

Work Session - Budget Meeting
March 22, 2018

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a **Work Session - Budget Meeting** in Room 19 at the Thomas A. Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey on March 22, 2018.

NOTE: Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at any time during the meeting.

1. **The Work Session - Budget Meeting of March 22, 2018 was called to order**
At 7:30 p.m. (5 members of the public were present).

2. **Roll Call**

BOARD MEMBERS	Mr. Barbarulo	Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Frenkel	Mr. Klein	Ms. Quackenbush	Mr. Rosenberg	Mr. Spindel	Mrs. Wallace	Mr. Banta
PRESENT	Arrived 8:50 p.m.	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
ABSENT						x			

OTHERS PRESENT	POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT
Dr. Palestis	Interim Superintendent	x	
Dr. Lacatena	Assistant Superintendent/ Education	Arrived 8:00 p.m.	
Mr. Norcia	Assistant Superintendent/ Student Services	Arrived 8:00 p.m.	
Mrs. Panagia	Director Human Resources	Arrived 8:00 p.m.	
Ms. Bartley	Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	x	
Ms. Ratcliffe-Lee	Assistant Business Administrator	x	
Mr. Green	Board Attorney		x

3. **Sunshine Statement**

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

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In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Fair Lawn Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof distributed to the persons on the approved list, posted in the Board of Education Administrative Office and sent to The Bergen Record and The Star Ledger.

The announcement/posting for the Work Session - Budget Meeting, along with the date, place and time thereof, was distributed on March 20, 2018.

The items to be discussed during the closed work session (if needed), of the Work Session - Budget Meeting may include personnel matters, student matters, legal matters, negotiations, and/or grievances, and tactics and techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property. The results of these discussions will be made public as soon as possible.

4. Flag Salute

5. Dr. Palestis presented the following items for discussion

1. Changing the Special Action Meeting of Monday, March 26, 2018 to start at 7:00 p.m.
Items for action at that meeting will be:
 - a. Vote to submit the budget to the County
 - b. Architect design services relating to the Referendum
 - c. Propose makeup day for snow - April 5, 2018
 - d. High School Principal appointment
 - e. HIB
2. Dr. Palestis introduced Brooke Bartley who explained significant items included in the 2018-2019 Budget.

The Board took straw polls on the budget items presented as follows:

Item # 1 - Four new teachers - Unanimous support for inclusion of this item in the budget

Item # 2 - "Special 3 Officers" - 7 members supported inclusion of this item in the budget

Item # 3 - Mental health - 8 members supported including \$220,000 for this item in the budget

Item # 4 - Security cameras - Unanimous to not include in this year's budget

Item # 5 - Security greeters - 5 members supported including 60,000 for this item in the budget

Item # 6 - School Safety Specialist/Director - 8 members supported inclusion of this item in the budget

Item # 7 - Accelerate technology infrastructure - 8 members supported inclusion of this item in the budget

Additionally, 8 members were in support of utilizing the withdrawal of \$600,000 from capital reserves to use for debt service.

In summary, the Board supported a 2018-2019 Budget that would increase the monthly tax on an average assessed value home by \$20.42

6. Items for Closed Session

1. Police Communication

Motion to Recess Into Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. Frenkel Seconded by Mr. Klein

All Members voted in the affirmative.

Board recessed into Closed Session at 9:48 p.m.

Motion for Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Cohen Seconded by Mrs Wallace.

All Members voted in the affirmative.

Board adjourned from Closed Session at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brooke Bartley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brooke Bartley

Business Administrator/Board Secretary