



# Derry Township School District Community Budget Forum April 22, 2015 Summary Minutes

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## Procedures for Public Comments

To ensure residents have equal opportunity to be heard on issues of concern related to the District, the Board of School Directors of the Derry Township School District provides the following procedures for public comments during tonight's forum:

- Public comments and remarks from residents are limited to the Public Comments portion of the meeting
- The duration of the Public Comments portion of the meeting shall be set by the agenda for the meeting
- To provide other residents with an opportunity to speak, each speaker during the Public Comments portion of the meeting is limited to two (2) minutes of speaking time when recognized, and limited to one opportunity to address the Board during the Public Comment period
- Each speaker is asked to state their name and address before commencing their comments
- All comments shall be directed to the entire Board and not to a particular Board Member
- Personal attacks aimed at any individual shall not be permitted
- The Board seeks to lead by example with regard to the education of District students, including with regard to civics education, and to permit all speakers an opportunity to present their views, regardless of viewpoint, on issues germane to the proceedings. Accordingly, the Board requests that speakers refrain from loud talking, profanity, and other disruptive conduct
- The purpose for the Public Comments is to give residents an opportunity to be heard on issues of concern related to the District. Therefore, the Board will not respond to comments or questions during Public Comments

## 1. Call to Order

**Minutes:** The meeting was called to order by Board Treasurer, Brian Shiflett at 7:02 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

**Members in attendance:** Andrea Abruzzo, Chris Barrett (arrived late), Hank Donahue, Heidi Eby, Bruce Hancock, Maryellen Sheehan, Brian Shiflett

**Non-Voting Members in attendance:** Joseph McFarland, Jason Reifsnyder, Dan Tredinnick, Stacy Winslow

**Members not in attendance:** Jayanth Franklin and Julie Neal

**Members of the Public/Press:** Dave Buffington-The Sun; Monica Von Dobeneck-The Patriot; Jennifer Mysel; Terry Singer, Jim Abel

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. Introduction and Welcome**

**Minutes:** Mr. Shiflett welcomed everyone and reviewed the purpose and agenda for the evening.

### **5. Presentation - 2015-2016 Budget Overview (Mr. Frentz)**

**Minutes:** Mr. Frentz provided an overview of the budget process and status. He showed five year projections for the fund balance and explained how the 2015-2016 budget is planning for the near future for the district.

### **6. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

- A question was asked about any program reductions/cuts-this budget includes continuation of all programs
- A question was asked about the Governor's proposed property tax reduction and impact on Derry Township residents
- A question was asked about tax increase history in district

### **7. Next Steps**

**Minutes:** Mr. Shiflett explained the timeline for proposed budget and final budget approval.

### **8. Adjournment**

**Minutes:** Following a motion by Mrs. Eby and seconded by Mrs. Sheehan the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Frentz  
Secretary to the Board  
Approved at the May 11, 2015 meeting

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Maryellen B. Sheehan  
President of the Board of Directors

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