

**Special Meeting- Adoption of Preliminary 2009/2010 Budget**  
March 16, 2009

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Fair Lawn, New Jersey**  
**Special Meeting**

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The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Special Public Meeting to adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2009/2010 School Year in the Conference Room of the Thomas Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, **on Monday, March 16, 2009.**

The meeting was called to order by President Wallace at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present**

Mrs. Frenkel, Mr. Gillenson, Mr. Mancinelli, Mr. Rosenberg, Mrs. Yourman (arrived at 7:22 P.M.),  
Mrs. Yuskaitis, Mrs. Wallace

**Members Absent**

Mr. Banta, Mr. Carter

**Others Present**

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Judy Moran, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources

**Public**

There were no members from the public present.

**Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by President Wallace.

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**Sunshine Statement - Chapter 231, Laws of 1975**

President Wallace 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'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Watson presented the 2009/2010 tentative budget by category. He explained the funding and tax impact, which is at 3.88%; below the allowable 4.66%. Mr. Watson thanked the entire Central Office staff for their time and dedication throughout this difficult budget process.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON PRESENTATION**

**BOARD:**

- Mrs. Yourman had a question regarding salaries. Mrs. Panagia responded.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Mrs. Wallace asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Mr. Rosenberg moved and Mrs. Frenkel seconded the motion to recess at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose of discussing legal matters. All members voted in the affirmative.*

*7-0-0  
Motion Carried*

**OPEN SESSION:**

*Mrs. Wallace asked for a motion to return to open session Mr. Mancinelli moved and Mrs. Frenkel seconded the motion to return to open session at 8:19 P.M. All members voted in the affirmative.*

*7-0-0  
Motion Carried*

**Business Administrator's Report is as follows:**

*Mr. Gillenson moved and Mrs. Frenkel seconded the motion to accept motion #1.*

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**Business Administrator / Board Secretary's Report**  
**For the Period Ending March 16, 2009**

**Action Items:**

**1. Submitting Budget to County Office**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education approve a preliminary School District Budget for the FY 2009/2010 School Year for submission to the County Office and voters as follows:

	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Local Tax Levy</u></b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$79,762,144	\$68,935,957
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>	\$ 1,729,127	n/a
<b>Total Debt Service Fund</b>	<u>\$ 1,922,563</u>	<u>\$ 1,848,138</u>
<b>Totals</b>	\$83,413,834	\$70,784,095

*All members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Mrs. Yourman who abstained.*

*6-0-1*  
*Motion Carried*

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**BOARD:**

- Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Frenkel expressed their support for the budget and the programs it represents in spite of the difficult economic times, the value of keeping teachers in the classroom and the continuity it brings to education.
- Mr. Mancinelli stressed the importance of the bond that exists between administration and faculty. The productivity of the staff is a product of the positive culture of the district. Fair Lawn's culture delivers the best possible educational services.
- Mrs. Yourman stated that her abstention "does not mean she doesn't support the budget". She does not feel she has enough information to vote for it.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Watson will be presenting the new calendar at the next Board meeting.
- Mr. Watson gave an update on the NJSIAA issue.
- The Middle School interview process will be starting on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We have approximately 2 or 3 excellent candidates.

*Mr. Mancinelli moved and Mrs. Frenkel seconded motion to adjourn at 8:39 P.M.*

*7-0-0*  
**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Joanne Wilson  
Business Administrator / Board Secretary