

**INTERLAKEN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Wong called the January 23, 2012, regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**SUNSHINE NOTICE:**

I hereby declare that the notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press and was delivered to the Municipal Clerk, Borough of Interlaken, in accordance with PL 1975, Ch. 231A.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Mrs. Handerhan      Yes   X        No
- Mrs. Walters        Yes   X        No
- Mrs. Watt            Yes   X        No
- Mrs. Weeden        Yes   X        No
- Mrs. Wong            Yes   X        No

**2.0 APPROVE MINUTES**

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong to approve the following minutes:

➤ December 20, 2011

The minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0)                      ABSTENTIONS: (0)

**3.0 BILL PAYMENT**

It was motioned by Mrs. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Handerhan, to pay bills for January 2012 as presented.

The bills list was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0)                      ABSTENTIONS: (0)

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**4.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

It was motioned by Mrs. Watt, seconded by Mrs. Wong, to accept the following financial report:

- Report of the Board Secretary/Treasurer Dated:
  - December 31, 2011
- Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:2-2.13(e), the Board certifies that after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

The financial reports were approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0)                      ABSTENTIONS: (0)

**5.0 BUDGET VOTE**

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong, to accept the following resolution:

Whereas Public Law 2011, Chapter 202, provides that a local school district may adopt a resolution to eliminate the vote on its annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey, and

Whereas the above legislation provides that the above action would require districts to hold their annual election for school board members in November during the regular general election, and

Whereas, the Interlaken Board of Education has determined that the statutory restrictions on the local levy tax increase for annual school appropriations is appropriate and sufficient to control and maintain a thorough and efficient education for the children of Interlaken, and

Whereas, the Interlaken Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that dispensing with annual school budget votes will save taxpayer dollars, and

Whereas, the Interlaken Board of Education believes that school board member elections in November will attract a far greater number of voters than typically vote in April elections, and

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Whereas, the Interlaken Board of education believes that the elimination of the vote on the school budget and the movement of the board member election to November is in the best interest of the Interlaken community, and

Whereas, the Interlaken Board of Education understands that this decision shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Interlaken Board of Education does hereby determine that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and become effective for the 2012-13 budget, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interlaken Board of Education does hereby determine that the election of school board members will occur at the annual general election in November, 2012.

Item # 5.0 was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: (5) Mrs. Handerhan, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Weeden, Mrs. Wong

NOES: (0)                      ABSTENTIONS: (0)

**6.0    OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**7.0    NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**8.0    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Mr. Keith Miller – Bridlemere Avenue:
  - Mr. Miller asked if the Board of Education would be contacting either the Coaster or the Asbury Park Press to report on agenda item # 5.0 above? Mrs. Wong indicated that the newspapers would not be contacted. Mr. Kotch indicated that he anticipated receiving a phone call from the local newspapers inquiring about this resolution for both Interlaken and Shore Regional as this topic has already received a lot of press coverage.
  - Mr. Miller asked Mr. Kotch if he would email him the election costs from previous years' elections so as to report the potential savings to taxpayers by not having an additional election each year. Mr. Kotch indicated that he would email those costs.

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**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was motioned by Mrs. Weeden, seconded by Mrs. Wong to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis W. Kotch, CPA  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary