



**LEBANON BOROUGH
COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Borough Common Council was called to order by Council President R. Gary Quick at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was convened in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975; notice was sent to three local newspapers and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Quick.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Kathleen Bross, Council President R. Gary Quick, Councilman Michael Reino, Councilman W. Faust Coyle and Councilman Sam Berger

Absent: Mayor Paradis, Councilman Richard J. Burton

Also Present: Clerk Karen Romano

Council President R. Gary Quick read the following statement into the minutes at the request of Councilman Burton.

To.: Karen Romano, Borough Clerk

From: Richard Burton, Councilman

Subject: Special Meeting addressing Lebanon Borough School Budget Defeat

Karen,

As part of the process when a school budget is not passed; the school budget is reviewed by the governing body. Currently, the borough council has scheduled a special meeting regarding the Lebanon Borough School Budget on May 5th 2010 at 7:00 PM.

As you know my wife, Christine, is a member of the Lebanon Borough Board of Education. I discussed *the topic of the School Budget after the results of the election were posted with Joe Novak, Lebanon Borough Attorney. After considering the advice of our attorney, I will recuse myself from the vote on the Lebanon Borough School 2010-2011 Budget. I will also not attend the special meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening May 5th 2010.*

I feel that it important that all parties and the public fully understand that I place the highest value and respect on my right as a council member to vote on matters that come before it, however it also of great importance that the public know that we all take great care to insure the, integrity of our position and that we thoughtfully consider the advice of our professionals when and if they warn us of the potential or appearance of a conflict of interest. This is in the best interests of the community and part of our obligation in our role as governing body members.

Please read this statement at the meeting and include it as part of the record of the meeting.

Best Regards,

Richard J. Burton

LEBANON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Christine Burton of the Lebanon Borough School Board presented the proposed changes to the 2010 School Board Budget. She explained each change totaling \$10,000. Councilwoman Bross stated she would be available to work with the Lebanon Board of Education to find Grants to supplement the loss. She also suggested utilizing the County Bookmobile for a more current book selection. Councilman Reino and Councilman Quick questioned the possibility of reduction in areas such as benefits, salary and wages. Councilman Berger explained this was not a contract year, there for all contracts were protected and would remain closed. Councilman Berger then went on to state the North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional failed School Budget. He explained after much discussion \$406,000 was cut.

Council President Quick called for a motion to pass resolution 69-2010 for an additional reducing of \$10,000 to the Lebanon Borough School 2010 Budget.

RESOLUTION # 69 – 2010:

Councilman Berger made a motion to pass Resolution 69-2010. Councilman Coyle seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION #69-2010

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Borough Board of Education presented to the voters at the Annual School Election held on April 20, 2010 that there should be raised \$2,200,311 in taxes for the general fund for the ensuing school year (2010/2011); and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Borough of Lebanon defeated the general fund question; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Borough Board of Education transmitted an official copy of the defeated budget and required documentation to the municipal clerk of the Borough of Lebanon on April 23, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Lebanon Borough Board of Education met with representatives of the Lebanon Borough Committee on May 2, 2010 for the purpose of discussing the election defeat; and,

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given by the Borough to the information received from the Board of Education, and the discussion which ensued, with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient education for the students of Lebanon Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education accepts the following adjustments to the general fund resulting in a reduction in the general fund tax levy of \$10,000:

Account Number	Program	Amount	Reductions in expenditures:
11-190-100-640	Regular Programs - Textbooks		\$2,000
11-190-100-800	Regular Programs – Other Objects (ClassTrips)		\$4,000
11-000-223-500	Staff Training - Other Purchased Services - Travel		\$2,000
11-000-230-585	Bd of Education – Other Purchased		\$2,000
	TOTAL REDUCTIONS		\$10,000

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for the General Funds \$2,190,311 for the ensuing school year (2010/2011).

Introduced: May 5, 2010

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1

R. Gary Quick
By: Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Common Council at a meeting duly held on the 5th of May 2010; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: May 5, 2010

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Clerk

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**YES: Council President Quick, Councilman Reino, Councilwoman Bross
Councilman Berger, and Councilman Coyle**

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Burton

ABSTAIN: None

Council President Quick called for a motion to pass resolution 70-2010 for an additional reducing of \$406,000 to the North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional High School 2010 Budget.

RESOLUTION # 69 – 2010:

Councilman Berger made a motion to pass Resolution 69-2010. Councilman Coyle seconded the motion.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #70-2010

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE NORTH HUNTERDON-VOORHEES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2010-11 YEAR

WHEREAS, the proposed school budget general fund tax levy of the Board of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, in the amount of \$46,660,801, was defeated by the voters at the annual election on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the school district delivered the rejected proposed budget to the Borough of Lebanon as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Lebanon has consulted with the Board of Education and has reviewed the school budget and desires to certify the amount necessary to be appropriated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that certain revisions be made to the 2010-2011 Budget of the Board of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District as follows:

12-000-400-450	Construction Services	\$ 107,000
11-000-230-330	Other Professional Services	\$ 65,000
12-000-400-390	Professional Services	\$ 6,000
11-140-100-101	Salaries of Teachers	\$ 55,000
11-213-101-101	Salaries of Teachers	\$ 85,905
11-000-252-104	Salaries of Computer Staff	\$ 60,000
11-XXX-XXX-270	Health Benefits	<u>\$ 27,095</u>
		\$ 406,000

That Karen M. Romano, Clerk of the Borough of Lebanon certifies the tax levy of \$46,254,801 for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District. This represents a tax levy reduction of \$406,000 from the specified line items as listed above.

It is hereby certified that the budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education for the students of North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District.

Introduced: May 5, 2010

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain 0
Absent: 1

R. Gary Quick
By: Borough Council President

ATTEST:

Karen M. Romano, RMC
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Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Clerk

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

**YES: Council President Quick, Councilman Reino, Councilwoman Bross
Councilman Berger, and Councilman Coyle**

NO: None

ABSENT: Councilman Burton

ABSTAIN: None

Councilwoman Bross moved and Councilman Reino seconded a motion to adjourn, there being no further business to come before Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Clerk

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