

May 13, 2010

THERE WAS NO TAPE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING AS IT TOOK PLACE OFF-SITE

The Township Committee met on the above date at 7:00 PM in the 500 Building at Northern Building Regional High School. Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Brian J. Kelly, Deputy Mayor Lawrence H. Durr and Township Committeeman Michael J. Hlubik. The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted. Committeeman Michael Hlubik recused himself from participating in this hearing as he is employed by the Northern Burlington Regional School District and is conflicted in this matter. Mr. Hlubik left the dais and took a seat in the audience.

Mike Moscatiello of North Hanover Township read a prepared statement from the four sending districts outlining the requested cuts and reinstatements to the 2010-2011 school budget. The request offers reductions to the budget without reducing existing educational programs, after school activities, athletic programs, custodial staff, bus drivers, aides or bus transportation. The current level of teachers is maintained without layoffs. It is further requested that the German and Technology programs be reinstated and an EMT program be instituted.

Mayor Puglia of Mansfield Township, designated by the sending districts to chair this meeting, turned the meeting over to the School Board.

Dr. Sarruda clarified the request of the sending districts to cut \$639,857 from the budget resulting in a \$-0- tax increase.

The meeting was opened to the public for comments. The following individuals addressed the board and the governing bodies with their concerns:

Gregory Marmala - German instructor at Northern Burlington  
Bonnie Anderson of 835 Oaklynd Avenue in Burlington  
Monica Baranosky of 2 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield

Mayor Puglia asked the Board to explain the reason for the elimination of the German program and the cost savings realized by that cut. Dr. Sarruda stated that he is attempting to manage the cards he has been dealt with the loss of revenues. It was determined that German is the least popular language offered and the savings amounts to \$32,000 in this budget.

Monica Baranosky of 2 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield  
Susan Layton of 90A Bordentown-Chesterfield Road in Chesterfield

Mayor Puglia asked Richard Kaz, Business Administrator for the amount that is spent on administration compared to the amount spent on teachers. Mr. Kaz could not answer the question. Lori Weatherwalks of 610 Chesterfield-Arneytown Road in Chesterfield presented administrative costs of \$1,739,719.00.

Mike Moscatiello of North Hanover Township reiterated the efforts of the governing bodies of the sending districts in deciding on the reductions.

Susan Layton of 90A Bordentown Chesterfield Road in Chesterfield asked for the breakdown of administrators vs. teachers and the response was 175 teachers in Middle and High School vs. 13 Administrators, not counting secretarial staff.

Carol Foster Moody of 191 Atlantic Avenue in Columbus  
Laurie Donovan of 12 North Hockey Drive in Columbus  
Rosemary McCormack of 1 Orchard Drive in Chesterfield  
Bill Seaman of 715 Juliustown-Georgetown Road in Mansfield  
Joe Sabat of Wrightstown

Joe Coleman, a teacher at Northern for 20 years stated that there is no contract for the teachers for this year. The contract expired in 2009 and the teachers are still being paid at that rate.

Mayor Puglia asked the Board for the amount of savings realized if the teachers freeze their salaries and will the administrators also agree to a salary freeze? Dr. Sarruda replied that the administrators are in the third year of their contract and will get a 3.75% raise. They have agreed to pay 1.5% toward health benefits, placed a cap on tuition reimbursement and switched to the state health benefits plan. Mayor Puglia responded that the administrators have done well over the years and should take a 10% cut with the teachers agreeing on a compromise to help out.

Colleen Herbert of 2 Millenium Drive in Columbus  
Bob Higgens of 10 Hanson Drive in Columbus  
Sharon Vitak of 6 Vencza Drive in Columbus  
Joe Monzo of Garden Gate Court in Columbus  
Natalka Weismantel of 80 Harness Way in Chesterfield  
Susan Layton of 90A Bordentown-Chesterfield Road in Chesterfield  
Carol Foster Moody of 191 Atlantic Avenue in Columbus

Jim Durr of North Hanover Township explained to the residents how the reduction process works.

Larry Durr of Chesterfield Township spoke about the previous year's requests for the institution of an EMT program that were ignored. Dr. Sarruda replied that he has had recent conversations with Robert Wood Johnson concerning instruction for an EMT program.

Bonnie Anderson of Burlington stated that she works for a company who has a training fund available for this purpose and would be happy to provide the information.

Larry Durr continued that he would like a commitment from the Board that this program will be offered. The Board gets support from the sending districts whenever they need something and he would like that courtesy returned.

Monica Baranosky of 2 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield  
Peg Hallion of 76 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield

The public hearing was closed on a motion by Mr. Tilton and second by Mr. Moscatiello of North Hanover. All agreed.

The meeting recessed at 9:20 PM.

The meeting resumed at 10:20 PM. On a motion by Mr. Durr and second by Mayor Kelly, Resolution 2010-5-11 was approved. All agreed.

**RESOLUTION 2010-5-11**

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2010-2011 BUDGET OF THE NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2010, the voters of Chesterfield Township, in a duly held election, did fail to approve the General Fund Tax Levy of the Board of Education of Northern Burlington Regional School District for the school year 2010-2011; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37*, the Township of Chesterfield consulted with representatives of the Northern Burlington Regional Board of Education and held a public meeting on May 13, 2010 to review the budget which had been submitted to the voters by the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, said public meeting was held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq.*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey assembled this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010 that they hereby determine that a \$0 increase in revenues and a \$639,857 reduction in appropriations in the base budget should be made utilizing any of the following:

<u>Recommended Reductions</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Athletic Director	11-000-240-103	\$105,472.00	-0-	\$ 105,472.00
Directors of Instruction: (currently 3, reduce to 1)				
Salary 1	11-000-240-103	\$ 86,701.00	-0-	\$ 86,701.00
Salary 2	11-000-240-103	\$ 95,444.00	\$ 93,200.00	\$ 2,244.00
Salary 3	11-000-240-103	\$ 97,455.00	-0-	\$ 97,455.00
H.S. Assistant Principals: (currently 3, reduce to 1)				
Salary 1	11-000-240-103	\$ 81,916.00	-0-	\$ 81,916.00
Salary 2	11-000-240-103	\$ 90,479.00	\$ 88,740.67	\$ 1,738.33
Salary 3	11-000-240-103	\$ 93,827.00	-0-	\$ 93,827.00
Facilities Director	11-000-262-100	\$103,651.00	-0-	\$ 103,651.00
Assistant Superintendent	11-000-221-102	\$133,628.00	-0-	\$ 133,628.00
Asst. Superintendent Secty.	11-000-223-105	\$ 45,000.00	-0-	\$ 45,000.00
Switch to State Health Care	11-xxx-xxx-210			\$ 900,000.00

Employee Cont. of 1.5%

10-1xxx

\$ 160,000.00

**\$1,811,632.33**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School District utilize any combination of the above cited \$1.8 million recommendations to render a zero (\$0.00) tax increase for the 2010-2011 budget year, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a portion of the \$1.2 million remaining be used to reinstate the German and Technology Programs, and the inclusion of a new EMT program;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield that it does hereby certify that the following amounts are to be raised for educational purposes for fiscal year 2010-2011:

**AMOUNT TO BE RAISED IN THE DISTRICT BY TAXATION**

GENERAL FUND:

1.	Original Tax Levy Appearing on the Ballot	\$ 16,636,278.00
2.	Amount of Reduction	\$ 639,857.00
3.	Amount Certified as Necessary to be raised In the Northern Burlington County Regional School District by Taxation for the 2010-2011 Budget:	\$ 15,996,421.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield has determined that this revised budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield is hereby directed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Northern Burlington County Board of Education, the Burlington County Superintendent of Schools, the Burlington County Board of Taxation and the Tax Assessor of Chesterfield Township no later than May 19, 2010.

It was reiterated by members of all the governing bodies in the sending district that this \$639,857 reduction is to be made without cutting teachers or programs.

On a motion by Mr. Durr and second by Mayor Kelly, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 PM. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Haines, RMC  
Township Clerk