

May 17, 2011

A Special Joint Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Board of Education was held on the above date in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 101 Hamburg Turnpike. Mayor Dunleavy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

<i>In Attendance:</i>	Mayor:	Jon Dunleavy
	Council President:	Linda Huntley
	Council Members:	Bernie Vroom (Entered 7:05 p.m.) Jo-Ann Pituch Glenn Schiffman Linda Shortman Mark Conklin
<i>Professionals Present:</i>	Municipal Clerk:	Jane McCarthy
	Borough Administrator:	Ted Ehrenburg
	Borough Attorney:	Mark Semeraro, Esq.

**(At this time, the Board of Education opened their meeting)**

### **SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Dunleavy led the Salute to the Flag.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT**

Mayor Dunleavy stated that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the Bloomingdale Municipal Building and provided to The Suburban Trends; The North Jersey Herald & News; and all other local news media on May 11, 2011.

### **EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Schiffman moved to open the meeting for Early Public Comment on agenda items; seconded by Councilwoman Pituch and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting YES.

Lauren Grecco, President of the Board of Education, addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked everyone for their efforts in coming to a resolution of the defeated school budget and noted that the proposed cuts do not reflect cuts in staff and teachers nor children's programs.

(Councilman Vroom entered at this time, 7:05 p.m.)

Kathy Gurbisz, Vreeland Avenue, spoke in regard to the budget and read a statement into the record as to her hope that when teacher contracts are being negotiated, adjustments are made as a message has been sent by the voters, etc.

Borough Attorney stated that the Governing Body does not have the ability to open up teacher contracts.

Meredith Mascitello, 43 Bailey Avenue, spoke in regard to the adjustments that are being made

and fact that were it know before the budget was introduced that teachers would be retired; School Business Administrator stated that they were not known at that time.

Since there was no one else who wished to speak under Public Comment, Councilwoman Pituch moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilwoman Huntley and carried on voice vote.

At this time, Councilman Vroom addressed his concern as to whether the Board of Education took advantage of the Energy Grant by the State and Mr. Hagl spoke that they were trying to fix their roof, etc. without any loans. Noted that the Borough received a grant in the amount of \$101,000 and did not have to lay out any money.

Mayor suggested that the Borough Administrator work with Mr. Hagl to see if the board of Education could also benefit from this funding.

Councilman Schiffman asked why the Board uses an interlocal with West Milford for fixing their vehicles and not the DPW; Mr. Hagl stated that the DPW would not have the parts for buses, etc.

Councilman Conklin addressed fact that the budget reflects a cost per student which different from information supplied for ratings of schools and costs per student when looking to buy a home and researching it.

Mayor noted that the solution as with the Borough's budget is growth and revenue.

Dr. Freda Rosenberg stated that the teachers will be paying into their medical when the contracts are renegotiated in October and other areas might be coming down the pike with the Governor's proposals.

**Adoption of Resolution #2011-5.4: Certification of School Taxes**

Councilwoman Huntley offered the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 5.14**

**CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS, the district tax levy for the General Fund portion of the 2011/2012 budget of the Board of Education of the Borough of Bloomingdale in the amount of \$14,390,715 was defeated by the voters of the Borough of Bloomingdale at the annual school election held on April 27, 2011, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37, the Borough's Governing Body did receive the proposed school budget and has consulted with representatives of the Board of Education to discuss the proposed 2011/2012 school budget, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council did review said 2011/2012 budget and has identified recommendations and justification for reduction in the amount of \$248,622 in the General Fund budget tax levy for 2011/2012 as detailed on Appendix "A", attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of

Bloomingtondale does hereby certify to the Passaic County Board of Taxation, that the amount necessary to be levied for the General Fund budget to provide a thorough and efficient education for the Borough of Bloomingtondale School District for the school year 2011/2012 is \$14,142,093.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded forthwith to the Passaic County Board of Taxation, the Passaic County Superintendent of Schools, the Bloomingtondale Board of Education and the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingtondale.

**APPENDIX "A"**  
**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGTONDALE**  
**COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY**  
**PROPOSED 2011/2012 SCHOOL BUDGET/TAX LEVY REDUCTIONS**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-303	\$ 75,000
<u>Budgeted Fund Balance- Operating Budget</u>	
Line item is increased based upon additional projected tuition revenues and unexpended budget appropriations anticipated to be realized in June 30, 2011 year end surplus.	
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
11-120-100-101	\$ 53,822
<u>Regular Instruction, Grades 1-5 – Salaries of Teachers</u>	
Line item is reduced based upon recommendation by the Board of Education to reflect the savings anticipated from the replacement of a retiring teacher with an entry level teacher	
11-130-100-101	\$ 27,000
<u>Regular Instruction, Grades 6-8- Salaries of Teachers</u>	
Line item is reduced based upon recommendation by the Board of Education to reflect the savings anticipated from the replacement of a retiring teacher with an entry level teacher	
11-230-100-101	\$ 18,000
<u>Basic Skills/Remedial– Salaries of Teachers</u>	
Line item is reduced based upon recommendation by the Board of Education to reflect the savings anticipated from the replacement of a retiring teacher with an entry level teacher	
11-000-222-600	\$ 5,800
<u>Education Media/Library Serv. - Supplies and Materials</u>	
Line item is reduced based upon recommendation by the Board of Education to eliminate funding of the new library software catalog system at MBD & SRD	
11-000-291-250	\$25,000
<u>Unallocated Benefits- Unemployment Compensation</u>	
Line item is reduced to current level of appropriation of \$75,000, which is sufficient to cover the level of spending and to provide contingency for additional claims	
11-000-291-270	<u>\$44,000</u>
<u>Unallocated Benefits- Health Benefits</u>	
Line item is reduced based upon recommendation by the Board of Education to reflect revisions to the funding needs for health benefits	

Councilwoman Shortman seconded the motion, and it carried as per the following roll call:  
 Council Members: Conklin, NO; Huntley, YES; Pituch, RECUSED; Schiffman, RECUSED;

Shortman, YES; Vroom, NO; Mayor Dunleavy, YES.

**LATE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilwoman Pituch moved that the meeting be opened to Late Public Comment; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote.

Meredith Mascitello, 43 Bailey Avenue, spoke in regard to fact that the Line Item for the Operating Budget was cut \$75,000 and due to fact that it was noted this evening that we have a boiler which may have to be replaced, this line item probably should not have been cut.

Since there was no one else who wished to speak, Councilwoman Huntley moved that it be closed; seconded by Councilman Vroom and carried on voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Huntley moved to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Schiffman and carried on voice vote.

Jane McCarthy, RMC  
Municipal Clerk