

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Readington Township School District presented to the voters, at the annual school election held on April 19, 2005, a question concerning the tax levy requirements for the said Board of Education for Current Expenses and Capital Outlay, designated as the General Fund, in the amount of \$25,505,591 and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Readington Township school district rejected the General Fund question by a vote of 1,352 No votes to 875 Yes votes; and

WHEREAS, joint meetings of the designated elected officials of the municipality and a Committee of the Board of Education were held on May 11, 2005 and May 13, 2005 to discuss the General Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the information received from the Board of Education with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient system of education in the school system of the Board of Education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

(1) The General Fund (base budget) Tax Levy is to be reduced by the total sum of \$720,000 as delineated below.

2005/2006 READINGTON SCHOOL BUDGET/TAX CHANGES

REVENUES - CURRENT EXPENSE

<u>ACCT. NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
11-000-240105	Clerical Aide (proposed new position)	\$ 15,975.00	Responsibilities can be supported by present support staff.
11-000-240105	Clerical Aide (proposed new position)	\$ 15,975.00	Responsibilities can be supported by present support staff.
11-000-222-100-000	Library Aide (proposed new position)	\$ 21,504.00	HBS going from 2 sessions to a single session. Library Aide is not required.
11-000-291-270	Health Benefits	\$100,000.00	Based on calculations this seems excessive. Also, this proposal reduces the number of new hires.
11-000-240-103-000-000	School Adm.	\$128,080.00	The Assistant Intern and the Supervisor of Instruction cannot be supported for minimum growth.
11-120-100-101	Grades 1-5 Salaries of Teachers (proposed new positions)	\$100,000.00	This represents 1/5th of the dollar amount of proposed new hires.

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11-130-100-101	Grades 6-8 Salaries of Teachers (proposed new positions)	\$100,000.00	This represents 1/6th of the dollar amount of proposed new hires.
11-000-262-100	Salaries - Oper. & Maint. of Plant	\$ 37,546.00	The salary proposed is excessive to meet the proposed single additional position.
11-190-100-610	General Supplies (furniture)	\$130,000.00	School has not reached either full or functional capacity. This represents a 6% reduction.
11-000-222-100-000	Gruenberger, Julie Lynn (duplicate)	\$ 60,440.00	Duplicate entry.
11-000-262-100-100-000	Cafeteria Aide	\$ 10,480.00	This represents a miscalculation based on the number of aides and number of hours employed.
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$720,000.00</u>	

- (2) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby certifies the tax levy for the General Fund of the 2005/2006 Readington Township School District Budget in the amount of \$24,785,591.00.
- (3) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby certifies that the revised budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education.
- (4) The supporting reasons for the reductions in appropriations are listed above.
- (5) The Clerk of the Township of Readington is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution by no later than May 19, 2005 to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, the Readington Township School District Board of Education and to such other parties as required by law to receive copies.

CERTIFICATION

I, **VITA MEKOVETZ**, Clerk of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee on the 16th day of May, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this Township this 17th day of May, 2005.

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Municipal Clerk