

Egg Harbor Township Committee
EMERGENCY MEETING
Municipal Building, 3515 Bargaintown Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Wednesday, July 21, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to Order at 4:05 p.m.

Acting Clerk/Township Administrator Miller read the Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:	Joe Cafero	absent
	Frank Finnerty	absent
	Paul Hodson	present
	Laura Pfrommer	present
	James J. McCullough	present

Also in attendance were Acting Clerk/Township Administrator Peter J. Miller, School Board Members Jim Galvin, Justin Riggs and Peter Castellano, School Superintendent Frederick Nickels, School Business Administrator Sandra Anaya, Senate President Sweeney and District 2 Senator Whelan.

The purpose of this meeting was for a roundtable discussion with Senate President Steve Sweeney, Senator Jim Whelan, school officials, and township officials in reference to school funding.

Round Table Discussion

Senator Sweeney proposed to those in attendance to return to the original school funding formula. His proposal was to add \$100,000,000 each year to the state budget over the next four to five years. His funding proposal was to give every school district 100% of their school aid. He gave examples of certain school districts receiving significantly greater than 100% of their full funding and other districts, such as Egg Harbor Township, receiving significantly less than 100%. Senate President Sweeney circulated a comparison of the plan that he was proposing as contrasted with Governor Christie's plan. Under Senator Sweeney's plan, Egg Harbor Township Schools would receive \$26.8 million annually in additional funding from the State of New Jersey. Under Governor Christie's plan, they would only receive an additional \$8.7 million annually.

Senator Whelan believed that Senate President Sweeney's proposal provided for an equitable distribution of education aid.

A general discussion ensued among members of the school board and township committee with Senator's Sweeney and Whelan.

Senate President Sweeney stressed the need for bipartisan support to have this fully funded plan implemented. He stated that 80% of all school districts will do better with full funding. He reiterated the phase in is over 5 years.

Senator Sweeney requested the school district to start a letter writing campaign expressing their support of the full funding legislation.

A discussion concerning Abbott districts took place. Their concern was that Abbott districts were not intended to be life time commitments and that they need to be reviewed.

Senate President Sweeney said he anticipated this legislation being scheduled for a vote in September 2016 with an effective date of September 2017 if it is passed. School Superintendent Nickels felt the benefit was to everyone in this room, especially the residents of Egg Harbor Township. Mayor McCullough expressed his support for the full funding for the benefit of the Township residents.

General Public Discussion

No one came forward.	
Motion	Motion Pfrommer, second Hodson to close the public portion of meeting
Vote:	All present voted, yes

Adjournment

Motion	Motion Hodson, second Pfrommer to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.
Vote	All present voted, yes

James J. McCullough, Mayor

Peter J. Miller, Acting Clerk/Township Administrator

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THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

As Clerk of this meeting, I announce that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings, "Adequate Notice" of this meeting was provided as soon as possible following the calling of the meeting by posting written notice of the same in public places, posting on the municipality's website, and delivering to newspapers.

- III. Roll Call:** Joe Cafero
Frank Finnerty
Paul Hodson
Laura Pfrommer
James J. McCullough

The purpose of this meeting is for a roundtable discussion with Senate President Steve Sweeney, Senator Jim Whelan, local leaders, and school officials of the proposed school funding plan.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Roundtable Discussion

VI. General Public Discussion

Motion	To close the public portion of meeting
Vote:	

VII. Adjournment

Motion	Motion to adjourn the meeting
Vote	