

TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MINUTES - MAY 13, 2010

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

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Open Public Meetings Act Statement

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231,
P.L. 1975 THE CLERK READ THE STATEMENT:

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Township Committee in the following manner:

- A. By posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building 400 Delanco Road Edgewater Park, New Jersey on May 3, 2010.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times And Courier Post on May 3, 2010.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on May 3, 2010.

Present: Mrs. Aimee Belgard, Mr. Darrell Booker, Mr. John McElwee, Mr. Joseph Pullion, Mayor Kevin Johnson (Committee Members)

Also present: Mr. William Kearns, Township Solicitor, Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Clerk/Administrator and Mrs. Margaret Peak, CFO

Defeated Edgewater Park School Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011

Mr. Scott Streckenbien, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Ray Coxe, Business Administrator, and members of the Edgewater Park School Board were present to provide a follow up budget overview on the defeated school budget.

Members of Township Committee, staff, the Board of Education and representatives exchanged questions and answers which included but not limited to the tuition program, personnel contracts, transportation, capital improvement fund and projects and general fund appropriations and balances.

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to the public for comment:

Jim Gleason, 234 Hendrickson Avenue commended everyone involved with this process. He hopes that the teachers and other staff agree to a salary freeze and other givebacks so that all can maintain their jobs. He would not like to see a change in student classroom numbers, transportation or eliminate programs.

Lisa Morrell, 107 North Garden inquired about the necessity of the summer school program and parents cost responsibilities of their child did not complete the school year. She further discussed transportation option reductions for busing from 2 miles to 1 mile.

Gene Callahan, 106 Plum Drive questioned what happened to the discussion of the defeated budget overview; he was not at the last meeting and would like general information.

Ray Coxe, School Business Administrator provided an overview of the budget, loss in state aid, next year's budget projections, tuition program and general personnel contract information.

Mike Ianacone, 5 Framingham Road discussed the Governor's recommended givebacks which includes a salary freeze and contribution to health care costs and that this should be an area of consideration or township should just establish a flat amount of reduction.

Leslie Sacone, 102 South Garden Blvd discussed that she has been a resident of Edgewater Prk for 36 plus years. She moved to our community because of the schools and her children went through the system. She did not and does mind paying the taxes or the increases. She applauds the teachers and staff.

Hearing no other members of the public wishing to speak the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

Upon discussion, consensus of Committee was that the school budget could be reduce by \$471,928.00 and still provide a thorough and efficient education:

Original Tax Levy on Ballot for Base Budget:	\$ 8,432,083.00
Amount of Reduction to Tax Levy for Base Budget:	\$ 471,928.00
Amount of Tax Levy Certified for Base Budget:	\$ 7,960,155.00

The minimum tax levy may be no less than \$6,650,223.00. A penny represents approximately \$31,000 which represents an approximate \$15.22 cent decrease for the school Fiscal Year or 7.61 cent decrease for Calendar Year 2010. Line items amounts to be appropriated from salaries and wages at \$312,115, tuition program at \$50,000, intramural program at \$3,600 and health care costs at \$106,213.

Mayor Johnson announced that final consideration regarding the defeated School Budget will be held on May 18th at 7PM, which is the township's regular schedule meeting. He thanked the Administration, Board of Education and residents for attending the meeting and providing input.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mr. Pullion Second: Mr. Booker Time: 7:51PM
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard - yes, Mr. Booker - yes, Mr. McElwee - yes, Mr. Pullion –yes, Mayor Johnson-yes

Kevin Johnson

Kevin Johnson, Mayor

Linda M. Dougherty

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator