

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OF THE ROXBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND THE ROXBURY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009**

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The meeting was called to order in the Meeting Room at 1715 Route 46, Ledgewood, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Annette Brooks, Mrs. Maureen Castriotta, Mrs. Liz D'Abbraccio, Mrs. Terry D'Agostino, Mrs. Jennifer Marchesi, Mrs. Patricia Miller, Mr. John Moschella, Mr. Chris Rogers, Ms. Carol Scheneck, Mr. Gregory Somjen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Nathanya Simon, Schwartz Simon Edelstein, Celso & Kessler LLC Members of the Town Council and Public

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Public Session was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Mrs. Miller announced that this Special Session 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/minutes/meetings.html">http://www.roxbury.org/boe/minutes/meetings.html</a>

The notice of tonight's meeting and a copy of tonight's agenda have been posted in the Board's Business Office.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was taken, and a quorum deemed present

**At this time, 7:32 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting to the Horseshoe Lake Meeting Room was made by Mrs. D'Abbraccio and seconded by Mr. Moschella.**

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

**Mrs. Brooks: Yes; Mrs. Castriotta: Yes; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes; Mrs. Marchesi: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Rogers: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mr. Somjen: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes.**

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**At this time, 8:10 p.m., at the Horseshoe Lake Meeting Room, a motion was made by Mrs. D'Abbraccio and seconded by Mr. Moschella to reopen the meeting.**

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

**Mrs. Brooks: Yes; Mrs. Castriotta: Yes; Mrs. D'Abbraccio: Yes; Mrs. D'Agostino: Yes; Mrs. Marchesi: Yes; Mrs. Miller: Yes; Mr. Rogers: Yes; Ms. Scheneck: Yes; Mr. Somjen: Yes; Mr. Moschella: Yes.**

## **DISCUSSION**

Mayor DiFilipo outlined the procedures of the joint meeting.

Mr. Ferry, the Town Auditor, explained the process to arrive at the amount the council will cut the Board of Education's 2009/2010 defeated budget. Mr. Ferry advised that the Council is looking at \$551,050.

Dr. Rossi, Superintendent of Schools, spoke about the process the Board of Education went through to arrive at the budget and the process with the Council for the cuts to the defeated budget.

The Mayor invited the public to make comments regarding the defeated budget and the cuts necessary. The following members of the public spoke:

Maria Holz, 9 Stowe Court  
Kerrin Garripoli, 23 Ridge Road  
Lawrence Millus, 7 Cornell Drive  
Matthew Sherman, 4 Atlantic Drive  
Ralph Castriotta, 21 Salmon Road  
Robert Kluska, 274 Emmans Road  
John Ciccarelli, Morgan Drive  
Mark Taylor, 12 Walker Avenue  
Dennis Wine, 4 Holly Drive  
Stephanie Shumm, 50 Henry Street  
Elizabeth Heddy, 7 Fox Chase Lane  
Bruce Hopper, 100 Main Street  
Mike Lopez, 15 Kurt Drive  
Louise Kubala, 30 Radcliffe Court  
Colleen McDonald, 61 Vail Road  
Marty Murphy  
Lisa Quilty, 17 Grover Street  
Michelle Danielson, 17 Bass Drive  
Tamara Hageneder, 23 Barbara Drive  
Fran Day, 74 Orben Drive  
Gregg Montgomery, 7 Marla Terrace  
James O'Rourke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader  
John Sandstrom, 65 Eyland Avenue  
Linda Dodd, 360 Berkshire Valley Road  
Leann Hill, 300 Emmans Road  
Rachell Adell, 606 E. Vail Road  
Jim Scahill, 46 Vail Road  
Dave Vanhorn, 103 Lazarus Drive  
Dan Zimmer, 17 Alward Lane  
Maureen Scahill, 46 Vail Road  
Maureen Milde, Toby Drive  
Tom Shuman, 616 E. Vail Road  
Diana Lafemina, 15 Conklin Road  
Kathy Formica, 7 Long Ridge Court

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The public portion of the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

The Superintendent made comments regarding the budget process and the priorities that he sees necessary in the 2009 2010 budget. He discussed the necessity of having the Human Resource position in the district as well as answered comments made by the public.

Mr. Moschella, Board President, answered some of the comments and concerns that were brought up by the public regarding negotiations and teacher salaries. Ms. Pat Miller, Board Vice President, also explained the negotiations process with the Roxbury Education Association.

Mrs. Castriotta and Mr. Rogers asked to speak and Mr. Moschella explained that the board procedure for the night was for the Superintendent, Board President, Board Vice President, and Business Administrator to speak and answer questions. The full board would have their opportunity to speak at the Board of Education Meeting on May 19, 2009.

Mayor DiFilipo reopened the public portion of the meeting.

Mr. Rogers left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Mr. Rogers made comments regarding the 2009/2010 budget and the cuts.

Mr. Rogers returned to the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Mrs. Castriotta left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Mrs. Castriotta made comments regarding the 2009 teacher contract negotiations and settlement.

Mrs. Castriotta returned to the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Mr. Moschella left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Mr. Moschella made comments regarding the 2009/2010 budget, the cuts, and board procedures.

Mr. Moschella returned to the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

The public portion of the meeting closed at 10:19 p.m.

The Council made comments regarding the 2009/2010 budget.

The Council voted on Resolution 09-147 with 4 "yes" and 2 "no" votes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Miller motioned, and Mr. Moschella seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthann Quinn  
Board Secretary