

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MARCH 3, 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 February 1, 2008. 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>X</u>
D. Cook	<u>X</u>	P. Duckworth	<u>X arr@7:20</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. Correspondence**

**V. Presentation - 2008-2009 Budget - Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Gross.**

a. **Motion** by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Foran to approve the following resolution for the 2008-09 school district budget:

**Be it hereby resolved** that the Franklin Township Board of Education tentatively adopt the 2008-09 budget in the amount of:

General Fund:	\$5,534,418
Special Revenues:	130,000
Debt Service:	<u>558,679</u>
Total	\$6,223,097

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>

**Motion** by Mr. Foran and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following resolution for the 2008-09 school district budget:

**Be it further resolved** 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 \$150,000 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>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>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

**Motion** by Mr. Foran and seconded by Mr. Campbell to approve the following resolution for the 2008-09 school district budget:

**Be it further resolved** to approve the submission of the preliminary budget to the State Department of Education, Hunterdon County Office, and approve authorization to advertise the budget in the Hunterdon County Democrat or the Express-Times.

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

## VI. Presentation

- Diane Morris, NJSBA - Ms. Morris had prepared a packet which she distributed to the Board members with information on the board self evaluation and the superintendent's evaluation.

## VII. Update on Construction

- No word from the State at this time.

**VIII. Public Comments** - Mr. Burdick commented that he would receive a copy of the ruling from the state according to Mrs. McNerney. He can distribute it to anyone. He asked if the \$4,934,245 would be the amount of money that the citizens would be voting on. He also commented on the letter sent to Joyce Goode. He stated that the Government Records Council had referred to School Boards as a lobbying group.

## 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:
  - The CASE (Chronological Assessment of Suicidal Events) Approach, March 31, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$32.55, 1 staff member
  - Affirmative Action Officers Equity/Diversity Meeting, April 1, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$65.65, 1 staff member
2. **Approve** the renewal of the county substitute certificate for Jamie Szatkowski.

### C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility request:
  - PTA (Class of 2008), Blood Drive, Gym, April 14, 2008, 2:30 - 9:30.
  - Boys Scouts, Jr. Leader Training, Classroom 19, March 11, 28; April 8, 25,

22, 29 and May 6 and 13, 2008, 3:15 - 4:30.

•No. Hunterdon Little League,baseball practice(no hitting hard balls), Gym,  
March 11, 12, 13, 18, 20; April 10, and 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

**D. BUSINESS**

No consent items

**E. POLICY**

No consent items

**F. OTHER MATTERS**

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

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>

Mr. Foran abstained from the approval of the Boy Scouts.

**X. Discussion & Action Agenda**

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

**1. Informational/Discussion Items:**

- a. Enrollment
- b. Governor's Teacher Recognition Program
- c. Read Across America
- d. Safety Patrol Assembly
- e. NJ ASK 3-4
- f. Spelling Bee - Final Round - Jacqueline Bataille has advanced to the final rounds
- g. Kindergarten Round-Up
- h. Arbor Day

Mrs. Lewis thanked the teachers and Board members who supported the PTA Tricky Tray. She also thanked the PTA for sponsoring the event.

**B. FACILITIES**

No action items

**C. BUSINESS**

No action items

**D. TRANSPORTATION**

No action items

**E. POLICY**

1. Motion to approve the First Reading of the following By-laws:
  - 9311 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies

- 9313 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations
- 9314 - Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations
- 9323/9324 - Agenda Preparation/Advance Delivery of Meeting Material
- 9325.4 - Voting Method
- 9326 - Minutes
- 9400 - Board Self-Evaluation

Mrs. Wright gave the Board the minutes of the Policy committee meetings and read the portion of policy 9326 which dealt with public taping of meetings by the public.

Moved Mrs. Burdick          Second Mrs. Wolak          Motion carried

**F. BOARD MATTERS**

**1. Discussion Item:**

- a. Contacting Leonard Lance regarding construction.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. 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, March 3, 2008 for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with Frank Bell, Architect and various service providers 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 8:55 p.m.*

Moved Mr. Campbell          Second Mrs. Campbell          Motion Carried

**XII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:35p.m.**

Moved Mr. Campbell          Second Mrs. Campbell          Motion Carried

**XIII. PERSONNEL**

No action items.

**XIV. Other Board Business** - The Board discussed the amount of interest being used in the 08-09 school year to lower the tax levy in the debt service fund. It was stated that the account would be reviewed and information forwarded to Board of Education members. It was also stated that if any additional interest funds were available, they would be used to offset the debt service tax levy.

**XV. Public Comments** - Mr. Burdick asked about his OPRA request. He will be making another request for information on the interest earned in the capital account. He asked the Board to give back the interest to the tax payers. He asked if he has more questions on the budget can he e-mail them. Yes.

**XVI. Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. Campbell

Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Gross

Business Administrator/Board Secretary