

Adoption of Preliminary  
Budget Meeting  
March 16, 2015

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held an Adoption of Preliminary Budget Meeting in the Conference Room # 19 at Thomas Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **Monday, March 16, 2015**.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Banta (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Mr. Barbarulo, Mrs. Frenkel, Mr. Klein, Mrs. Piela, Ms. Quackenbush, Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Spindel

**Members Absent:**

Mrs. Wallace

**Others Present:**

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator  
Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent, Education  
Ms. Brooke Bartley, Assistant Business Administrator

**Public Present:**

There were 3 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 reviewed options (A, B & C) presented to the Board at a previous meeting. Based on the information now available from the state, there is now a new and recommended “Option D” for the 2015-16 Budget.

The proposed tax increase is \$9.46/month on the average assessed home value of \$325,322.

Option D allows for a 2.82% tax increase including the referendum debt.

- Allows for \$338,016 in enrollment adjustment banked cap for the future budget years (i.e. full day kindergarten)
- Allows for \$136,175 health benefits adjustment to also be utilized for future banked cap (i.e. full day kindergarten)

Discussion took place.

The Superintendent informed the Board of the necessity to change the design at Westmoreland. LAN discovered a water pipe on the property that the original design would not accommodate. The new design will be shared with the Board at the next Regular Meeting.

**Action Item:**

**Approval to Submit 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 School Year, for submission to the County Office, and advertisement to the public as follows:

	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Local Tax Levy</u></b>
<b>Total General Fund (10, 11, 12, 13)</b>	<b>\$87,933,463</b>	<b>\$79,519,827</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,443,839</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,179,957</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,589,695</u></b>
	<b>\$91,557,259</b>	<b>\$81,109,522</b>

N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39(e) permits districts to bank the difference between the maximum allowable amount to be raised by taxation for the current school budget year and the actual amount raised by taxation for the current school budget year. This banked cap amount may be used to increase the district tax levy cap in any of the next three budget years.

The 2015-16 preliminary budget reflects:

**Enrollment Adjustment**

**RESOLVED** that the Fair Lawn Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$338,016. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for Banked Cap.

**Health Benefits Adjustment**

**RESOLVED** that the Fair Lawn Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$136,175. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for Banked Cap.

**Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal**

**RESOLVED** that the Fair Lawn Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$880,000. The district intends to utilize these funds as follows:

Milnes Elementary School Window project	\$30,000
H.S. Sewer line replacement project	\$250,000
H.S. Tennis Court project	\$100,000
Debt Service reduction	\$500,000

**Ms. Quackenbush asked for a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget for 2015-2016.**

**Mr. Rosenberg moved and Mr. Barbarulo seconded.**

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

**Motion to accept Preliminary Budget 2015-2016**

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Carried**

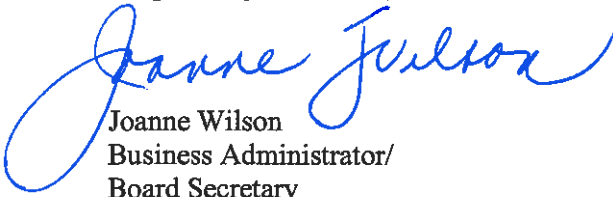
**Ms. Quackenbush asked for a motion to recess into Closed Session.**

**Mrs. Frenkel moved and Mr. Klein seconded.**

**All Members voted in the affirmative.**

**The Meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanne Wilson  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary

## **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **FAIR LAWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

An Executive Closed Session of the Fair Lawn Board of Education was held in the Board Conference Room #19 at Thomas Edison School, on **Monday, March 16, 2015**.

A motion to recess into Executive Closed Session was made by Mrs. Frenkel and seconded by Mr. Klein. President Quackenbush called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### **Members Present**

Mr. Eugene Banta  
Mr. Ron Barbarulo  
Mrs. Elyss Frenkel  
Mr. Jeffrey Klein  
Mrs. Joan Piela  
Ms. Cindy Jo Quackenbush  
Mr. Michael Rosenberg  
Mr. Mark Spindel

##### **Member Absent**

Mrs. Mary Wallace

##### **Others Present**

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent  
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent  
Brooke Bartley, Assistant Business Administrator

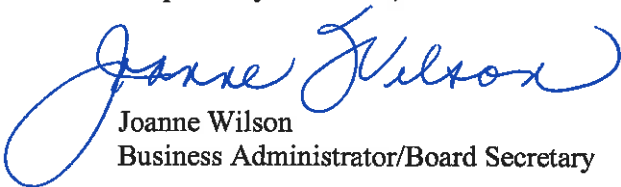
Discussion took place in reference to the lack of salary guide for FLASA as it relates to the recruiting process for Principal and the Director of Special Education vacancies. Mr. Klein is to ask NJSBA and Lisa Panagia will ask FLASA to expedite draft salary guides.

Ms. Quackenbush asked for a motion to return to Open Session.

Mr. Banta moved and Mr. Barbarulo seconded. All Members voted in the affirmative.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Wilson  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary