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**April 29, 2009
Township Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Elaine Niemann.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Burke, Committeeman Lubitz, C.F.O. Diane Laudenschach, and Deputy Clerk Keller. Following the salute to the Flag, Mayor Niemann read aloud the following:

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News on April 23, 2009 and by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Express Times and Star Ledger on April 20, 2009. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on April 20, 2009.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Kingwood Township School – 2009 Budget

Mayor Niemann introduced Representatives that were present from the Kingwood Township School, Superintendent, Laura Hartner and Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bobbie Beriont. There was a lengthy discussion on the defeated budget, and the items of the budget that have gone up in percentage. It was noted that there were a lot of reductions from the State this year. Mrs. Hartner and Mrs. Beriont reviewed several aspects of the school budget and how they worked to cut and save money. They expressed their feelings for the school and feel that they are doing an excellent job to provide a great school for the youths of Kingwood Township.

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There were several comments from the Kingwood Township School teachers, several residents and a Board Member that was also present, Mr. Gary Karlsraud. Mayor Niemann explained that this year there is a small increase in the budget, but feels that the Township Committee should try to reduce the budget, as the voters did vote the budget down. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee members agreed to cut the Budget by \$20,000. Mr. Burke expressed that he feels that the Budget should be left at the requested amount to be raised, and that he is not in favor of the Budget being cut. Committeeman Lubitz read aloud the items to be reduced in the amount of \$20,000. The Committee thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Resolution No. 2009-53 – Certification of Local Tax Levy

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 – 53

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD
TO CERTIFICATION OF THE LOCAL TAX LEVY FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kingwood Township School District presented to voters at the annual school election held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 a question concerning the tax levy requirements for the said Board of Education for the General Fund for the ensuing school year (2009/2010), in the amount of \$5,065,985; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Kingwood defeated the General Fund question by the following votes:

147 ayes 259 noes

WHEREAS, the said Board of Education transmitted the Budget for the 2009/2010 school year to the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood on April 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood thoroughly reviewed the Budget and related information as presented by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a joint meeting of the representatives of the Kingwood Township Committee and said Board of Education was held on April 29, 2009 to discuss the Budget as submitted by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given by the Township to the information received from said Board of Education and the discussion which ensued, with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient system of education in the school system of said Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey and Board of Education have agreed to the following reductions in the tax levy totaling \$ 20,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to certify by May 19, 2009 to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation, the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Kingwood Township School District, the Kingwood Township Tax Assessor and to any other parties required by law to receive such certification, that the amount of \$ 5,045,985 is necessary to be raised by taxation for the General Fund, for the ensuing school year 2009/2010;

11-190-100-640	\$10,000	Textbooks
11-000-221-164	\$ 5,000	Salaries of other Professional Staff
11-000-223-500	\$ 5,000	Other Purchase Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Township Deputy Clerk to the persons and/or departments herein named, for certification purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Lubitz, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried the motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	Aye	-	Burke, Lubitz, Augustine
	Nay	-	None
	Abstain	-	None
	Absent	-	None

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Lubitz and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. All voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
Deputy Clerk**