

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

Upon call of the roll, the following Committee members were recorded present: Committeeman Anthony Ferrera, Committeeman Carl Suraci, Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley and Mayor Frank DelCore. Also, in attendance were substitute Township Attorney William Willard and Township Administrator/Clerk Kevin P. Davis. Committeeman Wagner was on assignment with his full time employer and could not attend.

Following Roll Call and Salute to the Flag, Mayor DelCore advised that notice of this Special Meeting was made in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, by posting on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and by mailing to the Township's official newspapers, a notice that this Special Meeting would take place at the Hillsborough Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2010.

CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor DelCore offered the following resolution:

1. Resolution adjusting the 2010-11 School Budget and certifying the amount to be raised by taxes.

WHEREAS, the proposed Hillsborough Township Board of Education budget for General Fund expenses for the school year 2010-2011 was submitted to the voters of the Township on April 20, 2010 in the amount of \$78,176,057 to be raised by taxes in both Hillsborough and Millstone; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund budget was defeated by a vote of 2405 for and 3222 against; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Township is a Type II school district without a board of school estimate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S. 18A:22-37, the defeated school budget was referred to the Hillsborough Township Committee for review; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has pursuant to N.J.S. 18A:22-37, consulted with the Board of Education on May 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that certain adjustments in the General Fund expenses in the proposed budget are acceptable, appropriate and will reduce the amounts to be raised by local tax levy by \$1,502,451; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that these adjustments will benefit Hillsborough taxpayers while not impairing the ability of the Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient education and maintain stability for the students of Hillsborough Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough in the County of Somerset that the following adjustments to the 2010-2011 school budget for current expenses are determined:

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10-3131
BUDGET CATEGORY: Revenues From State Sources
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Extraordinary Aid
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Extraordinary Aid Increase - \$122,319
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$300,000
ADJUSTMENT: \$122,319
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$422,319
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: State of New Jersey has notified district of increased extraordinary aid.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10-303
BUDGET CATEGORY: Budgeted Fund Balance
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Operating Budget
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Budgeted Fund Balance - \$150,000
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$2,000,000
ADJUSTMENT: \$150,000
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$1,850,000
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: According to documents provided by the School Administration the calculation for initial fund balance in the 2010-2011 budget underestimates surplus that will be available June 30, 2010 by at least \$150,000. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-240-103
BUDGET CATEGORY: Support Services – General Administration
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Principal/Assistant Principal Salaries
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: (1) Reduction from 3 Vice Principals to 2 Vice Principals – Hillsborough High School - \$88,740

(2) Reduction from 2 Vice Principals to 1 Vice Principal – Auten Road Intermediate School - \$85,608

(3) Reduction from 2 Vice Principals to 1 Vice Principal – Hillsborough Middle School - \$93,992
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$2,229,472
ADJUSTMENT: \$268,340
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$1,961,132
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The reduction in extra supporting Administration positions will still provide adequate supervisory leadership in the three schools. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-221-102
BUDGET CATEGORY: Improvement of Instructional Services
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Salary of Supervisor of Instruction
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduction of Two Math Supervisor Positions to One Math Supervisor Position
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$730,508
ADJUSTMENT: \$105,796
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$624,712
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: There is a Math Supervisor for K-12 and a Math Supervisor for the High School. This is an expenditure of tax dollars for extra non classroom administrative services that cannot be supported in the present condition of the economy. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-251-100
BUDGET CATEGORY: Central Services
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Human Resources/Business Salaries
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduction from Two Assistant Superintendent Positions to One Assistant Superintendent Position.
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$876,172
ADJUSTMENT: \$137,580
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$738,592
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: Having two Assistant Superintendents is an expenditure of tax dollars for extra non classroom supervisory services that cannot be supported in the present condition of the economy. The Superintendent will still be supported by an Assistant Superintendent, the Business Administrator, the Assistant Business Administrator and twenty other Professional and Clerical Central Office Support Staff positions. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-252-100
BUDGET CATEGORY: Administration – Information Technology
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Information Technology Salaries
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduction from six (6) Information Technology personnel to five (5) IT Assistants - \$46,207
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$339,854
ADJUSTMENT: \$46,207
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$293,647
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: There is presently an IT Director and five assistants in addition to Computer Resource Teachers. The reduction of one IT assistant will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-218-104
BUDGET CATEGORY: Other Support Services Students – Regular
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Guidance Counselor Salaries
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduction from nineteen (19) Guidance Counselors district to seventeen (17) Guidance Counselors, by reducing Auten Road Intermediate School from three (3) Guidance Counselors to two (2) Guidance Counselors and the Middle School from three (3) Guidance Counselors to two (2) Guidance Counselors - \$121,040
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$1,759,885
ADJUSTMENT: \$121,040
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$1,638,845
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The reduction of nineteen to seventeen Guidance Counselors by reducing Auten Road Intermediate School and the Middle School to two Guidance Counselors each will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-291-270
BUDGET CATEGORY: Employee Benefits
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Business & Support Services – Employee Benefits
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: (1) Contribution of 1.5% of salary for Health Benefits for Non-Affiliated Employees - \$28,000
(2) Reduction in eight (8) Administration and Non-Teaching Positions – 107,688
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$15,235,144
ADJUSTMENT: \$135,688
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$15,099,456
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: (1) Contribution of 1.5% of salary for Health Benefits for Non-Affiliated Employees will result in an annual savings of \$28,000. This savings will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

