

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MAY 5, 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 28, 2008. Mrs. Wright opened the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call - Joanne Durham, Business Office Assistant

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>X</u>	D. Cook	<u>X</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>X</u>	N. Reed	<u>X</u>	L. Vail	<u>X</u>
K. Weiss	<u>X</u>	T. Wolak	<u>X</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>X</u>

III. Flag Salute

IV. Correspondence

Hunterdon Voorhees Regional High School District (2)

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V. Update on Construction

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. 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:

- Spring Athletic Director Meeting, May 15, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$4.04, 1 staff member

- Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis and Teaching Verbal Behavior in the Classroom, May 12, 2008, total mileage reimbursement - \$361.15, 5 staff members

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- Understanding and Treating Children and Adolescents in the Context of Their Families, June 6, 2008, registration cost \$110.00, mileage reimbursement, \$30.30, 1 staff member

2. **Approve** the following course application (08-09 starting account balance \$10,000):

- Carolyn Johnson, Teaching Writing and Thinking Across the Curriculum, The College of New Jersey, Summer 2008 (\$876.00)

C. FACILITIES

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

- Booster Club (PTA), Sports Banquet, APR, June 4, 2008, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Quakertown Fire Company, Memorial Day Program, Front Lawn (Gym if inclement weather), May 26, 2008, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the placement of one special education student to attend East Amwell’s preschool disabled program beginning May 19, 2008 for the remainder of the school year at the tuition amount of \$1,584.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

VIII. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**

- Enrollment
- DARE Graduation - Date changed from May 22 to May 28
- Fourth Grade Pequest Trip - Date changed from May 20 to May 22
- Post Office Update - 2 additional boxes are available to combine with our current PO box; our PO Box number will not change
- One water heater is leaking and needs to be replaced; Schaibles will replace it at a cost of \$1013.
- Requests for use of facility were received from two “for profit” entities and were denied, as board policy requires facility users to be nonprofit.

B. FACILITIES

No action items

C. BUSINESS**1. Action Items:**

- a. **Motion** to approve the school physician contract with Delaware Valley Family Health Center for the 2008-09 school year as per the attached contract.

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Wolak Motion Carried

- b. **Motion** to approve the nonpublic instructional services agreement for IDEA (Individuals with Disability Education Act B Initiative) for the 2008-09 school year with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission.

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mrs. Burdick
Motion Carried with all voting "aye", except for Mrs. Wright, who abstained.

- c. **Motion** to approve a contract with Children's Therapy Services to provide occupational therapy services at an hourly rate of \$88.49 for 2 special education students in an out-of-district placement for the 2008-09 school year.

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY**1. Action Item:**

- a. **Motion** to approve, after a second reading, the following policies/bylaws:
- 4131/4131.1 - Staff Development: Inservice/Education/Visitation/Conferences (Revised)
 - 6162.5 - Research
 - 6171 - Special Instructional Programs
 - 9322 - Public and Executive Sessions

Discussion: Mrs. Lewis offered her policy book to new members until new policy books are available. The new books will be available at the May 19th meeting. Mrs. Lewis also explained that policies are reviewed as needed, but also on a cycle basis.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

F. BOARD MATTERS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. 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, May 5, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues and contract negotiations in regard to the building and referendum project, and potential litigation . 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 7:47 p.m.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

X. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:04 p.m.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

XI. PERSONNEL**A. Action Items:**

1. **Motion** to accept with regret the resignation of Ann Babbitt as instructional aide effective June 30, 2008.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

2. **Motion** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Cynthia Reilly, Resource Center Teacher, to begin her retirement on July 1, 2008.

Moved Mrs. Wolak Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

3. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire the following aides for the 08-09 school year with a 4.5% increase in salary over the 07-08 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

Full Time:

Meredith Higgins	25,759
Leslie McCusker	25,759
Martha Shoudt	25,759

Part Time:

Melissa Fay (.6)	15,455
Laurie Gregory (.6)	15,455
Anita Holland (.6)	15,455
Noreen Hurford (.6)	15,455
Missy Minarik (.6)	15,455
Lisa Pytell (.6)	15,455

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Jamie Szatkowski(.6)15,455
Penni Trionfo (.6) 15,455

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P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

4. **Motion** by Mrs. Wolak and seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista to rehire Richelle Russillo as a bus aide for the 08-09 school year at an hourly rate of \$17.77, a 4.5% increase over 07-08, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

5. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Weiss to rehire the following support staff for the 2008-09 school year with a 4.5% increase over the 07-08 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

Rhonda Pellegrino (12 months)	41,933
Karen Snyder (10 months)	37,402

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

6. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire Rosemarie Kasperkoski as Executive Secretary from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at the annual salary of \$47,987, a 4.5% increase over 07-08, subject to the terms and conditions of the contracted agreement and any successor agreement upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

7. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Weiss to rehire Joanne Durham as Business Office Assistant from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at the annual salary of \$41,497, a 4.5% increase over 07-08, subject to the terms and conditions of the contracted agreement and any successor agreement upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

8. **Motion** Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Ms. Vail to rehire the following tenured faculty for the 2008-09 school year, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

Full Time:

Sunday Bradlee	72,036	Donna Browning	73,036
Minga Cullen	72,386	Carolyn Johnson	73,036
Joan Kot	69,536	Barry Kramer	75,436
Jason Lembo	45,958	Mina Nace	61,163
Vickie Nosker	72,036	Anita Petersen	76,689
Janet Prassl	72,036	Patricia Quick	71,786
Majorie Sharp	74,436	Bromley Steele	75,436
Tracy Strycky	72,036	Barbara Suozzo	74,036
Alice Thompson	70,786	Lenore Tigue	70,786
Stacey Viscel	48,008	Pamela Watkinson	73,036
Jeanne Yancey	73,836	Darlene Yanoff	73,636
Bernice Yates	77,689		

Part Time:

Marydenise Appio(.6)	29,339	Barbara Egge (.6)	43,222
Trina Lahman (.6)	42,472	Diane Meyer (.6)	42,472
Jane Ries (.6)	43,222		

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

9. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire the following non-tenured personnel for the 08-09 school year, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

Full Time:

Susan Rainaldi	43,818
Alison Shelofsky	45,068
Denise Schoch	70,786

Part Time:

Marisa Knight (.8)	34,742
Rebecca Richards (.8)	56,429
Marilyn Wechsler (.8)	56,429

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P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>A</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

10. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista to approve Rebecca Richards as Coordinator of the Child Study Team for the 08-09 school year at the stipend of \$6,800, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

11. **Motion** Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista to rehire Marylou Findley, due to receive tenure for the 2008-09 school year, as full time school nurse at a salary of \$47,278, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

12. **Motion** Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire Karen Brokaw, due to receive tenure for the 2008-09 school year, as part time (.6) teacher at a salary of \$26,057, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

13. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Weiss to rehire Nicole Kresch, due to receive tenure for the 2008-09 school year on 11/8/08, as full time guidance counselor at a salary of \$48,898, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms and conditions of the current contract agreement and any successor agreement.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

14. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire Rosalie Mancino as School Supervisor, at a salary of \$85,990 (\$80,990 School Supervisor, \$5,000 Supervisor of Special Services), a 4% increase over 07-08, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, upon the recommendation of the

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Superintendent as per the terms of the negotiated contract between Rosalie Mancino and the Franklin Township Board of Education.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

15. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to rehire Karen A. Lewis as Superintendent/Principal at a salary of \$120,598, a 4% increase of 07-08, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, as per the terms of the negotiated contract between Karen A. Lewis and the Franklin Township Board of Education.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

16. **Motion** to rehire Ron Mathews as Treasurer of School Monies from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 at the annual salary of \$6,989, subject to the terms and conditions of the contracted agreement and any successor agreement upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Motion was tabled, as Mr. Mathews was appointed at the reorganization meeting.

17. **Motion** by Mrs. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Wolak to appoint Mr. Randy Howell as substitute coach for the remainder of the softball season at a stipend of \$30 per hour.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	<u>Absent</u>	A. Burdick	<u>Y</u>	D. Cook	<u>Y</u>
P. DiGiambattista	<u>Y</u>	N. Reed	<u>Y</u>	L. Vail	<u>Y</u>
K. Weiss	<u>Y</u>	T. Wolak	<u>Y</u>	D. Wright, Pres.	<u>Y</u>

XII. Other Board Business

- Mrs. Wright explained that there is still work to be done on policies and noted that Mrs. Burdick, Mrs. Wolak and she had accomplished much as the current policy committee. At the next board meeting Mrs. Wright would like to appoint another committee and asked that any board member interested in being a part of the policy committee to please let her know.
- If a subcommittee is needed to go to Trenton, Mrs. Wright will appoint one and let the board members know.
- Mrs. Wright contacted Senator Lance, but has not heard back from him as of yet.
- Mrs. Lewis explained the timeframe for implementation of the state mandated preschool program, and the socio-economic codes that are assigned to schools, which affects the implementation dates of the program.

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- Mrs. Lewis thanked the PTA for their ongoing support and for the many activities they planned for staff appreciation week.
- A date for the Board to recognize the staff was discussed. Mrs. Lewis will speak with the QEA regarding a date.
- Recognition of board members that served the previous term was discussed.

Motion to recognize board members from the previous term, who are no longer on the Board.

Moved Mrs. Burdick Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

XIII. Public Comments

- Mrs. Sylvia Bors expressed concern regarding the art program and asked if the board would look into improving it.
- Mrs. Minga Cullen thanked the Board for rehiring the staff.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:36 P.M.

Moved Ms. Vail Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Tudek
Interim Bus. Admin./Board Secretary

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