

ATTACHMENT #2
TOWN OF TUXEDO TOWN BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2007

School Tax Revenue Forum sponsored by Senator Tom Morahan on February 15th

Purpose:

To seek input and ideas in finding new methods and ways of funding education in NYS, from all stakeholders, specifically in this meeting from the business community.

- Presentation of issues and recent NYS mandates as outlined by the NYS School Board Assoc. and discussion of those mandates ensued.
- Presentation of 1 proposal by a Rockland County tax activist Irv Feiner suggesting a state income based tax to replace real estate property tax.
- A review by Senator Morahan of his purpose and commitment to address the property tax issue and state AID FORMULA method of School aid and a commitment to not support new unfunded mandates from the NY State. Senator Morahan is working on new legislative proposals and wants extensive public input from all stakeholders before presenting new legislation and is soliciting new ideas and financial solutions to funding education from the public, business community, school administration, teachers, parents and property owners.
- He has requested we meet as a committee to develop alternate ways of enhancing, subsidizing, and or funding education in NY.

After the meeting I spoke with senator Morahan who is very aware of Tuxedo's unique situation and present dilemma and is planning on presenting legislation to allow Tuxedo to receive state aid for the tuition greenwood lake students based on the sending students home district aid ratio formula for those students when making up more than 50 % of a districts HS Population. (As I understood him to say).

I also explained the impact of preservation of Sterling Forest in our district and town has on the possible future growth and there for student population funding of our school district. He was aware it has effected our possible future population. *** We discussed several other possible solutions and ideas for resolving our Tuxedo Town and School District situation long short and term.

Note:

I attended this forum at the request of the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Supervisor Mr. Dolan. Other input from our community would be most welcome.

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