

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 29, 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 7:00.*

**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>	J. Foran	<u>X</u> arr@8:15
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 meetings:

- September 24, 2007 - Regular Meeting
- October 15, 2007 - Regular Meeting

Moved Mr. Campbell                      Second Mrs. Cook                      Motion Carried

There was a correction for the September 24 meeting. Mrs. Reed did not object to the project but objected to the resolution when our attorney was not present. Mr. Tillou had said that the soil borings were included in the spec and Mr. Bell said they were not.

**V. Correspondence**

- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

**VI. Construction Update** Mrs. Lewis informed the Board that she had spoken to both Lisa Gorab and Tom Johnston regarding a letter to the state concerning the use of interest money. There has been no information recently from anyone else.

**VII. Public Comments**

Mr. Magala had given a letter to the Board concerning his desire for the position as boys basketball coach.

Mr. Burdick referenced an article in the Star Ledger and also asked what the Board Attorney's hourly rate was. He feels he is the only one that knows the law. He informed the Board and public that his complaint with the Government Records Council would be decided on Wednesday.

Mr. Connor asked about if and when the grant would expire. He feels the scope of work has changed.

Mrs. DiGiambattista asked about the Prisco Group. She spoke in favor of the project and

wants a compromise.

Mrs. Vail urged the Board to unify and feels the project should go forward.

Mr. Weiss feels the town will lose the sense of community if the project does not move forward.

Mrs. Cargill urged the Board to do the right thing. She voiced her concern over Mrs. Burdick serving as a Board member when her husband has filed a complaint against the district.

Mrs. Borland said she did not understand the reasoning behind the citizen's complaint.

Ms. Austad said she had contacted the agency doing the investigation and they told her it would take three months. She also contacted Leonard Lance and Marsha Karrow for their assistance.

### VIII. 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.

**Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the below stated consent agenda items.

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

The motion failed.

#### A. EDUCATION

No Consent Items

#### B. PERSONNEL

1. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following personnel motions:

- Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, February 11 & 12, 2008, Registration - \$160.00, Mileage - \$110.58, 1 staff member
- North Hunterdon Science Articulation - Mileage reimbursement - \$4.85, 1 staff member
- OPRA Seminar, Registration - \$230, Mileage reimbursement - \$81.48, 2 staff members
- NHHS Transition for Special Education - Mileage reimbursement - \$9.70

2. **Approve** the submission of emergent hire forms for Jens Kjar, a custodian contracted through Aramark, for approval from the County Superintendent

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

#### C. FACILITIES

1. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following use of facility requests:

- PTA, Holiday workshop, Room #21, December 5-7, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- PTA, Getting to Know You Program, APR, every other Tuesday, beginning 1/8/08 through 5/13/08, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- Girl Scouts, Art Room, Wednesdays, November 14, 2007 and the 1st Wednesday of the month December 2007 - June 2008, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- PTA Tricky Tray, gym, change of date to March 1, 2008 (previously approved for April 12), 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., set up on February 29, 2008, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

#### D. BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following business motions:

**Approve** the October 2007 bill list in the amount of \$525,462.53.

2. **Approve** the October 2007 bill list in the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$5,760.20.

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

The motion failed.

**Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following business motions:

**Approve** the amended October 2007 bill list removing check #6963 in the amount of \$303.25 for a revised total of \$525,159.28.

**Approve** the October 2007 bill list in the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$5,760.20.

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

#### E. POLICY

No consent items

#### F. OTHER MATTERS

1. **Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by M. Campbell to approve the following other matters:

The 8th grade dinner dance at Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club on June 5, 2008, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

2. **Approve** the 8th grade lunch cruise with Spirit Cruises on April 3, 2008.
3. **Accept** the donation of volleyball uniforms from an anonymous party.

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

## IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

#### 1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment - 346
- b. Staffing - advertising for an additional aide
- c. Fire Inspection Update - has been completed
- d. Meeting with Exxon - will be working with science teachers in 4th grade.
- e. Special cleaning detail - everything has been disinfected.
- f. Test of emergency notification system
- g. Fence request - neighbor (Mr. Foran arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

#### 2. Review of Substance Abuse Prevention Program

**Motion** to approve the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

Moved Mrs. Campbell                      Second Mr. Foran                      Motion Carried

#### 3. Discussion/Action Item:

- a. Discussion of 07-08 Nursing Plan.
- b. **Motion** to approve the 07-08 Nursing Plan.  
                          Moved Mr. Foran                      Second Mr. Campbell                      Motion Carried

#### 4. Mrs. Lewis presented the 06-07 Quality Assurance Annual Report.

#### 5. Public Hearing to Present School Violence and Vandalism Information to the public and to share the 2006-07 report with the public.

Mrs. Lewis presented all acts of violence and vandalism which occurred during the 2006-07 school year. She referred to a report on Franklin Township School District's 2006-07 school year violence and vandalism data submitted under the Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System to the New Jersey Department of Education. There were no comments from the public with regard to this report.

### B. FACILITIES

#### 1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to accept the following quotes for a new intercom system:
  - System Sales Corporation - \$8,525
  - T & M Telecommunications - \$10,475
  - Bingham Communications - \$9,500

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried (8-1- Mr. Duckworth)

- b. **Motion** to award a contract for the purchase of a new intercom system to System Sales Corporation in the amount of \$8,525.

Moved Mrs. Campbell      Second Mr. Foran      Motion Carried (8-1-Mr. Duckworth)

**C. BUSINESS**

**1. Financial Reports:**

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

- b. **Motion** by Mr. Foran and seconded by Mrs. Campbell 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 August 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 August 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.    Y      A. Burdick      Y      S. Campbell      Y  
D. Cook                    Y      P. Duckworth Y      J. Foran                Y  
N. Reed                    Y      T. Wolak        Y      D. Wright, Pres.      Y

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

**2. Action Items:**

- a. **Motion** to approve Warren County Special Services School District to provide Occupational Services, as needed, for the 2007-08 school year, at a rate of \$90.00 per hour for occupational therapy and \$325.00 per occupational therapy evaluation.

Moved Mrs. Campbell      Second Mr. Foran      Motion Carried

- b. **Motion** to approve the placement of 1 special education student to attend East Amwell Township School's half day preschool disabled class for the 2007-08 school year at the amount of \$11,330.96.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

- c. **Motion** to approve a contract with Debra Baumann Consulting to provide behavior observations/evaluations for special education students at a rate of \$90.00 per hour for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

- d. **Motion** to approve a hardware maintenance agreement with Computer Services of North Jersey for three PC's at a cost of \$759.00 from October 22, 2007 to October 21, 2008.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

#### D. TRANSPORTATION

##### 1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve transportation through the ESC for 1 special education student to attend East Amwell Township School's half day preschool disabled class for the 2007-08 school year.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

#### E. POLICY

##### 1. Information/Discussion:

- a. First reading of policy 9010 - Role of the Board Member
- b. Discussion of policy 6145 - Extracurricular Activities

The Board discussed the extracurricular policy and a parents request to have their home schooled child play on the school's sports teams. The Board decided not to change the policy.

The Board also discussed a policy for taping of meetings other than executive sessions.

#### F. BOARD MATTERS

##### 1. Information Item:

- a. School District Accountability Act Training

Mr. Foran, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Gross each reported on the workshops they attended at the annual School Boards Convention.

**G. NEW BUSINESS** Mrs. Campbell felt that the Board should go on record with the Department of Treasury, Better Business Bureau and the State Business Registration agency opposing the Prisco Group's lack of service to the district. The Board discussed having an information meeting to explain to the public how the project had changed. It was decided to hold a work session meeting on November 5, 2007 with both the construction manager and architect to plan and discuss such a meeting. Mr. Duckworth asked if at a future meeting he could discuss Apple Computer for 10 or 15 minutes.

**Motion** to approve the Board Goal for the 2007-2008 school year which is to work with our community to support the mission for the Franklin Township School District.

Moved Mrs. Campbell      Second Mr. Campbell      Motion Carried 8-1 (Mr. Duckworth)

#### X. 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 29, 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 closed session at 9:47*

*p.m.*

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

**XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 11:05 p.m.**

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Ms. Cook      Motion Carried

**XII. PERSONNEL**

A. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Jeff Staples to be the Girls' Basketball Coach at the stipend of \$2,021 as per the QEA contract.

Moved Mrs. Burdick      Second Ms. Cook      Motion Carried

B. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Kathy Magaleski to be the Boys' Basketball Coach at the stipend of \$2,021 as per the QEA contract.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Ms. Cook      Motion Carried(8-1-Mrs. Reed)

**XIII. Other Board Business**

**Motion** to approve the following minutes as revised.

- September 24, 2007 - Executive Session
- October 15, 2007 - Executive Session

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Mrs. Campbell      Motion Carried

**XIV. Public Comments** - Mr. Burdick asked if the Board could not use the interest money if they would consider scaling down the project.

**XV. Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 11.10 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran      Second Ms. Cook      Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary