

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Budget Work Session in Thomas Edison School Room #19, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **March 5, 2020**.

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

1. The **Budget Work Session of March 5, 2020**, held at Thomas Edison School, Room #19 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. (11 members of the public were present).

2. **Roll Call**

BOARD MEMBERS	Mr. Banta	Dr. Cohen	Mrs. Frenkel	Mr. Itkin	Ms. Quackenbush	Mr. Rosenberg	Mr. Santana	Mr. Spindel	Mr. Barbarulo
PRESENT	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
ABSENT			X						

OTHERS PRESENT	Mr. Norcia <i>Superintendent</i>	Dr. Lacatena <i>Asst. Super. Education</i>	Mrs. DeFranco <i>Asst. Super. Student Services</i>	Mrs. Panagia <i>Director, HR</i>	Ms. Bartley <i>BA/Bd. Sec'y</i>	Ms. Ratcliffe-Lee <i>Asst. BA</i>	Mrs. Wellinghorst <i>Communications</i>	Mr. Green <i>Board Att'y</i>
PRESENT	X	X	X	X	X	X		
ABSENT							X	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 are discussed or acted upon.

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** along with the date, place and time thereof, was distributed on **March 2, 2020**.

The items to be discussed during the closed work session (if needed), of the **March 5, 2020-Work Session: Budget** 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. **Agenda**

Mr. Norcia opened the meeting with a brief overview of the budget process.

Ms. Brooke Bartley presented the 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Overview.

**Public Comments on Budget Presentation**

Soft borders, students in grades K-2.

**Board Comments on Agenda Budget Presentation**

Dr. Cohen asked for a historical increase schedule.

The status of the demographic study was requested.

Mr. Santana asks for an accounting of the Borough's contribution to the Special 3 costs and to put the yearly cost of the tax increase in the next presentation. He also would like to have the previous year's pie charts.

Dr. Cohen asked how the extra state aid affected the budget as far as income and expenses.

Thanks to the superintendent for the information that was provided to the Board.

Straw poll for an additional three (3) teachers. Unanimous 8 thumbs up.

**Motion for Adjournment**

**Motion By** Dr. Cohen **Seconded By** Mr. Santana that the **March 5, 2020**, Work Session be adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Bartley  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary