

Public Hearing to  
Adopt Budget 2012-2013  
March 28, 2012

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a **Public Hearing to Adopt 2012-2013 School Year** in the Conference Room # 19 at the Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **March 28, 2012**.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosenberg at 7:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Banta, Mr. Barbarulo, Ms. Gioia, Mr. Gillenson, Mr. Mancinelli, Mr. Rosenberg,  
Mrs. Wallace (arrived 7:47 p.m.), Mrs. Yuskaitis (arrived 7:32 p.m.)

**Members Absent**

Mrs. Frenkel

**Others Present:**

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Judy Moran, Interim Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mrs. Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. John DiPaola, Assistant Business Administrator

**Public Present:**

There were approximately 25 people from the public present.

**Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by President Rosenberg.

**Sunshine Statement – Chapter 231, Laws of 1975**

President Rosenberg read a statement that advance notice of this meeting, as well as the Agenda, had been distributed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 (Sunshine Law).

**Superintendent's Comments:**

Mr. Watson gave a presentation of the 2012-2013 budget including:

- Overview of budget process, district focus and district highlights.
- Review of revenue and appropriations budgets supporting total budget of \$86,028,250. The tax impact is an increase of 1.9% or \$9.04 per month based upon the ratables available from Fair Lawn Borough at this time.

**Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Report  
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**Action Item:**

**1. Adoption of Proposed 2012-2013 Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education approve the final 2012-2013 School Year Budget in the total amount of \$86,028,250, as listed:

	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Local Tax Levy</u></b>
<b>Total General Fund (10, 11, 12, 13)</b>	<b>\$82,569,717</b>	<b>\$74,548,206    1.90% Increase</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,507,983</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,950,550</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,949,144</u></b>
	<b>\$86,028,250</b>	<b>\$76,497,350</b>

**Public Comments**

Several audience members made comments that concerned tax calculations, administrator to per pupil ratio, programs, Stepping Stones, extended school year, custodial services and the outsourcing plan.

**Board Comments**

Mary Wallace- Mrs. Wallace supports the budget and continues not to support privatization. Separately she commented on the concessions made in negotiations to save money.

John Mancinelli- Mr. Mancinelli stated that understanding the historical perspective of school funding is essential to understanding the current budget and district challenges. He stated that changing demographics of Fair Lawn directly impact the budget.

Josh Gillenson- Mr. Gillenson stated that considering the loss of aid in recent years the health of this district fiscally and programmatically and the caliber of administrative leadership is apparent. Talent, forethought and pro-activity are evident.

Gene Banta – Mr. Banta pointed out the negative net salary increases in 2012/2013 due to the contributions to health benefits, capped salaries, etc. He expressed pride in staff and the central office team.

Ron Barbarulo- Mr. Barbarulo commented on the fluctuations in enrollment, the effect of new Borough developments and their potential effect on our enrollment.

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**Board Comments (continued)**

Cindy Yuskaitis- Mrs. Yuskaitis stated the bottom line is educating the children of Fair Lawn. She feels that this is a fiscally responsible budget.

Susan Gioia-Ms. Gioia, a Fair Lawn graduate, is happy her children attend Fair Lawn schools. She feels the schools hold home values and is proud that each child's needs are met. She also feels that parent participation in school planning is encouraged.

Michael Rosenberg-Mr. Rosenberg thanked the central office team for respect and consideration in meeting with Board Committees and discussing all aspects of the budget by category. He thanked the Board of Education for their attendance at meetings and for caring enough to understand the fiscal and programmatic plan for the district. He stated that stand alone published reports do not tell the complete story. He is encouraged by the attendance at special events such as the Art Show to see the accomplishments of the Fair Lawn school children.

Mr. Gillenson moved and Mrs. Yuskaitis seconded to accept Motion # 1.

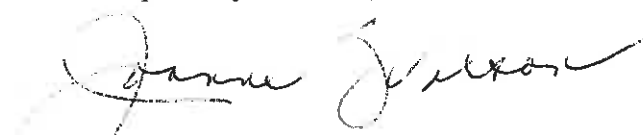
**All Board Members voted in the affirmative.**

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Motion Carried**

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Mancinelli moved and Ms. Gioia seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Wilson  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary