

**FRELINGHUYSEN HSA
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2010**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Helen Quinn, Cathy Oettinger, Debbie Sebiri, Michele Murray, Allison Amati, Barbara Kardaras, Barbara Burgess, Donna Munther, Tobi Goldman, Kris Fallon, Sue Coven

Presentation/Q&A :

Dr. Ficarra presented the 2010-2011 Morris School District budget, addressing loss of the district's \$3M surplus and the larger than expected cut in state aid. Main points included:

- The goal is to preserve the regular school day program.
- Class size maintained for K-12.
- Grants will cover cuts in budget for staff development.
- Preserving Honors, AP and languages at HS; interscholastic athletics, fine/visual/performing arts and co-curricular activities.
- Infrastructure projects have been paid for without loans and \$900K remains in budget for maintenance.
- Less than 1% of the budget is for debt service.
- The budget must pass to prevent it from going to the town councils to be revised.

Principal's Update:

- Parents should sign up to receive the daily bulletin via email to get FMS information.
- NJASK testing coming up: 4/27 – 30 (7th/8th grades) and 5/3 – 6 (6th grade); letter will be mailed regarding 9:15 bus pickup; NJASK “Academy” to prepare select students will be held for 7-8 days.
- 5th grade guidance meetings have taken place.
- Visionary Planning Board is working on 5 year plan. 21st Century learning is at a critical juncture.
- Naglieri testing for grades 6 – 8 is coming up.

President's Update:

- There will be an initiative by the HSAs to “Get Out the Vote”

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February 2010 minutes was made by Tobi Goldman and seconded by Barbara Kardaras.

Next HSA meeting: Tuesday, April 20th at 1:00 pm at FMS. This is also Election Day.

FMS and the HSA encourages voters to vote in the School Budget election on April 20th!

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm.