

**Public Hearing Adoption of the 2010/2011 Budget
March 31, 2010**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Fair Lawn, New Jersey
Public Hearing**

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The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Public Hearing to adopt the Annual Budget for the 2010/2011 School Year in the Auditorium of Fair Lawn High School, 1400 Berdan Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, **on Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**

The meeting was called to order by President Banta at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Mr. Banta, Mr. Barbarulo (arrived at 8:00 P.M.), Mrs. Frenkel, Mr. Gillenson, Mr. Mancinelli, Mr. Rosenberg, Mrs. Yourman, Mrs. Yuskaitis, Mrs. Wallace

Members Absent

None

Others Present

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

Public

There were approximately 170 members of the public present.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by President Banta.

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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).

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Watson presented the 2010/2011 Proposed Budget. The presentation is also available on the Fair Lawn Schools Website in its entirety so that the public may review it at their convenience. The budget supports the Superintendent's Districts Goals for success for each and every student, and quality and continuous improvement.

Mr. Watson gave a brief history of Fair Lawn school funding up to the present, the revenue expense planning process for the budget and the tax impact. This budget represents a responsible 4.3% tax increase. The average assessed home value at \$411,311 will see an approximate increase in taxes of \$21.16 a month.

Mr. Watson reviewed the impressive results of Standardized Tests as compared to other districts in our district factor group. Teachers and parents are doing a great job in help children focus on learning. He reviewed the affected programs, services, personnel reductions, and district initiatives that remain. Given the very challenging timelines and huge loss of State Aid these results are not final. Mr. Watson explained the variables that have yet to occur which may help lessen the need for reductions to some degree.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Approximately thirty members of the public asked Mr. Watson questions and made comments on all aspects of the budget process. The comments and questions includes issues surrounding teaching and staff negotiations, class size, and how personnel and programs could be effected.

Mr. Watson answered all questions and closed with comments supporting the budget and the hard work from all staff members.

Business Administrator's Report is as follows:

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**Business Administrator/ Board Secretary's Report
Budget Public Hearing-March 31, 2010**

Action Item:

Adoption of Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fair Lawn Board of Education adopt the annual School District Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year, for submission to the voters, in the total amount of **\$81,805,789**, as listed:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	78,409,741	71,900,203 *
Total Special Revenue Fund	1,449,964	-0-
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>1,946,084</u>	<u>1,928,310</u>
	\$81,805,789	\$73,828,513

- \$206,808 of allowable automatic tax adjustments are included in the proposed General Fund Tax Levy.

All members voted in the affirmative with the exception of Mrs. Yourman who voted no.

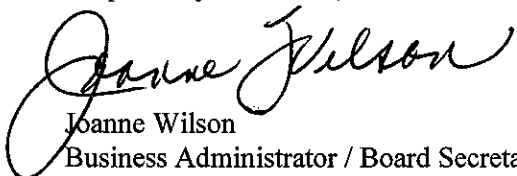
**8-1-0
Motion Carried**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Banta asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Mrs. Frenkel moved and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion to recess at 9:50P.M for the purpose of discussing legal matters. All members voted in the affirmative.

**9-0-0
Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,


Joanne Wilson
Business Administrator / Board Secretary