
**Holland Township Board of Education
Milford, NJ 08848**

MINUTES

***Budget Work Session
February 18, 2010
7:30 P.M.***

Board Members Present: Thomas Friend, William Moebus, Tanya Nalesnik, Joseph Somers,
William Soucie (7:46pm), John Geissler, Lorraine Scheibener

Board Members Absent: John McDowall, Yvonne Scott

School Personnel Present: Mr. Emil Suarez, Superintendent; Abigail Postma, Brd.Sec/SBA, Kathy
Stannard, CST Supervisor

Public: 1 Visitor

The work session was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Lorraine Scheibener, Board President, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq.; followed by the flag salute. There was no other public present than as noted above

Correspondence/Presentations

None

Comments: Board President/Board Members

- Mr. Moebus requested to be registered for the March 11th HCSBA Meeting

Comments: Superintendent

- Mr. Suarez announced that a meeting is scheduled on February 23rd between Mayor Burdzy and Deputy Mayor DiSarro to discuss the 2010/11 school budget projections and planning.
- Mr. Suarez also announced that he will be at the next Township of Holland Planning Board meeting to review the ROD Grant information submitted to the Township by the school architect of record. He stated that he will apologize to the planning board for not being in attendance at the courtesy review of the ROD Grant information from the school district, as the school administration was unaware that the information was forwarded to the Township for review.
- Mr. Suarez clarified that the letter which was sent home to parents of special education students was regarding a lawsuit between the State of New Jersey and special education advocacy groups.

Comments: Public – Agenda Items Only ~ None

Budget Review and Discussion

The administration reviewed with the Board the current 2009/10 school year State Aid withholding. The administration discussed the overview of revenue for the 2010/11 school budget and the latest news announced today which indicated to anticipate not only a loss of ARRA funds but also another additional 15% state aid reduction. The administration reviewed a tax levy analysis for potential revenue to include within the 2010/11 school budget and the tax payer impact. The Board discussed potential tax levy options and the reductions required to meet the tax cap levels. The Board also conferred regarding the potential issues with the loss of State Aid, maintaining educational levels, and the current tax payer burdens. The administration also reviewed anticipated reductions in the 2010/11 school budget.

Executive Session

MOTION: Enter Executive Session by Mr. Geissler, seconded by Mr. Friend

WHEREAS the "Open Public Meetings Act" (Chapter 231 Laws of 1975) authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which specified topics are to be discussed under circumstances where the public consideration of such topics will clearly endanger the public or where the personal privacy or guaranteed rights of individuals whose activities or affairs are to be discussed would clearly in danger of unwarranted invasion; be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Township of Holland now adjourns its public session to reconvene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

➤ Personnel

And be in further RESOLVED that the discussion in Executive Session be disclosed in the minutes to be released at the next regular meeting of the Board, provided the Board's consideration of the subject matter has been closed, or that such matters that adversely affect the rights of prospective, current, or past public officers or personnel of the board, such individuals have in writing requested the disclosure of such discussion at a public meeting and provided such a public disclosure will no longer clearly endanger the public interest.

AYES: Friend, Moebus, Nalesnik, Somers, Soucie, Geissler, Scheibener
MOTION PASSES

MOTION: Enter Public Session by Mr. Soucie, seconded by Mr. Somers

AYES: Friend, Moebus, Nalesnik, Somers, Soucie, Geissler, Scheibener
MOTION PASSES

Supplementary Matters

Mr. Somers reminded the board of the open vacancies on the Board of Education for the April School Election

Comments: Public – General ~ Ms. Lisa Mickey asked the Board of Education of the status of negotiations and whether or not the district is utilizing a professional negotiator. She also inquired if the negotiation process is focusing on health insurance contributions and the overall reality of the economy. She also stated that the budget will be examined by town counsel and that two new members of council will not be interested in a token reduction after a budget defeat this year; the BOE should expect \$200-250K as a reduction from township officials.

Board President Scheibener stated that a committee of the Board as well as the Board attorney is the negotiations team and that law prohibits a public review of the current status as well as announcing the current negotiations discussions.

Adjournment

MOTION by Mr. Moebus, seconded by Mr. Somers to adjourn the meeting at 9:58pm

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail J. Postma, RSBA/Board Secretary