

MAY 7, 2008

The South Harrison Township Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Mayor Charles T. Tyson called the meeting to order.

Requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were met. Notice of this meeting was given by: (1) sending sufficient notice herewith to the Today's Sunbeam of Salem and the Gloucester County Times of Woodbury; and (2) posting notice on the public bulletin board at the South Harrison Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call: James McCall – present, Cornelius McIntyre – present, Charles Tyson – present, Robert Campbell – present, Gary Spinner – present, William Randazzo, Consultant – present, Nancy Kearns, Municipal Clerk – present.

SH Elementary School Defeated Budget

Present from the School Board were Tracy Anderson, Leeann Azari, Jeff Brown, Debbie Cunningham, Carole English, Heidi Lerch, Connie Myers and Karen Nuss along with David Datz, Superintendent, Fran Adler, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Cheryl Burr. Mr. Randazzo spoke about an enrollment of 330 with 10 out of district, 49 kindergarten students for next year, and the schools policy of 25 students per class. Mr. Randazzo was advised that the pre-school program was approved and is in the budget. Mr. Randazzo spoke about the aides for kindergarten - "1 on 1 is definite and 1 is pending; he also discussed the additional teacher. Committeeman McIntyre asked about the trailer. The Board explained that the trailer has been upgraded to meet all of the state standards and will be able to be used for the preschool children with disability program and depending on the number you may be able to increase revenue by charging tuition.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by James McCall, second by Cornelius McIntyre. Motion carried.

Theresa Roeder asked about the handyman position and what the salary would be. Ms. Adler responded that \$15,000.00 was put in the budget and are hoping to share this with another school district. Ms. Roeder asks if the person would be certified to do plumbing, electric, etc. Ms. Adler stated they might not have everything, but would have one or two things the school would need. Ms. Roeder asked about the janitor. Ms. Roeder was advised that the janitorial service is contracted out, as recommended previously.

Curt Spinner of 106 Revere Drive asked what if it was reversed and brought someone in house who has all of the criteria. It was explained that this was discussed; hopefully a part-time person could be brought on this year and then put out feelers to possibility made the person full-time the following year. The State says you have to pay prevailing wage, which also hampers the cost. Mr. Feinbaum reported on the numerous items that are done through shared services. Mr. Feinbaum does not want to incur the large portion of the shared services risk and bring in someone full-time and then try to farm them out to other districts. It would be better to be the district that would only want 25% to 30% of that time and let someone else foot the burden of finding work for that person.

Denise Menold has been a resident of the Township for 23 years, has had a student for over 20 years in the school, and has been employed by the school for the last 4 years. Ms. Menold stated the school has done a marvelous job and she would hope the Township Committee would support the school.

Close Meeting to the Public:

Motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

The Committee and School Board discussed additional items and the School is still at 1.3 cents. Ms. Cunningham said yes, she was hoping that they would have some recommendations from the Committee, so she is hoping you will have some at Tuesday's meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Spinner, second by James McCall. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kearns, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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