

STRATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MAY 06, 2010
9:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR JOHN GENTLESS
MICHAEL SANTORO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT – ABSENT
HOLLY TATE, COUNCILWOMAN
BEN ANGELI, COUNCILMAN
MIKE PEREZ, COUNCILMAN
FRANK GAGLIARDI, COUNCILMAN
DAN BOVE, COUNCILMAN
ANTHONY COSTA, SOLICITOR
JOHN D. KEENAN, JR., BOROUGH CLERK
RONALD MORELLO, CHIEF OF POLICE

Dr. Al Brown explained the \$1,000,000. in cuts done prior to the election.

He also explained the school districts a “high performing” district based on State review and explained the report from the state given to council. Presented average cost per pupil which is below state average, and below surrounding towns.

He presented the Shared Services which Stratford has initiated over the last years. Explained cut in State Aid for 2009-2010 year, and 2010-2011 school year. Non contractual employees gave 1.5% back of salary toward health benefits. Six (6) teachers, thirty-two (32) assistants, three (3) teachers retired, three (3) certified staff reduced in time, one (1) custodian all cut.

He explained a proposal of \$75,000. of cuts and explained in response to Councilman F. Gagliardi’s question relating to cuts, possibly to administration. He stated his position was cut to 3 ½ days. There are 3 full time administrators (2 principles and one vice principal) and issues they address each day.

A student liaison read a statement to Mayor and Council.

Agnes Moore of Laureba Avenue had some questions

Dave Costello questioned pay raises

Rich St. Maur spoke about the hard times

Dan Ciano spoke about teachers and students, and how hard Mayor and Council has to work

Chris Gagliardi spoke of her concern for full time Kindergarten

John Dudley spoke of how high property taxes are in New Jersey

Mike Redfearn ask council to promote the council meeting on Monday and speak with teachers and hear their side.

Dr. Al Brown confirmed this process has to be completed by May 19th.

Meeting, Monday 6:30 pm in Yellin School Gymnasium

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman M. Perez, seconded by Councilwoman H. Tate with all ayes on the vote, the meeting was adjourned.

John D. Keenan, Jr., Borough Clerk