

## Lesson 5

## READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

**Board Meeting**

**Luke called a meeting of the board. They could no longer postpone a vote on the city budget. The debate was intense.**

**Tom thought they needed more buses. Greg was irate. He said not enough was being spent to reduce crime. Rick complained about too much extravagance.**

**Luke was on edge and began to fidget. There was a need for many things in the city, but there was only so much money to divide. Luke rose and spoke in defense of the budget. “The public requires that we balance what we spend with the income we get from taxes. This is the best we can do.”**