working in an office setting
1:13:28
doing Special Projects working in Animal Care students record and input data from the animal enclosures the

1:13:35
spring students will have the opportunity to volunteer with Travelers Aid which provides customer service to visitors to the Philadelphia
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International Airport and provide assisted information to make those Travelers stay Pleasant and relaxing no
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manned information desk be stationed at Gates where passengers are deplaning students and staff are required to submit background
checks video in-person
1:13:55
training testing excited for the various opportunities that this offers and hopefully a long-term partnership with
1:14:00
Travelers aides Travelers Aid and the Philadelphia International Airport tomorrow Moorestown High School will
1:14:05
host the Moorestown business association's monthly membership meeting we'll honor our employers for their partnership in the work based
learning
1:14:12
program and by the end of the school year the high school students will have volunteered over 5 000 hours in our
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partners businesses you heard earlier mention the senior class trip this Milestone trip would be
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impossible without the sleep deprivation selflessness thoughtfulness and the tired legs of the mea members who make
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this possible on a personal note I can testify that that is not hyperbolic I was on the trip and uh it is uh small
1:14:39
hours of sleep but great hours of joy as we provide for the physical and emotional safety of the students and
1:14:45
made a lifetime memories for sure I commend my colleagues at the ues and the middle
1:14:51
school on their theatrical Productions uh the high school productions had a successful year as well we don't require
1:14:58
outside validation but we do participate in state level Awards programs so if they have more specifics to share with
1:15:04
you at a later meeting so thank you very much thank you
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hello I'm Erin Hart I work at South Valley um and I'd like to commend my colleagues
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at South Valley because this past week first graders spent the week learning about simple machines and reading
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various books to do a character study on leprechauns they used all this information to build leprechaun traps we
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ended with a scavenger hunt to collect Clues to find simple machines used throughout our school and playground and
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it was a very big success for all of our first grade friends so
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thank you
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hello I'm Lauren Graf and I teach at Baker and I would like to commend the
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baker staff for joining home in school to make the district's fundraiser a huge success It's a grand land Adventure
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kicked off with character building videos and classroom challenges that filled the hallways with excitement
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teachers help build enthusiasm by providing engaging and exciting rewards Flyers stickers and daily challenges
1:16:18
inspired students to be a huge part of this school-wide adventure not only did
1:16:23
the baker students meet the fundraising goal they surpassed it which was pretty exciting the fundraiser came to a close
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with a dance party that rocked the school the spring book fair is in full swing at Baker and the theme this year
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is reading a suite thanks to our home and school volunteers Baker's hallway and Library have been beautifully
1:16:42
transformed into a delicious display of candy and books a special thanks to Baker's librarian Ann farrugia for
1:16:49
building excitement about reading and for working with HS to promote this important spring event
1:16:55
thank you anyone else for public comment
1:17:05
my name is Katie Berman I live at six Murray Road um I just also want to comment I was the district chair for
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home in school for Boosterthon and Not only was it successful at Baker as just mentioned but all four schools that
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participated all exceeded their goal by a large sum of money we haven't received the total that um the district raised
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but it was incredibly successful so we want to thank all of the families that participated and were able to donate as
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well as all the principals and the staff for letting Boosterthon come into their school for all those days to be a little
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bit disruptive let the kids have a little bit of fun the um dance parties all the kids had a blast it was a you
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know they were a little disappointed that they couldn't get out and run but they all seem to really enjoy the the glow dance parties that were
able to
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take place at all four schools so I just wanted to say thank you to everybody for that thank you
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all right any further comments seeing none uh I'd ask for a motion to
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close public comment please all in favor aye
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is there anything for the good of the order
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there we go whoa sorry everyone um just want to say a few things
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um very excited my household Seussical I know it was set a few times uh Friday uh
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4 30 and 7 and Saturday 11 30 a.m and 2 30 p.m Seussical at the ues
1:18:45
um also this past week I just wanted to commend um Mrs Jessica noguera and the video production students um I had an
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opportunity to be an adjudicator at the Burlington County teen Arts Festival which took place at Rowan College
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um about seven or eight other local Burlington County high schools submitted uh video projects and I just wanted to
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say Jessica and her the students did phenomenal job and um hopefully she'll
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be hearing some stuff soon about if any of those projects went forward to the state so just want to say it was really great to see some of the
Moorestown High
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School creativity up at the higher education level that's all I have to say thank you
1:19:25
anyone else all right well seeing nothing further
1:19:32
I'll take a motion to adjourn don't worry all in favor