

BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORDER OF BUSINESS

5:00 p.m.

May 7, 2025

President reads the following statement:

“Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening. This is a Public Hearing on the Budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Pursuant to New Jersey Statutes and the rules adopted by the Board of Education, notice of this meeting was sent to The Star Ledger and Cablevision of Elizabeth on Monday, April 28, 2025. In addition, this notice is posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of 500 North Broad Street, and pursuant to this act, a copy has been filed with the City Clerk of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to everyone present for this May 7, 2025, meeting of the Board of Education. This meeting is being recorded and will become part of the Elizabeth Board of Education permanent record. In order that the recording will adequately reflect the proceedings, please refrain from talking while others are speaking. I also ask that you silence the sound on your electronic devices. Since it is legally mandated that these proceedings be accurately recorded, I may have to ask for order periodically should noise begin to interfere with our recording capabilities. I am pleased that you have taken time this evening to join us. Thank you for your interest in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

We are here this evening to hear the public express their views regarding the proposed 2025-2026 budget, in accordance with New Jersey Statute 18A:22-13, and I quote, ‘On the date and at the time and place so fixed, the Board of School Estimate or the Board of Education, as the case may be, shall hold such public hearing at which time the taxpayers and other interested persons shall have an opportunity to present objections and to be heard with respect to said budget and the amounts of money necessary to be appropriated and the various items and purposes for which the same are to be appropriated for the use of public schools in the district for the ensuing school year.

There will be a public portion for citizens to address the Board. Participants for the public portion must personally sign in prior to the start of the meeting so that they may have the opportunity to speak. The sign-in sheet states the name, address, telephone number and reason that the person wants to comment, whether it is an agenda item or a general education comment.”

Roll Call

President asks the Superintendent of Schools to present the 2025-2026 school budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens may address the Board.

“At this time, the microphones are open for public comment to those who have signed in prior to this session. I shall call individuals to the microphone based on the order of the sign-in. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes in duration. The total time of public comment shall be limited to 60 minutes. No individual is able to yield their time to another individual. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually. Each speaker shall comply in all respects with Board Policy 9322 (copies were provided next to the sign in sheet).

The following rules shall apply:

1. Time limits will be strictly enforced.
2. No personal attacks on individuals or naming of individuals.
3. No vulgar or indecent language.
4. A person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting.
5. Comments will not be debated.

Any person in violation of the Policy will be warned, and their comments terminated if needed. If such violation continues, this individual may be escorted from the meeting.”

“As a reminder this is a meeting of the Board in public, not a meeting of the public.”

“At this time, I close the public comment portion of the meeting.”

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Motion to adjourn

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5:00 p.m.

Opening Statement

Roll Call

Adoption of the Final Budget for School Year 2025-2026

Adjournment

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 18, 2025 to be submitted to the Union County Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Union County Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of The Star Ledger on April 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was presented to the public during a public hearing on May 7, 2025; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Elizabeth Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 school year district budget as follows:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$676,433,422	\$76,365,105	\$0	\$752,798,527
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$616,620,298	\$76,365,105	\$0	\$692,985,403
Taxes to be Raised	\$59,813,124	\$0	\$0	\$59,813,124

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board Members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board Members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elizabeth Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$473,331.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education established \$305,069.00 as the maximum travel amount for the 2024-2025 school year and has expended \$151,174.00 as of this date.