

BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL SESSION
May 19, 2011

An Special Session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, was held on the above date at 9:00am in Oaks Hall, Municipal Cabin, 1 Cabin Circle, Medford Lakes, New Jersey 08055. Following the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence (Council and the public observed a moment of silence to honor service men and women defending our country). Clerk McIntosh read the Open Public Meetings Act: pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this special meeting had been provided to the Central Record, Burlington County Times and posted on the official website and official bulletin board of the Borough of Medford Lakes. Those wishing to be notified for changes to scheduled meetings were notified via email or regular mail.

In attendance were Mayor Gary A. Miller, Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston, Councilman Gregory C. Lackey, and Councilmen Robert D. Hanold, Sr. Also present were Solicitor Peter C. Lange, Jr. and Clerk Mark McIntosh.

Mayor Miller motioned to introduce Resolution Number 94-11, seconded by Councilman Hanold.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 94 – 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES CERTIFYING THE 2011-2012 LENAPE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the proposed Lenape Regional High School District 2011-2012 school budget (the “Budget”), was the subject of an extensive review by New Jersey Department of Education staff; and

WHEREAS, that review resulted in Executive County Superintendent Peggy Nicolosi’s determination that “Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 6, N.J.S.A. 18A7-8, and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.1 and 9.1 et seq, I have reviewed this budget statement and have determined that all information submitted herein, which is verifiable from records on file in my office, is consistent with such records and the budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction to enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards. I have also reviewed this budget and determined that all efficiencies identified for 2011-12 have been adopted”; and

WHEREAS, the current 2010-2011 school budget, was the subject of a two month review by New Jersey Department of Education staff during the months of May and June of 2010, which resulted in then Commissioner of Education Schundler’s determination that the tax levy was “necessary to provide a thorough and efficient system of public education” to the students attending the Lenape Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2011-2012 Budget contains no new regular education programs, services or staff, and only adds special education staff mandated by federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, the increase in 2011-2012 school tax levy presented to the voters is \$1,775,836.00, or 1.68% more than the current 2010-2011 school budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2011-2012 tax levy presented to the voters is \$884,060.00 less than the mandated 2% tax levy increase cap.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes that the Borough hereby certifies a general fund tax levy of \$97,267,621.00. This represents a general fund tax levy reduction of \$1,775,836 to the amount presented to the voters and requires the following line item modifications listed below:

Net Reductions

11-000-270-160	Transportation RIF's	(34,625)	
11-000-270-161	Transportation RIF's	(265,162)	
11-000-262-100	B&G RIF	(47,900)	
11-000-270-220	Transportation Employer Benefits FICA/Medicare	(22,934)	
11-000-260-220	B&G Employer Benefits FICA/Medicare	(3,664)	
11-000-270-270	Transportation Benefits	(267,732)	
11-000-260-270	B&G Benefits	(8,073)	
11-000-270-615	Vehicle Costs	(73,934)	
11-000-291-241	Employer Benefits PERS	<u>(15,646)</u>	
	Subtotal of B&G and Transportation Reductions		(739,670)
11-000-270-514	Privatized Special Education Routes		<u>364,320</u>
	Net B&G and Transportation Reductions		(375,350)
11-190-100-610	Classroom Supplies		(148,527)
11-190-100-640	Textbooks		(260,256)
11-000-100-563	BCIT Tuition		<u>(103,785)</u>
	Total Net Reductions		(887,918)
	Revenue Increase		
10-303	Increase in Budgeted Fund Balance		887,918
	Total Tax Levy Reduction Due to Budget Reductions and Fund Balance Increase		<u><u>1,775,836</u></u>

These reductions result in an increase in the 2011-2012 school tax levy of \$0.00 or 0% more than the current 2010-2011 school budget; and

The reduced 2011-2012 tax levy is \$2,659,896.00 less than the mandated 2% tax levy increase cap.

The Budget, as modified, is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education to the children of the Lenape Regional High School District.

Mayor Miller explained the need for the Resolution noting that the Board of Education had made changes to the original certifying Resolution. He then asked for comment.

Councilman Lackey questioned whether amendments were made in an attempt to not have a defeated budget go to the State Department of Education and he expressed concern that every year Boards of Education are able to find budget reductions only after the voters defeat the budget and had they presented the most fiscally responsible budget originally maybe they wouldn't be defeated.

Councilman Cranston questioned where the increase in the fund balance came from.

Mayor Miller read into the record that the actual Tax Levy Certification is in the amount of \$97,267,621.00.

Councilman Hanold noted that the Medford Lakes voters had approved the budget when it was even higher.

Mayor Miller opened the meeting for public comment.

Robert McGowan of 18 Cochise Circle questioned where the additional revenue came from and noted that even with the additional revenue realized in Special Needs other employees were still being let go.

Mayor Miller closed public comment and requested a roll call vote.

VOTE ON ADOPTION

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Gary A. Miller	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Cranston			X			
Councilman Gregory C. Lackey				X		
Councilman Robert D. Hanold, Sr.		X	X			
Councilman Jeffrey Fitzpatrick					X	

Councilman Hanold motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cranston.

Vote to Adjourn

Yeas – Miller, Cranston, Lackey, Hanold

Nays – None

Absent – Fitzpatrick

Meeting Adjourned