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**Official Minutes of the  
Holland Township Board of Education  
Milford, NJ 08848**

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**Special Board Meeting  
May 17, 2010, 7:30 P.M.**

Roll Call

Board Members Present: McDowall, Moebus, Schneider, Scott, Somers,  
Soucie (7:46pm), Vandenburg, Geissler, Scheibener

School Personnel Present: Mr. Suarez, Superintendent, Mrs. Postma, SBA

Public Present: 11

**Addendum:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Moebus, seconded by Mr. Somers to approve the following Addendum to the Agenda:

**Action Item #1 Approve the Reduced 2010-2011 Final School Budget**

WHEREAS, the Holland Township Board of Education submitted the 2010-2011 budget to the legal voters of the Township of Holland on April 20, 2010 for approval,

and WHEREAS, the budget was defeated at the polls by 195 votes, and

WHEREAS the Committee of the Township of Holland met May 13, 2010 and passed a resolution to decrease the 2010-2011 budget by \$95,000 and certified the general fund tax levy to be collected for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$8,051,999;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Holland Township Board of Education accepts the reduction of \$95,000 in the 2010-2011 School Budget from the Township of Holland Officials;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED the Holland Township Board of Education approves the reductions in the following appropriation line items in the amounts listed below:

**Reductions:**

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11 120 100 101	Grades 1-5 Salaries of Teachers	\$	51,022
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	Basic Skills/Remedial Salaries of		
11 230 100 101	Teachers	\$	1,000
11 190 100 640	Textbooks	\$	7,362
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11 401 100 100	Activities Salaries	\$	4,821
11 402 100 100	School Sponsored Athletic Salaries	\$	11,718
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<b><i>Explanation of Reductions:</i></b>	<b><i>Teacher Reduction: One Full Time Teacher Eliminated by Attrition</i></b>	\$	56,099
	<b><i>Co Curricular/Athletics: Eliminate Assistant Advisors/Coaches</i></b>	\$	16,539
	<b><i>Reduce Staff Budgeted Salary Increases by .3 %</i></b>	\$	15,000
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**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Comment on the 2010/11 Budget:**

*Township Committee Members Mr. Bush and Mr. Roselle. and Mayor Burdzy* thanked the Board of Education for the overall cooperation with the budget defeat process. They also thanked the Board for all their hard work and dedication to the school.

*Teacher Mrs. Gunderman* discussed the success of the current preschool program and welcomed the board to visit the classroom.

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**Discussion:**

*Mr. Suarez, Superintendent* reviewed the overall reductions in the school budget and reviewed the approved reduction by the Township Committee. *Mr. Suarez* discussed the recommendation of the line item reductions and the overall impact of the staffing reduction for the 2010/11 school year.

*Board Member Mr. Somers* asked how the staffing in the elementary school would be impacted as compared to the middle school. *Mr. Suarez* reviewed the impact of teacher movement to lessen the impact on the students and stated that the scheduling process could also avail staff movements to lessen any impact of the reduction.

*Board Member Mr. McDowall* asked the impact of the reduction of the textbook line item. *Mrs. Postma* described how the reduction will maintain the original line item in the 2009/10 budget and is the normal amount for textbook replacements throughout a school year.

*Board Member Mr. Moebus* suggested that the board review the plans to develop an ad hoc committee to review Courtesy Busing and other cost saving initiatives in regards to

future budget planning. The Board agreed that the additional ad hoc committee should be developed in the future.

**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Moebus, seconded by Mr. McDowall to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Postma, RSBA/Board Secretary