

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ROXBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2009  
Lincoln/Roosevelt School, 34 North Hillside Avenue, Succasunna, NJ 07876**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Badini, Mrs. Maureen Castriotta, Mrs. Liz D'Abbraccio,  
Mrs. Hildi Libby, Mrs. Jennifer Marchesi (arrived at 7:38 p.m.),  
Mrs. Patricia Miller, Mr. John Moschella, Ms. Carol Scheneck,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Terry D'Agostino, Mr. Gregory Somjen

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Dr. Michael Rossi, Dr. James Heinegg, Dr. Gregory McGann,  
Ms. Ruthann Quinn

OTHERS PRESENT: None

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

This Special Session was called to order in the Auditorium at Lincoln/Roosevelt School at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Moschella announced that this Special Meeting of the Roxbury Township Board of Education is being held to take action and hold discussion on business before the Board tonight, and that the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Roxbury Township Board of Education has caused written notice of tonight's meeting and copies of the agenda for tonight's meeting to be transmitted to:

Roxbury Register	-	Newspaper
Daily Record	-	Newspaper
Roxbury Municipal Clerk		
Roxbury Public Library		
Roxbury Website	-	<a href="http://www.roxbury.org/boe/meetings-minutes.htm">http://www.roxbury.org/boe/meetings-minutes.htm</a>

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members of the Board, the Administration, and the Public participated in the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken, and a quorum deemed present

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent reported on the state of the district and explained the needs of the district and what this budget would bring, indicating that in order to achieve the goals of the district, the waiver is needed. He also advised that the district has been fiscally responsible and that defeated budgets and not going to cap have hurt the district financially. Dr. Rossi explained that the new administrators are needed to successfully run the district with more than 800 employees. He also advised that he and the Board are fully aware of the hard economic times, but are unable to do some of the cost savings measures the state has proposed for state employees.

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## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Business Administrator explained the waiver process and that it really takes away from home rule and decision making. She explained that the new funding formula is a political one in keeping property taxes down and not in the best interest of educating our children. Ms. Quinn explained the surplus and how it affects the budget and the reasons for the nonrecurring revenue source. She also advised that the budget as presented will change due to the waiver process, state aid figures not available at this time, stimulus funding and additional federal funding. After the Governor gives the budget address, these numbers will be known and the budget will be reworked using the actual funding.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Action Items**

Ms. Fran Day spoke about the budget and special education.

Mr. Chris Rogers spoke about the budget.

Ms. Kristin Connell spoke about the budget.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Finance**

**Mr. Badini motioned, and Mrs. Libby seconded the motion that Finance Resolution 460-09 be accepted as presented.**

Mrs. Castriotta explained why she was voting no on the resolution to submit the budget to the Executive County Superintendent. She felt that the Board should take more responsibility and look for new ways to handle the issues and have discussions with State legislatures on the budget process as well as the negotiation process.

**The motion was approved by roll call vote.**

**Mr. Badini: Yes; Mrs. Castriotta: No; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes; Mrs. Libby: Yes; Mrs. Marchesi: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes.**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 460-09**

### **Approval of Submission of 2009/2010 Tentative Budget**

IT IS RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, the Roxbury Township Board of Education approves and authorizes the submission of the tentative budget for the 2009/2010 school year to the Executive County Superintendent for State approval. Detailed tentative budgets are available in the Board office for public review, on or about March 18, 2009.

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$66,848,723
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$1,046,564
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$2,269,506
TOTAL	\$70,164,793

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, to apply for a Commissioner's tax levy adjustment to the tentative 2009/2010 budget in the amount of \$1,216,847 for a Non Recurring Revenue Waiver due to the fact that this was excess surplus from the previous budget and did not reoccur for the 2009/2010 budget.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the tentative 2009/2010 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$47,289,915 and debt service in the amount of \$2,235,130 for a total tax levy of \$49,525,045.

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roxbury Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2009/2010 school year not to exceed \$135,000 and that the School Business Administrator Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was motioned by Mr. Badini and seconded by Mrs. Marchesi to adjourn the meeting at this time, 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Quinn  
Board Secretary