

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 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>Absent</u>
D. Cook	<u>X</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>X arr@7:10</u>	J. Foran	<u>Xarr@8:33</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 meetings:

- January 14, 2008 - Executive Session
- January 28, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- January 28, 2008 - Executive Session

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Campbell Mr. Duckworth abstained
Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- Hunterdon County School Boards Association
- GRC Ruling

VI. Presentations

- Dallas Taylor - Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Winner. At 8:30 Miss Taylor read her essay.

VII. Update on Construction

- No word from the State at this time.

VIII. Public Comments - Mr. Dahan expressed concern about the timeline in contacting the state. He is worried we could lose our grant. Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Lewis responded.

Mrs. Muehlbauer asked if there was an alternative plan if we lose the state's grant and have we looked into sending our middle school students to Clinton.

Mr. McPherson wanted to know where the Right to Know was being held and wanted to know if we could bring the county in and they would do it for free.

Rich Robinson asked about the power surge.

Mr. Burdick spoke about the construction project and his OPRA request which he had

received.

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

No consent items

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:

- Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Policy Workshop, March 7, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$5.05, 1 staff member
- Connecting Boys to Books - Practical Activities and Strategies that Engage Boys in Literacy, March 12, 2008, registration - \$195.00, mileage reimbursement - \$20.20, 1 staff member
- Right to Know Training, April 21, 2008 registration - \$195.00, mileage reimbursement - \$15.15, 3 staff members

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility requests:

- Hunterdon United Basketball, Gym, Wednesdays, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., March 12 - June, 2008
- Franklin Township Recreation, Egg Hunt, playground area, March 21, 2008, (raindate March 22, 2008) 8:00 a.m. - noon
- PTA, Spring Dance, APR, May 16, 2008, 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- Walkathon, May 29, 2008, softball and baseball fields, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (raindate is June 2, 2008)

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the following election items:

- The election will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Quakertown Firehouse.
- Drawing for position on the ballot will take place Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin Township School in the office of the Board Secretary.
- The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.
- The Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Approve** the February 2008 bill list in the amount of \$160,824.81.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. Motion by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

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>Y</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. Spelling Bee Winners
- c. Professional Development
- d. 2008-09 Budget Fixed Cost Worksheet
- e. Update on 3rd grade project
- f. JCP&L Update
- g. Parking Lot and Roof
- h. Recycling Update
- i. GRC Ruling
- j. Long Range Facilities Plan

B. FACILITIES

1. Discussion Items:

- a. **Motion** to approve the listed use of facilities only until the end of the school year pending construction.
 - North Hunterdon Little League - fields, 3 nights per week, April - July
 - Cherryville Baptist Church - fields, 2 nights per week, April - July

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

C. BUSINESS

No action items

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to adopt, after a second reading, policy # 9326, Minutes. This motion was not acted upon. The Board discussed Mrs. Burdick's changes. Mr. Johnston commented on the time line and also said that arbitrary conduct should be eliminated. Prior notice is needed to maintain an orderly meeting. Mrs. Burdick felt that a letter requesting permission to tape the meeting should be given for each meeting not a blanket letter covering all meetings. She also said that the person writing the letter should be the one videotaping. Mr. Johnston responded that he did not recommend a policy where the right to privacy was diminished. Mr. Campbell said the policy would be reworked. The Board indicated that they felt the Board President should be entrusted with discretion in making videotaping decisions to maintain an orderly meeting.

Motion to authorize Rural Awareness to send a township official to do an inspection of the one room schoolhouse for repairs and to generate a report.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

XV. Public Comments - Mr. Dahan commented on the power outage and the damage that may occur and we may want to shut down the main power source. He asked about the road department. He commented that "Free" is not really free, taxpayers pay. He asked if the roof was part of the building project. He commented on fixing the driveway aprons.

Mrs. Vail asked why documents requested by Mr. Burdick were not given to him. Mrs. Wright responded that it is a legal matter. She also asked if there were any grievances. She was referring to Mr. Burdick's comments. Mrs. Wright responded that there were no grievances. She is concerned about the Board not allowing any links on the website.

Mrs. DiGiambattista commented on the webpage and asked why the links are a problem. She is concerned about the booster club.

Mr. Burdick asked Mrs. Wright to change her comment about litigation to "public action". Mrs. Wright said she would not comment in the attorney's absence.

Mr. McPherson commented about the phone outage.

Mr. Chrisologo wanted to clarify the use of facilities and that he would use the girl's softball fields and he is flexible.

Mrs. Piparo commented on the power outage.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross
Business Administrator/Board Secretary