

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 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 7:07p.m.

II. Roll Call - Gloria Gross, SBA/BS

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>X</u>	A. Burdick	<u>X</u>	S. Campbell	<u>A</u>
D. Cook	<u>A</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>X</u>	J. Foran	<u>X</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:

- February 11, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- February 11, 2008 - Executive Session

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

V. Correspondence

- Gloria Gross
- Mrs. Wright had received a letter which was unsigned but the envelope indicated it was from by Ms. Austad. All board members will get a copy.

VI. Update on Construction

- No word from the State at this time.

VII. Public Comments - Mr. Connor asked about the mandate to go forward with the referendum that had been referred to by Ms. Gorab at the open hearing in the fall. Mrs. Wright said she would get that information to him. Mr. Robinson asked about the payment to Mr. Tillou and the architect. Ms. Vail asked whether the water tanks which were included in the referendum could move forward or must we wait until the citizen's complaint is decided.

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.

A. EDUCATION

No consent items

B. PERSONNEL

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

- Annual CDK User Meeting, May 16, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$24.24, 1 staff member
- NJAGC Annual Conference “Leaping into Action for Gifted Children”, February 29, 2008, Registration -\$227.99, mileage reimbursement - \$40.40, 1 staff member
- LETRS Training, April 11, 2008, Registration - \$265.00, mileage reimbursement - \$34.04, 1 staff member
- NJASK 5-8 Training, April 2, 2008, Mileage Reimbursement - \$101.00 - 2 staff members
- Plan Today, Prepared Tomorrow, February 29, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$57.07, 1 staff member

C. FACILITIES

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

- Booster Club, Sports Banquet, APR, March 6, 2008, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- PTA, APR, General Meeting, April 1, 2008, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- Rural Awareness, Candidate’s Night, Gym, April 8, 2008 (alternate date 4/9/08), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- PTA, Room 24, Storytime with Dr. Petersen, March 4, 2008, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Cub Scouts, Winter Klondike, playground area, March 16, 2008, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- PTA Ice Cream Social, APR(for ice cream), Gym, G.T. Room, April 15, 2008, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- Theatre Works has been rescheduled for February 29, 2008

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the February 2008 bill list in the amount of \$647,874.31.
2. **Approve** the February 2008 bill list in the Capital Projects Account in the amount of \$4,869.90.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS - A handout on the tentative budget was given to the Board. There will be options for the Board to discuss at the next meeting. Mrs. Wright commented on the information in the school report card. The students did exceptionally well.

G. Motion to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

J. Campbell, V.Pres.	<u>Y</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	S. Campbell	<u>Absent</u>
D. Cook	<u>Absent</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>

Mr. Foran abstained from the Cub Scouts klondike event.

IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. Letter sent to Mark Fornaciari
- c. Letter to Franklin Township Road Department
- d. Tentative Calendar
- e. School Report Card
- f. Conversation with Bethlehem Township
- g. Budget Information
- h. CAP Parent Meeting
- i. Breakfast with Boy Scouts

B. FACILITIES

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's** Report and **Board Secretary's** Reports, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for December, 2007.
- b. **Motion** to approve the Line Item Transfers from 1/30/08 - 1/31/08.

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

- c. **Motion** by Mr. Foran and seconded by Mrs. Wolak 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 December 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 December 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>Absent</u>
D. Cook	<u>Absent</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>

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

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. Information Item:

a. February 23rd meeting with Dr. Vernotica - Mrs. Burdick gave a report.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Business Administrator - Interview Process - The Board as a whole will interview.

The boys basketball team won the championship tonight.

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, February 25, 2008 for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with Frank Bell, Architect and potential litigation with The Prisco Group and Edwards Engineering. 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 7:39 p.m.*

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

XII. PERSONNEL

A. Action Item:

1. **Motion** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Gloria J. Gross as Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective April 14, 2008.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

XIII. Other Board Business Mrs. Gross read the list of candidates who are running for the Board in April. Mr.Campbell gave his views on the taping of meetings. He thought the policy was too controlling. It should be controlled in terms of location but no pre-letter should be required. The last thing we need is conflict over something that has

nothing to do with the children. The other Board members gave verbal consent to lowering restrictions on public taping.

XIV. Public Comments - Mr. Rolf asked a question about the quote for lawn maintenance. Ms. Austad asked whether citizens could contact state legislatures and ask for their help in getting a decision from Trenton. Mr. Campbell felt that they should wait and it will be discussed again next week.

XV. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross
Business Administrator/Board Secretary