

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2007**

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 7:04.

II. Roll Call - Gloria Gross, SBA/BS

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>X</u>	A. Burdick	<u>X</u>	S. Campbell	<u>X</u>
D. Cook	<u>X</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>X</u> arr@7:18	J. Foran	<u>X</u> arr@7:05
N. Reed	<u>X</u>	T. Wolak	<u>X</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>X</u>

III. Flag Salute

IV. Correspondence

- Hunterdon County School Boards Association
- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District
- Letters from Mr. Burdick
- Mr. & Mrs. Roberts
- Quakertown Education Association

V. 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, October 15, 2007 for the purpose of possible litigation and personnel issues. 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 executive session at 7:07 p.m.*

Moved Mrs. Campbell Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

VI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:15 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

VII. Construction Update - Mr. Tillou explained the bids and negotiated prices which he had obtained for the project. Mr. Gagliardi, board attorney, explained the resolution which the Board would be acting on with regard to the project.

VIII. Public Comments

Mr. Stryker commented on his role on the advisory committee for the building project. Mrs. Cargill asked about the citizen's complaint and how it can stop a project. Mrs. Gorab, bonding attorney, answered that a project is a mandate and cannot be cancelled but could be changed but the amount of funding from the state would be reduced and could be eliminated.

Mr. Piparo commented on the use of the interest for the project.

Mr. Dahan voiced his concern about the project being changed and cost overruns if the Board cannot use the interest earned on the bonds.

Mrs. Muehlbauer commented on the construction project and the amount of money already spent. She feels a new demographic study needs to be done.

Mr. Connor made a comment on the project and the timeline.

Mr. Burdick read the letter sent to him by the head of fiscal compliance for the state. He reviewed the points of his letter to the state.

Mrs. Gordon asked about Mrs. Burdick's ability to sit on the Board when her husband has filed a complaint with the state. Mr. Gagliardi said that she had recused herself from the discussion in executive session and there was no violation concerning her seat on the Board.

Mrs. Lundgren said she is new to the community and has four children in the school.

Mrs. Borland voiced her concern about the project.

IX. Superintendent's Report

- A. Enrollment
- B. Rotary Club
- C. School Safety Week
- D. Red Ribbon Week
- E. Assemblies
- F. Project with Exxon Corporation
- G. Report on Fall Retreat/Professional Development
- H. Report on meeting with the Booster Club
- I. PA System - Mrs. Lewis said we are getting quotes
- J. Maintenance Staffing
- K. Fire Inspection
- L. Presentation of 07-08 District Goals

X. Curriculum/Education

- A. **Motion** to approve the district goals for the 07-08 school year.
Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried (Mr. Duckworth abstained)
- B. Discussion of 5th grade trip to Duke Farm.

- C. **Motion** to approve the following field trips:
- Grade 5 to Duke Farm, Bike Tour, October 29 & 30, 2007
 - Grade 7 to the Liberty Science Center, December 5, 2007.
 - Gifted and Talented trips for the 07-08 school year through the North Hunterdon Enrichment Consortium.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- D. **Motion** by Mr. Foran and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the K-8 Mathematics curriculum.

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

XI. Facilities

- A. **Motion** to approve the following use of facility requests:

- Girl Scouts, Art Room, Thursdays, 12/13/07, 2/14/08, 3/13/08, 4/10/08, 5/8/08, 6/12/08, 3:20 - 5:00 p.m.
- PTA, Tricky Tray, Gym, April 12, 2008, 5:00 p.m - 12:00 a.m.
- PTA, APR, Snowflake Ball II, January 25, 2008, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- PTA, After School Program - "Destination Imagination", Music Room, 1/28/08, 2/4/08, 2/11/08, 2/25/08, 3/3/08, 3/10/08, 3/17/08, 3/18/08, 3/19/08, 3/20/08, 3/31/08, 4/1/08, 4/2/08, 4/3/08, 4/4/08, 3:20 - 4:45 p.m.
- Franklin Township Recreation, Gym, Tues., Wed., Thurs, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., November 19, 2007 - February 25, 2008, Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Dec. 1, 2007 - February 23, 2008.
- PTA - Booster Club, Sports Banquet, APR, November 6, 2007, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Cub Scouts, Gym, 11/15/07, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried(Mr. Foran abstained)

- B. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Foran to approve the following resolution reserving action in connection with the additions and alterations project at the Franklin Township School

Whereas, there exists a need for certain construction work at the Franklin Township School; and

Whereas, on December 14, 2004 the voters approved at a special school election a referendum to proceed with the expansion and renovations of the Franklin Township school pursuant to a bond proposal; and

Whereas, multiple bid openings have been held in connection with the aforementioned project; and

Whereas, an inquiry has been made about whether the Board may transfer interest accrued from referendum bond proceeds from the Board's General Budget to the Capital Budget to fund the work which is the subject of these bids; and

Whereas, the Board desires to utilize the interest proceeds from the bond to partly fund this work; and

Whereas, in response to a written protest by a local citizen, Robert J. Cicchino, Director of Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance for the New Jersey Department of Education, has indicated in writing that his office will investigate whether such a transfer is permissible; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education desires to utilize proceeds from the bond referendum only in full compliance with the letter and spirit of the law,

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby reserves action on awarding contracts in connection with this project, pending completion of the aforementioned investigation; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with Counsel to the Board, is hereby directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions to facilitate the State's inquiry and to urge that it be completed as expeditiously as possible.

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>Y</u>	J. Foran	<u>Y</u>
N. Reed	<u>N</u>	T. Wolak	<u>N</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

- C. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Foran to approve the following resolution for the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the school facilities of the Franklin Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and keep the system warranties valid,

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Franklin Township School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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>Y</u>	J. Foran	<u>Y</u>
N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

- C. **Motion** to approve the renewal application for substandard instructional space for the 07-08 school year.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

XII. Transportation

XIII. PERSONNEL

- A. **Motion** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Fran Fedyna, School Supervisor, to begin her retirement on December 1, 2007.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- B. **Motion** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Connie Evans, Resource Center Teacher, to begin her retirement on January 1, 2008.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- C. **Motion** to approve the following professional day requests:

- NJASBO Pension Seminar, 10/18/07, \$100 registration, \$40.74 mileage - 1 staff member
- NJASBO monthly meetings, October 2007 - June 2008, \$126.10 mileage - 1 staff member
- Athletic Director Meeting, 10/18/07, \$3.88 mileage - 1 staff member
- The Challenges Our Youth Face Annual Conference, 10/25/07, \$15.00 registration, \$4.85 mileage - 1 staff member
- Annual Cheer and Dance Fall Coaches Forum, 10/28/07, \$20.00 registration, \$24.25 reimbursement - 1 staff member

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- D. **Motion** to approve the following substitute teacher:

- Susan Ellen Marcantuono

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- E. **Motion** to hire Richelle Russillo, as an emergent hire, as a bus aide at a rate of \$17.00 per hour upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to criminal background check.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

XIV. Finance

- A. **Motion** to retroactively approve the placement of 1 preschool disabled special education student to attend Stanton Learning Center for 10 hours weekly for the 07-08 school year at a cost of \$1960.80.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- B. **Motion** to retroactively approve the purchase of 27 MacBook laptop computers from Apple Computer Inc. under the state contract number A81253 in the amount of \$29,891.88 using REAP carryover funds.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- C. **Motion** to approve the submission of the FY 2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Grant application in the following amounts:

Title II	\$10, 163
Title III	\$ 1
Title IV	\$ 901
Title V	\$ 546

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- D. **Motion** to approve the renewal of the automated calling service through US Netcom Corporation effective October 21, 2007 at a cost of \$1,155 for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- E. **Motion** to approve a contract with Children's Therapy Services to provide occupational therapy services 1 hour per week per student at an hourly rate of \$82.70 for 2 special education students in an out of district placement for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

XV. Board Matters

- A. **Motion** to approve the following Board workshops:
- NJSBA Convention, October 24 -26, 2007, \$525.00 registration, \$1160 hotel, \$273.54 mileage, 2 Employees, 1 Board Member

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

- XVI. **New Business** - The Board discussed the letter from Mr. & Mrs. Roberts requesting that their son who is home schooled participate in the school basketball team. It will be discussed further at the next meeting. According to Board policy this is not allowed.

XVII. Policy

- A. Revision - 9010 Role of the Board Member
B. Policy 9270 adopted on 9/24/07 to be inserted in policy books.

- XVIII. **Public Comments** - Mr. Burdick commented on a "you tube" moment.

- XVI. **Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Campbell Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross
Business Administrator/Board Secretary