

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
AND GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MAY 12, 2008

This joint meeting was held at the Independence Middle School.

Meeting called to order by School Board President Jennifer Cassini at 7:30 p.m.

Liberty Township Roll Call: Mr Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Inscho.

Ms. Cassini began the discussion by stating that the school board offered to cut the total tax levy by \$53,000. See copy of letter attached hereto.

Both township committees had proposed many more cuts but district officials told them most were not feasible.

The greatest proposed cut was \$200,000 from tuition paid to Hackettstown School District. In the past, Great Meadows has received an average refund of approximately \$263,000 for paying too much tuition. Mayor Inscho felt the taxpayers should have this money instead of the district controlling it. School Business Administrator explained that districts cannot change tuition agreements once they are struck but he did agree that this is something the school officials should look into next year.

After lengthy discussion the two township committees accepted all suggestions offered by the school board but added an additional \$97,000 in cuts. The school board agreed that a total of \$150,000 can be cut from the budget.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt Resolution 08-33 to certify tax levy for the Great Meadows Regional School District.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator