Adoption of Preliminary Budget Meeting March 13, 2014

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Adoption of Preliminary Budget Meeting in the Conference Room # 19 at Thomas Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by President Quackenbush at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Banta, Mr. Klein, Mr. Mancinelli, Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Spindel, Mrs. Wallace

Members Absent:

Mrs. Frenkel Ms. Gioia

Others Present:

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent, Education

Mrs. Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources

Mr. John DiPaola, Assistant Business Administrator

Public Present:

There were 2 people from the public present.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by President Quackenbush.

Sunshine Statement - Chapter 231, Laws of 1975

President Quackenbush, 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 Comments

Mr. Watson presented a Power Point Presentation explaining the Preliminary Budget for 2014-2015.

Mr. Watson highlighted the new personnel and the capital projects proposed as well as the use of banked cap in the budget.

Board Comments

Several Board Members expressed interest in including the Google App position in the budget.

Mr. Watson stated that he would develop a proposal that could possibly be included in the budget.

Mr. Spindel stated he would not be supporting the budget and outlined his reasons for doing so.

Action Item:

Approval to Submit 2014-2015 Budget to County Office and Advertise Budget to the Public

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education approves a Preliminary School District Budget, for the 2014-2015 School Year, for submission to the County Office, and advertisement to the public as follows:

| | Budget | Local Tax Levy |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Total General Fund (10, 11, 12, 13) | \$88,128,910 | \$77,888,891 |
| Total Special Revenue Fund | \$ 1,164,047 | -0- |
| Total Debt Service Fund | <u>\$ 1,523,856</u> | \$ <u>993,981</u> |
| | \$90,816,813 | \$78,882,872 |

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), the Preliminary 2014-15 budget includes the use of \$548,500 in banked cap. The need for this banked cap is to offset increases in personnel costs. These costs cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over an extended period of time.

Ms. Quackenbush asked for a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget for 2014-2015.

Mr. Rosenberg moved and Mr. Klein seconded.

All Members voted in the affirmative with Mr. Spindel voting "No."

6-1-0 Carried

Motion to accept Preliminary Budget 2014-2015

Ms. Quackenbush asked for a motion to adjourn the Meeting.

Mr. Rosenberg moved and Mr. Klein seconded.

All Members voted in the affirmative.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Watson Superintendent