

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2008**

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 April 30, 2007. Mrs. Wright opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call - Gloria Gross, SBA/BS

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>X</u>	A. Burdick	<u>X</u>	S. Campbell	<u>X</u> arr@7:10
D. Cook	<u>X</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>Absent</u>	J. Foran	<u>Absent</u>
N. Reed	<u>X</u>	T. Wolak	<u>X</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>X</u>

III. Flag Salute

IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the following meeting with the following correction..It should be noted under Other Board Matters that Ms. Cook had made an inquiry about recycling:

- January 14, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- January 14, 2008 - Executive Session - this was not voted on pending changes
Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

Mrs. Gross gave out the dates covering the election and meeting dates.

Motion to approve the following meetings: Change March 10, 2008 to March 3, 2008; change March 31, 2008 to March 19, 2008 and change April 14, 2008 to April 7, 2008.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

VI. Presentations

- Rural Awareness - Representatives from this organization spoke to the Board about donating a millstone which comes from a mill in Franklin and dates to the 1770's.
- Dallas Taylor - Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Winner - Miss. Taylor was unable to attend the meeting but will come to a future meeting.

VII. Update on Construction

- No word from the State at this time. The Board asked Mr. Johnston to write letter to the state agencies.

VIII. Public Comments - Mr. Rozycki asked if the public could contact some of the officials at the state to try to move them along.

Mrs. Wright recognized Diane Burgess, township committeewoman and board liaison.

IX. Consent Agenda

The matters listed below have been referred to the Board for reading and studying and are to be considered routine. They will be enacted with one motion. If separate discussion is desired, an item may be removed by Board assent.

A. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following field trip application:
 - Grade 4, Hugh Moore Park, May 13, 2008 (rain date 5/14/08)

2. **Approve** the links to the following organizations to be posted on the school district's website:
 - PTA
 - Rural Awareness

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:
 - Personnel Issues, February 5, 2008, Registration - \$90.00, mileage reimbursement, \$56.75 - 1 staff member
 - Dealing with and Managing Board Member Relations, April 17, 2008, Registration - \$90.00, mileage reimbursement -\$56.75, 1 staff member
 - Special Education, June 3, 2008, Registration - \$90.00, mileage reimbursement - \$56.75, 1 staff member
 - Budget Rollout Meeting, January 31, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$43.94, 2 staff members
 - Preparing for Your Public Hearing, February 27, 2008, Registration - \$250.00, mileage reimbursement - \$84.84, 2 staff members
 - NJASK Training - February 6, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$50.50 - 2 staff members
 - 2008 NJAHPERD Annual Convention, February 26, 2008, Registration - \$50.00, mileage reimbursement, \$20.20 - 1 staff member
 - Science Articulation, January 31, 2008 and February 7, 2008, mileage reimbursement, \$10.10 - 1 staff member
 - Winter Athletic Director's Meeting, 2/8/08, mileage reimbursement, \$4.04 - 1 staff member

2. **Approve** the following course application (balance of 07-08 account as of November 12, 2007 is \$4,488):
 - Barry Kramer, Dissertation Research, Lehigh University, Spring 2008 - \$776.00 (previously approved by the Board as a 1 credit course, now it is a 3 credit course).

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility request:
 - Franklin Township Recreation, Summer Program, classrooms, All Purpose Room, Gym, Fields, July 14 - 25, 2008, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the January 2008 bill list in the amount of \$346,999.23.
2. **Approve** the January 2008 bill list in the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$6,143.85.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

1. **Approve** the student council dance for grades 7 and 8 in the all purpose room on February 1, 2008, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

G. Motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Campbell to approve the above stated consent agenda items. Items #A-2 and #C-1 were removed prior to the vote.

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>Y</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	S. Campbell	<u>Y</u>
D. Cook	<u>Y</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>A</u>	J. Foran	<u>A</u>
N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

X. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION: Superintendent's Report - Karen A. Lewis

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. Professional Development Plan for 08-09 was approved by the County Office
- c. The QAAR for the 06-07 school year has been reviewed by the County Office and it was found to be consistent with code requirements.
- d. Child Study Team Transition Meetings
- e. QSAC Schedule for Franklin Township
- f. CAP Program
- g. Martin Luther King, Jr. Activities
- h. Spirit Week
- i. Parent Meetings
- j. Report on Commissioner's meeting

B. FACILITIES

No Action Items

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Reports**, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for November, 2007.

- b. **Motion** to approve the Line Item Transfers from November 15, 2007 to January 16, 2008.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

- c. **Motion** by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Cook to adopt the following resolutions:

1. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3** the board secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) for November 2007.

2. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4** the board of education certifies, after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's November 2007 financial reports, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>Y</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	S. Campbell	<u>Y</u>
D. Cook	<u>Y</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>A</u>	J. Foran	<u>A</u>
N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

- d. Construction Manager Budget Buyout reconciled with Business Administrator Financial Report.

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

1. Policy # 9326 - Update - Motion to approve the first reading of Policy #9326.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. Informational Item:

a. Budget and Election Dates - February 25 - nominating petitions due, March 5 drawing for positions on the ballot, March 19 - earliest date to hold a public hearing and April 15 - school election.

b. **Motion** to accept the millstone donation from Rural Awareness with the location and installation to be determined at a later date.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion carried

G. NEW BUSINESS

XI. 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 Monday, January 28, 2008 for the purpose of discussing hiring of personnel, litigation

regarding the N.S. and P.S. matter, possible litigation with Edwards Engineering and The Prisco Group, and contractual issues with Frank Bell. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken. The Board convened into closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

XII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:44 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

Mrs. Campbell left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

XIII. PERSONNEL

A. **Motion** by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Cook to hire Penny Trionfo as part time (.6) instructional aide for the 07-08 school year at a salary of \$14,790 (to be prorated) beginning Tuesday, January 29, 2008, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>Y</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	S. Campbell	<u>A</u>
D. Cook	<u>Y</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>A</u>	J. Foran	<u>A</u>
N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

XIV. Other Board Business

The Board discussed communications received by the Business Administrator and Superintendent and copied to the Board. Mrs. Lewis suggested that if something comes that pertains to Board issues it will be copied and discussed at an upcoming Board meeting. If a board member would like a copy they can request one.

XV. Public Comments - Mrs. Vail voiced concern over the Board's pending policy on the taping of meetings. Mrs. Austad mentioned a Pine Hill case on the taping of meetings. Mrs. Jones put a plug in for Rural Awareness's October 25 house tour.

Mrs. Lewis is getting an estimate on the parking lot repair.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross
Business Administrator/Board Secretary