(2) The reduction of eight (8) Administration and Non-Teaching Positions results in the savings of \$13,461 per position for health benefits totaling \$107,688. This savings will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

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| CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: | 11-000-262-610 |
| BUDGET CATEGORY: | Custodial Services |
| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: | General Supplies |
| ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: | General Supplies by \$26,600 |
| AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: | \$266,605 |
| ADJUSTMENT: | \$26,600 |
| TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: | \$240,005 |
| EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: | Reduce the line item by 10%. \$212,600 was spent last year. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students. |

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| CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: | 11-000-251-592 |
| BUDGET CATEGORY: | Central Services |
| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: | Misc Purchased Services |
| ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: | Travel and Conferences - \$6,100 |
| AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: | \$286,881 |
| ADJUSTMENT: | \$6,100 |
| TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: | \$280,781 |
| EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: | The March 23, 2010 resolution of the Board of Education established the amount to be spent on travel and conferences for 2010-2011 to be \$61,092. The \$6,100 represents a 10% reduction. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students. |

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| Current Expense Account Number: | 11-000-219-104 |
| Budget Category: | Undistributed Expenditures - Child Study Teams |
| Account Description: | Salaries of Other Professional Staff |
| Item(s) To Be Adjusted: | Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated |
| Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: | \$159,188 |
| Adjustment: | \$6,709 |
| Total Adjusted Amount: | \$152,479 |
| EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: | A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students. |

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| Current Expense Account Number: | 11-000-221-102 |
| Budget Category: | Undistributed Expenditures - Improvement of Instructional Services |
| Account Description: | Sal of Supervisor of Instruction |
| Item(s) To Be Adjusted: | Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase -Non Affiliated |
| Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: | \$130,925 |
| Adjustment: | \$5,518 |
| Total Adjusted Amount: | \$125,407 |
| EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: | A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students. |

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| Current Expense Account Number: | 11-000-230-100 |
| Budget Category: | Undistributed Expenditures - Support Services - General Administration |
| Account Description: | Salaries |
| Item(s) To Be Adjusted: | Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated |
| Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: | \$511,912 |
| Adjustment: | \$21,575 |

Total Adjusted Amount: \$490,337
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-240-104
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Support Services - School Administration
Account Description: Salaries of Other Professional Staff
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$141,691
Adjustment: \$5,971
Total Adjusted Amount: \$135,720
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-251-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Central Services
Account Description: Salaries
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$608,325
Adjustment: \$25,639
Total Adjusted Amount: \$582,686
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-252-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Admin. Info. Tech.
Account Description: Salaries
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$335,345
Adjustment: \$14,133
Total Adjusted Amount: \$321,212
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-262-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Custodial Services
Account Description: Salaries
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$92,806
Adjustment: \$3,911
Total Adjusted Amount: \$88,895
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-270-160
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Student Transportation Services
Account Description: Sal. For Pupil Trans (Bet Home & Sch)-Reg.
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$61,888
Adjustment: \$2,608
Total Adjusted Amount: \$59,280
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 20-250-200-104
Budget Category: Special Revenue Funds - Federal Projects
Account Description: I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Elimination of Projected 4.4% Increase - Non Affiliated
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$127,075
Adjustment: \$5,356
Total Adjusted Amount: \$121,719
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for non-affiliated personnel. Eliminating this raise, similar to the decision made by municipal non affiliated personnel will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-221-102
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Improvement of Instructional Services
Account Description: Salary of Supervisor of Instruction - increase
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$114,870
Adjustment: \$4,311
Total Adjusted Amount: \$110,559
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-222-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Educational Media Serv./Sch. Library
Account Description: Salaries - increase
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$95,620
Adjustment: \$2,400
Total Adjusted Amount: \$93,220
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-240-105
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Support Services - School Administration
Account Description: Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$104,824
Adjustment: \$4,109
Total Adjusted Amount: \$100,715
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-251-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Central Services
Account Description: Salaries
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$58,053
Adjustment: \$2,860
Total Adjusted Amount: \$55,193
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-262-100
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Custodial Services

Account Description: Salaries
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$32,377
Adjustment: \$1,441
Total Adjusted Amount: \$30,936
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-120-100-101
Budget Category: Regular Programs - Instruction
Account Description: Grades 1-5 - Salaries of Teachers
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$119,980
Adjustment: \$6,025
Total Adjusted Amount: \$113,955
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-130-100-101
Budget Category: Regular Programs - Instruction
Account Description: Grades 6-8 - Salaries of Teachers
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$259,560
Adjustment: \$5,175
Total Adjusted Amount: \$254,385
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-140-100-101
Budget Category: Regular Programs - Instruction
Account Description: Grades 9-12 - Salaries of Teachers
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$74,720
Adjustment: \$1,900
Total Adjusted Amount: \$72,820
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-213-100-101
Budget Category: Special Education Instruction - Resource Room/Resource Center
Account Description: Salaries of Teachers
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$66,140
Adjustment: \$1,920
Total Adjusted Amount: \$64,220
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-424-100-101
Budget Category: Other Supplemental/At-Risk Programs - Instruction
Account Description: Salaries of Teachers
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings

Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$178,940
Adjustment: \$4,400
Total Adjusted Amount: \$174,540
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-424-100-179
Budget Category: Other Supplemental/At-Risk Programs - Instruction
Account Description: Salaries of Reading Specialists
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Retirement Savings
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$81,020
Adjustment: \$2,200
Total Adjusted Amount: \$78,820

EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 4.4% raise is included in the proposed budget for personnel who have subsequently retired for the 2010-11 school year. Eliminating this budget item will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 12-000-252-730
BUDGET CATEGORY: Capital Outlay
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Administration Information Technology Equipment Purchase
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Eliminate Purchase of Envelope Sealer - \$3,895
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$38,876
ADJUSTMENT: \$3,895
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$34,981
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The elimination of the purchase of an envelope sealer will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-230-331
BUDGET CATEGORY: Support Services General Administration
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Legal Services
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Legal Services 10% Reduction in Appropriation - \$16,900
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$169,724
ADJUSTMENT: \$16,900
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$152,824
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 10% reduction in appropriation matches the same percentage reduction in the Township Budget for Legal Services and will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 12-000-400-450
BUDGET CATEGORY: Facility Acquisition and Construction Services
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Sidewalk Replacement for Gym Entrance – High School
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduction of Appropriation by \$57,240
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$530,000
ADJUSTMENT: \$57,240
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$472,760
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: Township can provide funding for sidewalk replacement as a shared service through developer offsite contribution for sidewalks. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 12-000-240-730
BUDGET CATEGORY: Capital Outlay
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Equipment Purchase – Administration
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduce Appropriation by \$50,000

AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$100,876
ADJUSTMENT: \$50,000
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$25,876
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: Reduction in purchase of Administration Equipment appropriation by \$50,000 will still provide funds for the purchase of administration equipment. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER: 11-000-270-890
BUDGET CATEGORY: Student Transportation Services
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION: Transportation Misc.
ITEM(S) TO BE ADJUSTED: Reduce Appropriation by \$3,000
AMOUNT IN PROPOSED ADVERTISED BUDGET: \$78,000
ADJUSTMENT: \$3,000
TOTAL ADJUSTED AMOUNT: \$75,000
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: Maintain miscellaneous budget at same level as 2009-2010 budget. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-251-600
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Central Services
Account Description: Supplies & Materials
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: Reduce by \$9,121
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$19,121
Adjustment: \$9,121
Total Adjusted Amount: \$10,000
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The reduction of the central services supplies and materials appropriation by \$9121 will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-240-600
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Support Services - School Administration
Account Description: Supplies & Materials
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: 10% Budget Line Reduction
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$192,507
Adjustment: \$19,250
Total Adjusted Amount: \$173,257
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: A 10% reduction in the appropriation for support services school administration supplies and materials will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-262-621
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Custodial Services
Account Description: Energy (Natural Gas)
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: 2% Projected Increase
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$506,808
Adjustment: \$5,068
Total Adjusted Amount: \$501,740
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The natural gas appropriation is increased in anticipation of a 3% energy cost increase. The increase is reduced to 2%. The district should implement an energy savings plan. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-262-622
Budget Category: Undistributed Expenditures - Custodial Services
Account Description: Energy (Electricity)
Item(s) To Be Adjusted: 2% Projected Increase
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$1,669,096
Adjustment: \$16,691
Total Adjusted Amount: \$1,652,405
EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The electric appropriation is increased in anticipation of a 3% energy cost

increase. The increase is reduced to 2%. The district should implement an energy savings plan. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

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| Current Expense Account Number: | 12-000-261-730 |
| Budget Category: | Capital Outlay |
| Account Description: | Required Maint for School Fac. |
| Item(s) To Be Adjusted: | Eliminate Appropriation for Purchase of Vehicle & Furniture |
| Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: | \$73,455 |
| Adjustment: | \$73,455 |
| Total Adjusted Amount: | \$0 |

EXPLANATION FOR ADJUSTMENT: The district purchased one new maintenance van, one new courier van, and three new mini buses last year. The district should only make an additional vehicle or furniture purchase at the end of the year with any unspent funds. This will not impact on the ability of the District to provide a thorough and efficient education, to deliver classroom services for school children, and to maintain stability for students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Township Clerk is directed to certify by May 19, 2010 to the Somerset County Board of Taxation, the Somerset County Executive Superintendent of Schools, the Hillsborough Township Assessor, and the Board of Education of the Township of Hillsborough that the amount necessary to be raised by taxation in the Township of the General Fund; which amount shall be included in the taxes to be raised, levied and collected in the Township for Hillsborough's share of the General Fund of the schools is \$75,878,292.84.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hillsborough Township Committee strongly encourages the following:

- The Hillsborough Board of Education to seek agreement with the Hillsborough Education Association to end the special costly traditional health benefit plan for a select group of 121 school employees, that costs taxpayers \$620,000 in additional health benefit costs.
- The Hillsborough Education Association (HEA) to bring the matter of the elimination of the special traditional health benefit up for a vote by its membership.
- The Hillsborough Board of Education to consider adding back additional teaching positions from the 40 positions earmarked for elimination, should the HEA agree to terminate the special health benefit plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the persons and departments herein named for certification purposes.

Mayor DelCore explained how the process will work tonight. The Mayor said we will hear from Paul Freda, a representative from the Township's auditing firm Suplee Clooney & Company, and also the Township Administrator, Mr. Davis, both of who will review some of the tax savings proposed in the resolution. Mayor DelCore said he will ask the members of the Township Committee for any comments they may have. Mr. William Willard, attorney from the Township's law firm, is serving as Township Attorney tonight and will address some legal issues pursuant to the examination of the defeated school budget. Mayor DelCore said at that point he will open the floor for comments and questions from the public.

Mayor Delcore said everyone who wishes to speak this eveing will be given an opportunity. However, he asked that all statements, comments and questions be directed to the dais.

Mayor DelCore reported the defeated school budget proposed to raise taxes over \$5 million and represents a significant tax increase for homeowners. It is an additional burden on all property taxpayers. But to senior citizens living on fixed incomes and those residents who may have lost their jobs, cannot find new jobs, are having difficulty making ends meet in the tough economy, and particularly to those who may be in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure, the tax increase is even a greater burden.

Mayor Delcore reported the voters turned down the tax increase by rejecting the BOE Budget at the April 20th election and the Township Committee is charged with addressing the budget. Dealing with the defeated school budget is not something any of the members of the Township Committee has looked forward to in any way.

Mayor DelCore said many believe that the system of having a public vote on the school budget and then, if it is defeated, having the governing body examine it and potentially make tax reductions is an imperfect system. Mayor DelCore said from this experience, having less than one month to review a \$108 million school budget, which is not developed in the same format as the municipal budget, and which impacts so greatly on our children and our community, is an imperfect system. However, it is the law and a requirement that we will not shirk and the Mayor said he believes the Township Committee has done its best for the taxpayers.

Mayor DelCore said that we take this responsibility very seriously and that it would be a careful, thoughtful, and deliberate process. We have consulted with the Board of Education. We have engaged the Township Auditor to fully examine the school budget and provide guidance and advice. We have worked with the Millstone Mayor and Council.

Mayor DelCore reported in addition, this is the third opportunity we have held for public comment on the school budget. The Mayor said he was not able to attend last Tuesday's Township Committee meeting for the discussion that took place that night, because of an out of state assignment by his full time employer. However, he reviewed the video of the meeting on the Township's website and appreciates the issues and concerns raised by the many residents who spoke, many quite eloquently and all quite passionately.

Mayor Delcore reported the resolution being considered tonight reduces the school tax levy by \$1.5 million. That represents a 4 point tax reduction from the defeated proposal or about \$140 reduction for the average home valued at \$350,000. In working on the details of the school budget, the Mayor said he knows that the Township Administrator, Mr. Davis, has been in more than daily contact with Mr. Mamoud, the School Business Administrator, and Dr. Forsthoffer, the Superintendent, attempting to gain information and background for our consideration.

Mayor DelCore explained here at the Township we have so far had three groups who have voluntarily agreed to no salary increase in 2010 and one group that voluntarily reduced their salaries through a reduction in weekly work hours.

Mayor DelCore said early in the school budget review process the Township Committee was advised by counsel that we are prohibited by law from direct negotiations with the education bargaining units. Therefore we asked the School Board to reach out to the two collective bargaining groups that represent the Board of Education employees in an effort to reach an agreement to forgo the 4.4% salary increase budgeted for the next school year.

Mayor DelCore said he was advised that the School Board did make that effort and he believes all the taxpayers appreciate the Board's effort in this regard. We know that the bargaining groups have already given up \$800,000 in order to save 12 jobs and that gesture is appreciated. In potentially putting off the full salary increase, however, the teachers had the opportunity to help reduce the tax burden and, perhaps more importantly for their membership, to bring back more teaching positions from the 40 that are still earmarked for elimination by the school board. We had expected that the bargaining units would follow the

lead of the Municipal employees and agree to forgo raises. The associations chose not to take that course and that is most disappointing.

Mayor DelCore said however, to those who suggest that the teachers should be threatened with even more layoffs, in order to punish them or coerce them into a pay reduction, we say you are just plain wrong. Strong arming, bullying and threatening are never effective long term negotiating tactics and is not how we do business here in Hillsborough. During our discussion with the School Board and the Superintendent we were advised that further teaching staff reductions, beyond the 40 positions they have already cut, would be detrimental to education for our children and we have given significant consideration to that advice.

Mayor DelCore said the Township Committee does not believe that negatively impacting classroom education, through further teacher reductions, is appropriate at this time, and we have chosen a series of budget cuts that do not negatively impact the classroom.

Mayor DelCore reported there are several key components of the Township's suggested budget reductions, and while the school district will be obligated to reduce spending by the \$1.5 million that the tax levy would be reduced, the proposals in this resolution are not binding on the school board. The school board members have the final say in where the budget reductions are allocated.

Mayor Delcore reported the resolution calls for a \$1.5 million reduction in the school tax, and it does so with recommendations that do not reduce any further teaching positions and do not impact on direct classroom services for our school children, which is precisely what we said we would do a few weeks ago. Mayor DelCore said the Township Committee's resolution cuts the school tax by \$1.5 million and does so without impacting on classroom services for the school children of Hillsborough. The recommended taxpayer savings may not be what others might choose. However, we simply believe these are the best choices available.

Mayor DelCore said in addition to the budget reductions that are proposed in the resolution, the Township Committee strongly recommends to the School Board that a special health benefit deal for a select few school employees that costs taxpayers \$620,000 each year be ended. Presently, just 121 of the more than 1100 school employees enjoy this costly and out dated traditional health benefit program, although calling it a traditional health benefit is misleading. This is a Cadillac plan for a very select group of employees.

Mayor Delcore explained the benefiting employees in this cadillac plan provide a \$550 annual payment for the incremental benefit this plan provides. But taxpayers still pick up the tab for the other \$5128 per employee, for a total cost to taxpayers of \$620,000 for just 121 people to be in the special plan. The Mayor said in today's environment, a taxpayer funded benefit for a select group of employees, is simply not right. This benefit is part of the education association's contract.

Mayor DelCore said therefore, the School Board must seek agreement from the association members to end this additional cost to taxpayers. We ask the Board to seek that agreement and we urge the association leadership to bring this specific matter up for a vote by their membership. If successful, and the education association employees vote to end this special benefit for a select few, some of the saved funds could be used to bring back additional teaching positions that the School Board is presently planning to eliminate and some could be applied to the reductions recommended here.

Mayor DelCore said the unions will get yet another chance to stop some of the layoffs and protect the education of our children. It is up to them and the Mayor implored them to do right and eliminate this benefit.

Mayor DelCore stated the major component of the Township's recommended tax reduction is reducing school administration and non teaching personnel costs by \$786,000. At the high school there is a principal and three vice principals, the recommendation is to go with a principal and two vice principals.

Mayor DelCore stated at the Auten Road Intermediate School there is a principal and two vice principals, the recommendation is to go with a principal and one vice principal. At the Middle School there is a principal and two vice principals, the recommendation is to go with a principal and one vice principal.

Mayor DelCore reported there are nineteen (19) Guidance Counselor positions in the school district, 10 at the High School, 3 at the Middle School, 3 at Auten Road Intermediate School and 3 covering the elementary schools. The resolution proposes the elimination of two of those 19.

Mayor Delcore reported there are both a Math Supervisor for the High School and a Math Supervisor for K thru 12. Neither have direct teaching responsibilities. The recommendation is to maintain one Math Supervisor.

Mayor DelCore reported there are six information technology assistants in the Information Technology Administration section; the resolution proposes having five information technology assistants instead of six. However, this step does not impact on teachers serving in the area of computer resources.

Mayor DelCore reported at the Board of Education central office there is a Superintendent, two assistant superintendents a Business Administrator, an assistant business administrator, and 20 other directors, professional staff and clerical positions. The recommendation is to go with all of the above less one Assistant Superintendent for a savings of \$137,580. All of these position reductions will also save \$107,000 in health benefits costs.

Mayor DelCore said in the case of all of these administration positions, in better economic times, when taxpayers were not losing their jobs or their homes and weren't struggling like they are today, it is probably worth considering having the additional supervisory help. But in today's economic climate, it is asking too much of the taxpayers to have this extra administration. The point is that while the extra administration positions may be good to have, are they essential?

Mayor DelCore said we recognize and understand that each of these positions have assignments and responsibilities and add value to the school system. The elimination of positions will require the other administrators to work harder, longer, and more efficiently.

Mayor DelCore explained when the question is a choice of reducing a teaching position or reducing a third vice principal position, the right answer is very clear.

Mayor DelCore reported in addition to the proposed position cuts, the resolution also calls for removing \$91,420 in the projected 4.4% average raise for non union central office staff. This is a sacrifice for these workers, the same sacrifice that has already been made by similar workers on the municipal government side. The resolution calls for the elimination of the budgeted pay raises for 17 employees who have retired and will not be receiving the raise.

Mayor DelCore reported the school budget submitted by the BOE anticipates \$300,000 in extraordinary school aid from the state. The district was recently notified that Hillsborough will actually receive \$422,000 in extraordinary school aid. The resolution adjusts that revenue line and uses those funds for tax savings.

Mayor DelCore reported the resolution proposes a shared service between the Township and the School Board to replace sidewalk at the High school. The Township is willing and able to help here and has developer offsite funds that can be allocated for this purpose, saving \$57,000.

Mayor DelCore said there is an additional allocation of surplus, the Mayor asked Mr. Freda to address this issue.

Mr. Freda, Suplee Clooney & Company, said we feel it would be appropriate for the district to use an additional \$150,000. of surplus. In the introduced budget the district was using \$2,000,000., of an available \$4,048,000. Mr. Freda reported this amount is based on a regeneration of surplus during the 2009/2010 school year. Mr. Freda said our review of the Board Secretary's report, as of April 30, 2010, indicated that there were more than 1.9 million of unencumbered salaries. Most of that will be left over as surplus at the end of the year, and we believe that \$150,000. is a very conservative estimate.

Mayor DelCore said there are also some additional tax savings in the resolution. The Mayor asked Mr. Davis to provide the details.

Mr. Davis said, along with Bob Swisher and Paul Freda from Suplee Clooney & Company, they made a thorough examination of numerous school budget line items. They worked cooperatively with Aiman Mahmoud, Board of Education's Business Administrator and Superintendent, Edward Forsthoffer.

Mr. Davis said a case can be made for all spending allocations. Mr. Davis said, as directed by the Township Committee, we have attempted to identify areas that do not impact on classroom activities. Mr. Davis explained what the Township did not reduce and what the major areas of proposed tax savings are.

Mayor DelCore said the school tax must be reduced. Through a deliberate, careful and thorough review process, we have determined that \$1.5 million is a necessary reduction in school taxes. Some may suggest it is not enough. The Mayor said part of this job is balancing the need to reduce taxes, while protecting educational value for our school children. We make none of these recommendations lightly and without full consideration. We appreciate the substantial time and effort put into developing this budget by the members of the School Board and the school administration. None of what we are recommending to be cut should be taken as a negative comment on their hard work.

Mayor DelCore said there is no doubt each of these recommendations can be challenged, but we ask that if you do so, please provide an alternative recommended cut, which does not require a tax increase.

Committeeman Suraci addressed a few issues, particularly in listening to the public comment on the school budget at last week's meeting.

Committeeman Suraci said we heard that the school tax reduction should not impact on our school children. The Township Committee's proposal does exactly what we said we would do; reduce the school tax, which was the clear desire of the voters on April 20th, while not impacting on school children in the classroom. Committeeman Suraci said he wants to focus on the fact that the voters and taxpayers of Hillsborough did send a strong message about school taxes on April 20th.

Committeeman Suraci reported the defeated school budget proposed to raise taxes by over 5 million dollars or 7.04%, according to the Township Auditor. It uses \$1.5 million in authorized exceptions to be above the state mandated 4% cap. During the public comment last week there were discussions to diminish the No vote on the budget.

Committeeman Suraci stated one school board member has also made a similar argument that not many voters participated in the school election, so it should not be taken as a mandate. Let's review the historical record.

Committeeman Suraci reported on April 20, 2010, 5627 Hillsborough voters went to the polls and over 57% of them voted No on the budget. That is the largest school election turnout

in the history of Hillsborough. The largest number of school election voters in Township history. The No vote on April 20th was the first time voters turned down a school budget in Hillsborough in seven years.

Committeeman Suraci said there is clearly a message in that. It is the largest amount of No votes cast against a school budget in at least the last 10 years, and perhaps ever in Township history. Here at the Municipal Building, the line of voters was so long it took some people up to 45 minutes to vote and no one left the line.

Committeeman Suraci said the two voting machines in this very room continued to take votes for more than a one half hour after the polls were closed, because under the law once a voter is in the room that voter must be given the chance to vote even after the poll closing time. The vote tally on the two machines here was 1021 No to 730 Yes, 58% No.

Committeeman Suraci said no amount of new math can change the very clear message, to reduce the school tax levy.

Committeeman Suraci reported another comment that was made to the Township Committee last week was that the Township should consider handling its own budget along the lines of any recommendations for the school budget. The school tax increase, as he noted earlier, is 7.04% which is above the 4% cap. The school budget takes advantage of certain exceptions allowed in the budget law to increase taxes above the 4% cap. Cap exceptions are additional tax increases.

Committeeman Suraci reported the Township has never produced a budget with cap exceptions.

Committeeman Suraci said as the Mayor noted, the Township has already received the voluntary agreement of the Public Works union, the civilian Department Heads and the non-union workers for no salary increase in 2010. The White collar union here in the building has reduced their pay by 6.2% through a 2.5 hour reduction in the work week. Committeeman Suraci said he believes it is safe to say that the Township maintains a very conservative standard in its own budgeting.

Committeeman Suraci commented on the importance of our school system and his family. Committeeman Suraci said my children, and all the children of the members of the Township Committee, attend the Hillsborough school system. The soundness of the system, the dedication of the teachers, and the opportunity for a good education is very, very important to each of us. That is why the Township Committee has offered a reduction in taxes that does not reduce one single teaching position and does not impact on our school children in the classroom.

Committeeman Suraci said there is an opportunity for the teachers' association to help themselves and our school children by agreeing to end a special, \$620,000 health benefit perk, funded by taxpayers, that benefits a small, select group. When the choice is between our school children and a high cost perk for the select few, that special benefit just cannot be a priority. But that is a decision for the union leadership to bring to its membership for consideration.

Committeeman Suraci said there is a need for the school board to re-think its expenditure of tax dollars on what was once considered value added, but not essential extra administration, in the reality of these difficult economic times. When the choice is between our school children and high cost extra administrative positions, those positions just cannot be a priority. We have listened and we have heard.

Committeeman Suraci stated as we promised there has been thoroughness to our examination and we have consulted with the school board and administration, and he believes the results benefit both the taxpayers and school children of Hillsborough.

Mayor DelCore said before we go to comments from the public, the Mayor asked our professionals to provide some information that has direct bearing on the proposed school tax reduction.

Mayor Delcore said some residents have suggested that the Township recommend reductions to the school board that cover the full amount of the proposed 4.4% pay raise for teachers. Mayor DelCore said in a sense, cut the amount of the raise and leave it to the School Board to handle the contract issues. The Mayor said we have obviously not taken this step.

Mayor DelCore said it is our understanding that the Township is limited in its ability to reduce budget allocations where there are contractual agreements in place. Mayor asked Mr. Willard to comment and further explain the law in that regard.

Mr. Willard explained that the Board of Education is a separate and distinct legal entity, all contracts and agreements with the bargaining units are with the Board of Education, not with the Township. Mr. Willard said this Township Committee, through the course of its negotiations, has been able to obtain reasonable concessions from the members of their unions, with respect to the unions and the bargaining units that are under the school board that is for them to negotiate.

Mr. Willard explained there is also another legal constraint imposed by the Township Committee. The Township Committee cannot cut any line item they want because public opinion would ask to do so. Negotiations between the bargaining units must be between the bargaining units and the Board of Education, not this Committee.

Several residents, teachers, members of the school board and Dr. Forsthoffer voiced their concerns about cuts, concessions already taken, school programs, suggestions of eliminating administrators, and how this will affect the quality of education for the school children in Hillsborough.

Other residents stated how they cannot afford an increase in property taxes.

Committeeman Ferrera thanked everyone for coming out tonight and he said we have outstanding teachers in Hillsborough who spend an incredible amount of hours caring for our students. Committeeman Ferrera said we did try to be fair and balanced; and did not want to reduce any teachers or impact the classroom.

Deputy Mayor McCauley said she appreciates everything we have heard here tonight. Deputy Mayor McCauley thanked Mr. Freda and Robert Swisher from Suplee Clooney for their assistance and in-depth review of the defeated school budget.

Deputy Mayor McCauley thanked the residents who have spoken here tonight, those that have come out to learn first-hand about the proposal to cut school taxes, those who have emailed, called or written to us with ideas and their thoughts, and those who have stopped us on the street or at the store to share their thoughts. Clearly some residents believe the school taxes are too high and that deep reductions should be made. Clearly others believe there are good arguments not to cut any part of the school budget.

However, Deputy Mayor McCauley said she believes it is safe to say that none of these reductions in this resolution come easily to us or anyone and to go further could jeopardize education in the community.

Deputy Mayor McCauley said as has been noted, the tax savings in this resolution is achieved without reducing teaching positions and without effecting school children in the classroom. While the school children, the educators, the administrators and the administrative needs of the school district are important, of at least equal importance are the needs of Hillsborough's taxpayers.

Deputy Mayor McCauley reported the defeated budget proposed raising taxes by \$5 million. The voters said it is too much. A reasonable person can see that it is too much. This resolution proposes to reduce that burden on our taxpayers by \$1.5 million. Deputy Mayor McCauley said we believe taxpayers count too.

Mayor DelCore said this is a difficult decision, however, it is the law and he believes the Township Committee has done its best for the taxpayers.

Mayor DelCore thanked all the teachers, residents and the Board of Education for their input.

Upon motion by Committeeman Suraci seconded by Deputy Mayor McCauley, the aforesaid resolution was unanimously approved upon call of the roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor McCauley, seconded by Committeeman Suraci, the meeting duly adjourned at 10:36 p.m. Said motion was carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Attested:

Kevin P. Davis, RMC, QPA
Township Administrator/Clerk