

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET MARCH 19, 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 March 13, 2008. Mrs. Wright opened the meeting at 7:03p.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>
D. Cook	<u>X</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>X arr@7:05</u>	J. Foran	<u>Xarr @8:30</u>
N. Reed	<u>X</u>	T. Wolak	<u>X</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>X</u>

**III. Flag Salute**

**IV. 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 Wednesday, March 19, 2008 for the purpose of discussing 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 7:05 p.m.*

Moved Ms. Cook

Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

**V. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 7:35 p.m.**

Moved Mr. Campbell

Second Ms. Cook

Motion Carried

**VI. Presentation of the 2008-09 School Budget - Karen Lewis, Gloria Gross**

**VII. Public Comments** Mr. Dahan asked about the roof, boiler, and window repairs in the 08/09 budget. Mr. Burdick thanked the Board for including more interest money for tax relief in the budget. He asked about roof repairs and a second question on the ballot for the \$531,000, therefore no one can challenge the use of it. Mr. Robinson asked about the miscellaneous revenue line and state aid.

**VIII. Motion** by Mr. Campbell and second by Mrs. Wolak to transfer interest moneys earned on the unspent bond proceeds during the bidding period from Capital Projects to the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$372,213 for the purpose of tax reduction within the Debt Service fund.

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

**Motion** by Mr. Campbell and second by Ms. Cook to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved to adopt the 2008-09 school budget in the amount of \$5,664,418 and to raise \$4,934,245 through a local tax levy for the general fund (which will be voted on April 15, 2008).

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sp. Rev.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance Appropriated	166,595		166,595
Local Tax Levy	4,934,245		4,934,245
Miscellaneous Rev.	52,000		52,000
State Aid	381,578		381,578
Spec. Rev.		130,000	130,000
	<u>\$ 5,534,418</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>5,664,418</u>

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>

Mr. Foran arrived at 8:30 p.m.

**Motion** by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the Debt Service amount of \$558,679 for the 2008-2009 school budget which includes \$372,213 of unspent bond proceeds plus \$186,466 in local tax levy.

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

**IX. Motion** by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Cook to adjourn from the public meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary