

**DISTRICT OF ROXBURY TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 7, 2025**

**BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
LINCOLN ROOSEVELT SCHOOL
34 NORTH HILLSIDE AVENUE, SUCCASUNNA, NEW JERSEY 07876**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 6:30 P.M.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Lincoln Roosevelt School. Board President Mr. Christopher Milde presiding.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro announced that this Special meeting of the Roxbury Township Board of Education is being held to take action and hold a discussion on 2025/2026 School Budget before the Board tonight and that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Roxbury Township Board of Education has caused written notice of tonight's meeting and copies of the agenda for tonight's meeting to be transmitted to:

Roxbury Register - Newspaper

Daily Record - Newspaper

Star-Ledger - Newspaper

Roxbury Website – <https://www.roxbury.org/domain/83>

Municipal Clerk

Roxbury Public Library

The notice of tonight's meeting has been posted in the Board's Business office.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Edwin Botero, Mrs. Anne Colucci,
Ms. Valerie Galdieri, Ms. Mirna Hernandez, Mrs. Kim Hopkins,
Mrs. Sharon MacGregor-Nazzaro, Mr. Christopher Milde,
Mrs. Kathy Purcell, Ms. Carol Scheneck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Camilo Bonilla

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Frank Santora, Mrs. Lisa Ferrare, Mr. Joseph Mondanaro

OTHERS PRESENT:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the Board, the Administration, and the Public participated in the salute to the flag.

IV. PRESENTATION - Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Discussion - by Mr. Joseph Mondanaro

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V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (There is a three-minute time limit, per Board Policy)

None

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Finance (Resolution 1)

Mrs. Kathy Purcell asked a question regarding the preschool program and how the funding relates to the district budget.

Dr. Frank Santora responded.

Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Sharon MacGregor-Nazzaro asked a question about enrollment.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro and Dr. Frank Santora responded.

Ms. Mirna Hernandez asked about the solar project.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Mr. Christopher Milde asked about the costs affiliated with utilities.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Ms. Mirna Hernandez asked about federal funding.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Dr. Frank Santora provided information on Title I funding.

Mr. Edwin Botero spoke about the financial issues in the Mt. Arlington school district.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro spoke about the district's budget efficiency.

Ms. Mirna Hernandez asked about next year's funding.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Ms. Carol Scheneck asked to include tonight's presentation in the April 28, 2025, board meeting budget hearing.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro spoke about funding.

Mrs. Anne Colucci thanked Mr. Joseph Mondanaro.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mirna Hernandez asked to go back to next year's funding.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Mrs. Sharon MacGregor-Nazzaro asked about funding for Special Education programs.

Dr. Frank Santora responded.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro asked Dr. Frank Santora to provide examples of Special Education classroom staffing and the new classroom project in Lincoln Roosevelt School and its purpose.

Dr. Frank Santora gave a detailed description.

Mrs. Kathy Purcell asked if there were plans to cut funding of police officers in the district.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Mr. Edwin Botero asked about the funding for projects and for clarification.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro explained how capital reserve funding works.

Dr. Frank Santora clarified the Special Education student placement.

Mr. Christopher Milde asked about budget calculations and how they relate to State Aid.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro responded.

Ms. Carol Scheneck motioned and Mr. Edwin Botero seconded the motion that The Finance Resolution 1 to be accepted as presented.

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Botero: Yes; Mrs. Colucci: Yes; Ms. Galdieri: Yes; Ms. Hernandez: Yes; Mrs. Hopkins: Yes; Mrs. MacGregor-Nazzaro: Yes; Mrs. Purcell: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mr. Milde: Yes

ROXBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

- *1 RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 school year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenues</i>	<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>Total</i>
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$85,839,936	\$1,493,203		\$87,333,139
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$20,747,472	\$1,493,203		\$22,240,675
Taxes to be Raised	\$65,092,464			\$65,092,464

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roxbury Township Board of Education authorizes as included in budget line 630, Budgeted Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve, a withdrawal in the amount of \$1,200,000 for Maintenance projects throughout the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roxbury Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$303,690 for the purpose of Special Education Services. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roxbury Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a Health Care Cost adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of \$1,117,950. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care premiums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roxbury Board of Education includes in the proposed budget an Enrollment Cost adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of \$55,752 for the purpose of Special Education Services.

AND, a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 school year will be held at Lincoln-Roosevelt School on April 28, 2025, during a Regular Roxbury Township Board of Education Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes and amends Finance Resolution XV.A.8 approved on March 17, 2025.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (There is a three-minute time limit, per Board Policy)

None

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

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Ms. Mirna Hernandez thanked Mr. Joseph Mondanaro.

Mrs. Anne Colucci thanked the Business Administrator and the Superintendent.

Mrs. Kim Hopkins thanked the administration for their hard work.

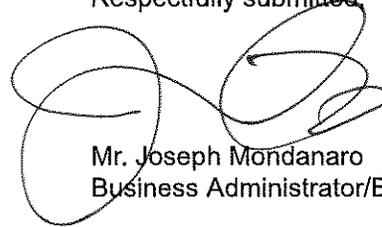
Mrs. Kathy Purcell spoke about commenting on the budget details and asked for questions to be forwarded to the Business Office.

Dr. Frank Santora thanked Mrs. Lisa Ferrare's contribution to the personnel staffing as it relates to the budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Anne Colucci motioned and Ms. Valerie Gaidieri seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at this time 7:40 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

Mr. Joseph Mondanaro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary