

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
QUAKERTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education**

Public Hearing on the Budget Minutes
March 29, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order

Open Public Meeting Announcement 7:37 PM

"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 22, 2010.

II. Roll Call - John A. Gomez, SBA/BS

K. Weiss, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
J. Foran	Absent	N. Reed	Absent	T. Schultz	Y
L. Vail	Y	T. Wolak	Absent	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentation of the

2010-2011 School Budget - Dr. Chrys Harttraft and Mr. John Gomez

Mr. Piparo opened the hearing by welcoming the public to the budget hearing for the budget year 2010-2011. Mr. Piparo reviewed how the process of formulating the budget had been a challenge due to the shortened preparation time. Mr. Piparo then proceeded with the presentation of the 2010-2011 budget. After the presentation Mr. Piparo informed the public that the presentation would be posted on the schools website.

V. Public Comments

The next portion of the meeting was dedicated to questions from the public.

Christopher Crisologo stated that he understood the difficulties the school faced with the budget. Mr. Crisologo asked if anyone knew how many households in town had children attending the school. Mr. Crisologo said that efforts need to be made to educate the public on how this budget impacts education.

There were several questions regarding transportation costs and why there were no cuts in these costs. The public was informed that due to Franklin Township only having hazardous routes there was no way to get rid of any routes.

Mr. John Drwal inquired why there were no cuts to administrative costs and why there were so many positions. He stated that someone needs to look at administrative costs and that the voters would also look at administrative costs negatively. Discussion took place regarding a separation of duties and Dr. Harttraft gave an outline of the school supervisor's duties.

Chris Creely inquired if anyone has looked at cutting paper costs by using backpacks more instead of mailings. The response detailed efforts to be paperless.

Dolores Wright inquired about the average assessed value of a home in Franklin Township.

