



**LEBANON BOROUGH
COMMON COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2011
6:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Lebanon Borough Common Council was called to order by Mayor Reino at 6:30PM

The meeting was convened in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975; notice was sent to three local newspapers and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reino.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Michael F. Reino, Councilman James Pittinger
Councilman Faust Coyle and Councilwoman Bonnie Schmidt
Absent: Council President Sam Berger , Councilman John Knoble and Councilman
Richard Burton
Also Present: Clerk Karen Romano

Mayor Reino requested the following letter from Councilman Burton be inserted into the minutes.

To: Karen Romano, Borough Clerk

From: Richard Burton, Councilman

Subject: Special Meeting addressing Lebanon Borough School Budget Defeat

Karen,

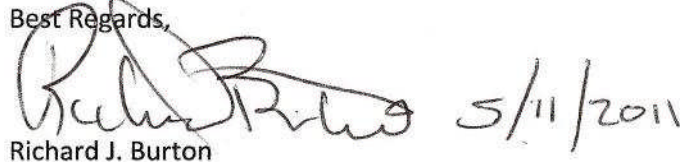
As part of the process when a school budget is not passed; the school budget is reviewed by the governing body. Currently, you have requested a meeting with the Borough Council to occur on May 12th at 7:00 PM.

As you know my wife, Christine, is a member and Board President of the Lebanon Borough Board of Education. I discussed the topic of the School Budget Defeat after the results of the election were posted with Joe Novak, Lebanon Borough Attorney. After considering the advice of our attorney, I will recuse myself from the vote on the Lebanon Borough School 2011-2012 Budget. I will also not attend the special meeting scheduled for Thursday evening May 12th 2011.

I feel that it important that all parties and the public fully understand that I place the highest value and respect on my right as a council member to vote on matters that come before it, however it also of great importance that the public know that we all take great care to insure the integrity of our position and that we thoughtfully consider the advice of our professionals when and if they warn us of the potential or appearance of a conflict of interest. This is in the best interests of the community and part of our obligation in our role as governing body members.

Please include this statement at the meeting and include it as part of the record of the meeting.

Best Regards,



Richard J. Burton

Cc: Lebanon Borough Council, Lebanon Borough Board of Education, Joseph Novak, William Colontano

After a brief discussion Mayor Reino requested a motion to approve Resolution# 73-2011.

RESOLUTION # 73-2011:

Councilwoman Schmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 73-2011 the Consent Agenda with a second by Councilman Coyle.

**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION # 73 – 2011

Defeated Budget Lebanon Borough Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Borough Board of Education presented to the voters at the Annual School Election held on April 27, 2011 that there should be raised \$ 2,234,117 in taxes for the general fund for the ensuing school year (2011/2012); and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Borough of Lebanon defeated the general fund question; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Borough Board of Education transmitted an official copy of the defeated budget and required documentation to the municipal clerk of the Borough of Lebanon on April 29, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Lebanon Borough Board of Education met with representatives of the Lebanon Borough Council on May 5, 2011 for the purpose of discussing the election defeat; and,

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given by the Borough to the information received from the Board of Education, and the discussion which ensued, with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient education by the Lebanon Borough School; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education accepts the following adjustments to the general fund resulting in a reduction in the general fund tax levy of \$10,000:

<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Increases in Revenues:</i>			
<i>10-1510</i>	<i>Increase in Interest Income</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>	
<i>10-303</i>	<i>Budgeted Fund Balance – Operating Budget</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>	
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Decrease in</i>			

<i>Revenues</i>			
<i>10-1210</i>	<i>Decrease in Tax Levy</i>	<i>-\$10,000</i>	
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>-\$10,000</i>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for the General Funds \$2,224,117 for the ensuing school year (2011/2012).

Introduced and adopted:

LEBANON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 3
Abstain: 0

Council President, Sam Berger

ATTEST:

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Lebanon Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen M. Romano, Lebanon Borough Clerk hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Borough of Lebanon Council at a meeting duly held on the May 12, 2011, that this resolution has not been amended or repealed; and that it remains in full force and effect as of the date I have subscribed my signature.

Date: May 12, 2011

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Lebanon Borough Clerk

The motion was passed by the following vote:

YES: Councilman Pittinger, Councilwoman Schmidt, and Councilman Coyle

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Council President Berger, Councilman Burton, and Councilman Knoble

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1:

Councilman Coyle made a motion to open the public session. Councilwoman Schmidt seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was opened.

There being no further public comment Councilman Pittinger made a motion to close the public session. Councilwoman Schmidt seconded the motion with the unanimous approval of Council the floor was closed.

Councilwoman Schmidt moved and Councilman Coyle seconded a motion to adjourn, there being no further business to come before Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Clerk

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