

April 1, 2009
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
QUAKERTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
Public Hearing on the Budget

I. Call to Order

Open Public Meeting Announcement

"In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notices have been given of tonight's meeting in area newspapers, which include the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express-Times and posted on the bulletin board by the main office of the Franklin Township School, sent to the Township Clerk, and to all Board of Education members on March 10, 2009. Mrs. Wright opened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call - Barbara A. Tudek, Interim SBA/BS

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	X	A. Burdick	X	D. Cook	X
P. DiGiambattista	X	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	X
K. Weiss	X	T. Wolak	X	D. Wright, Pres.	X

Others present: Mrs. Barbara A. Tudek and Dr. James Dwyer

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentation of the 2009-10 School Budget - Dr. James Dwyer and Barbara Tudek

V. Public Comments

Mrs. Campbell commended the board on the keeping the budget increase down when the state average is in the area of 6%. Mrs. Campbell questioned why the state aid is slightly lower than the current year when the Department of Education posted a notice that the state aid will remain the same.

Mrs. Tudek stated that the current year reflects approximately \$14,000 in extraordinary aid that is not allowed in the FY 2010 budget but will be funded later in the year.

Mrs. Campbell commented on the fact that the tax levy for the North Hunterdon High School portion will be going down.

Mrs. Minarik expressed concern about reducing the guidance position the 80% in the proposed budget. She asked the board to reconsider the change in the guidance position.

Mrs. Austad expressed concern about parents not getting out to vote because there is no increase in tax.

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Mrs. Gordon inquired about the terminology Budgeted Fund Balance.

Mrs. Tudek explained that the budgeted fund balance is surplus from prior years that is applied to the budget to offset the tax levy.

- VI. Motion** to transfer interest monies earned on the unspent bond proceeds during the bidding period from Capital Projects to the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of tax reduction within the Debt Service fund.

Motion by Mrs. Burdick seconded by Mr. Campbell

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved to adopt the 2009-10 school budget in the amount of \$5,709,418 and to raise \$4,934,245 through a local tax levy for the general fund (which will be voted on April 21, 2009).

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sp. Rev.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance Appropriated	263,626		263,626
Local Tax Levy	4,934,245		4,934,245
Miscellaneous Rev.	50,000		50,000
State Aid	366,889		366,889
Spec. Rev.		94,658	94,658
TOTAL	\$ 5,614,760	94,658	5,709,418

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

Motion to approve the Debt Service amount of \$654,929 for the 2009-2010 school budget which includes \$125,000 of unspent bond proceeds plus \$529,929 in local tax levy.

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Ms. Vail

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

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VII. Executive Session

Adopt the Following Resolution

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED *by the Franklin Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4 -13 and 10:4 -12 that said public body hold a closed session on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, negotiations, and legal matters. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.*

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss a 8:06 p.m. Motion Carried

VIII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:05 p.m.

Moved Ms. Vail Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

IX. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Moved Wolak Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried