

A special meeting of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Great Meadows Middle School, Independence Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Jennifer Cassini, President. A statement was read that adequate notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Alexander (by cell phone), Jennifer Cassini, Peggy Faulborn, Joe Mahal, Matthew Mowatt, Jason Schaffer, Kimberly Schaffer, William Vonder Haar, and Richard Wall (by cell phone).

Absent: None.

Jason Bing, Superintendent, and Julie Mumaw, Business Administrator, were in attendance.

There were 50 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion by Peggy Faulborn, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to approve the following 2009-2010 Great Meadows Regional School District Budget Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education submitted a base budget (General Fund) to the taxpayers of the Townships of Liberty and Independence in the amount of \$11,814,104.00; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Independence voted for the base budget (General Fund) submitted to them by the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education on April 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Liberty voted down the base budget (General Fund) submitted to them by the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education on April 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committees of the Townships of Liberty and Independence have conferred with the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education to review the General Fund Budget of the School district pursuant to the provisions of NJAC 6:19-5.2 (2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committees of the Townships of Liberty and Independence have concluded that the school district board of Education can be reduced by \$150,000.00 and still provide sufficient amounts for a thorough and efficient system of education in excess of the minimum standard provided for in NJSA 18A:7A-5;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education agrees that:

1. The original General Fund (Base Budget) provided for a tax levy on the ballot of \$11,814,104.00
2. The General Fund (Base Budget) shall be reduced by \$150,000.00.
3. The final General Fund (Base Budget) tax levy for the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education will be \$11,664,104.00

Motion carried in a roll call vote. 8 yes, 1 no.

Yes: Alexander, Cassini, Faulborn, Mahal, Mowatt, J. Schaffer, K. Schaffer, Vonder Haar.

No: Wall.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to reduce the General Fund (base Budget) for the 2009-2010 School Year by \$150,000.00 in the following areas: \$100,000.00 from Capital Projects, \$40,000.00 from Medical Benefits and \$10,000.00 from maintenance contracts.

Motion carried in a roll call vote. 7 yes, 2 no.

Yes: Alexander, Cassini, Faulborn, Mahal, Mowatt, K. Schaffer, Wall.

No: J. Schaffer, Vonder Haar.

Motion by William Vonder Haar, seconded by Jason Shaffer, to rescind the motion made at the April 30, 2009 board meeting to authorize Superintendent, Jason Bing, to make line item transfers between Board Meetings which will be presented at the following Board meeting.

Motion denied in a roll call vote. 4 yes, 5 no.

Yes: J. Shaffer, K. Shaffer, Vonder Haar, Wall

No: Alexander, Cassini, Faulborn, Mahal, Mowatt.

Motion by Joe Mahal, seconded by Matt Mowatt, to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Mumaw
Board Secretary