

Budget Overview
February 4, 2016

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

FAIR LAWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Budget Overview of the Fair Lawn Board of Education was held in the Board Conference Room #19 at Thomas Edison School, on **Thursday, February 4, 2016.**

President Banta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Mr. Eugene Banta, Mr. Jeffrey Klein, Mrs. Joan Piela, Ms. Cindy Jo Quackenbush (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Mr. Michael Rosenberg, Mr. Mark Spindel, Mrs. Mary Wallace

Members Absent

Mr. Ron Barbarulo
Mrs. Elyss Frenkel

Others Present

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent, Education
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Paul Green, Board Attorney
Brooke Bartley, Assistant Business Administrator

Public Present:

There were approximately 7 people from the public present.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by President Banta.

Sunshine Statement – Chapter 231, Laws of 1975

President Banta 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).

Mr. Klein thanked all for their expressions of condolence on the passing of his step-father.

Agenda

1. School Calendar for 2016-17 School Year

Three (3) options were distributed for the BOE review.

2. 2016-2017 Budget Overview

Mr. Watson presented an overview of the 2016-2017 budget. Highlights were as follows:

- Total Budget \$95,662,787
- State Aid, Debt Service Aid & Retables are not yet available
- Allowable: 2% tax growth of \$1,590,397
\$721,060 in weighted enrollment & health benefits.
- Total allowable tax growth is \$2,359,704
- General Fund increases 2.91%
- Debt Service increases 3.03%
- Appropriating from surplus
 - \$1,500,000 to reduce general fund taxes
 - \$609,923 to reduce debt service taxes

Monthly cost on average assessed home of \$325,322 is \$14.92/mo.
2.91% tax growth

Anticipated Revenues

Total Taxes	\$83,469,226
Misc. Revenue	71,000
App. General Fund & DS	2,109,923
State Aid	3,269,797
Extraordinary Aid	556,924
Capital Reserve Interest/Withdrawal	2,783,180
Tuition, Transportation, Summer School, Comm. School, SEMI	1,855,915
State/Federal Restricted Aid	1,546,822
 Total Budget	 \$95,662,787

Budget Includes

Supports Full Day Kindergarten
Maintains all existing staff and programs
Continues the improvements in district/school security
Supports NJSLS & NJCCCS
Supports resources necessary for PARCC, DLM & Access
Supports implementation of Next Generation Science Standards
Supports the TEACHNJ Law and the AchieveNJ evaluations for teachers and administrators
Supports major infrastructure upgrades- Phone System, Rooftop HVAC units, HS Auditorium AC, MMS Boilers and district Paving (including Westmoreland parking lot)

3. Relocation of Special Education Classes

Mr. Watson presented the current plan for relocating Special Ed classes in 2016-17 in order to accommodate full day kindergarten in each elementary school.

4. PARCC-GH County Comparisons

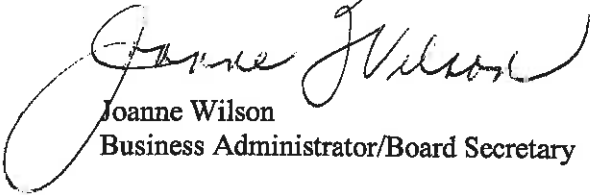
Mr. Watson reviewed the PARCC scores in comparison to other Bergen County districts in the same (GH) District Factor Group.

5. Graduation Assessment Requirements

Mr. Watson reported on the Graduation Assessment Requirements Summary Timeline for 2015-2016.

**Mr. Banta asked for a motion to adjourn.
Mrs. Wallace moved and Mr. Barbarulo seconded.
All Members voted in the affirmative.
The meeting was adjourned from at 7:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joanne Wilson
Business Administrator/Board Secretary