

October 6, 2008
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call - Barbara Tudek, Interim SBA/BS

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

III. Flag Salute

IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 Regular Meeting.

- September 22, 2008 - Regular meeting
- September 22, 2008 - Executive session (held)

(enclosures)

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms Cook Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon - Voorhees Regional High School District
- Chris Carbone

(enclosures)

VI. Construction Update - Frank Bell, Architect

Mr. Bell reported that the responses have been submitted to the DCA. He advised that Mr. Dave Tillou will be meeting with the HVAC contractor to review the plans.

VII. Public Comments

Mr. Dahan asked how much has been spent on the building program to date and who is in charge of overseeing the project.

Mrs. Tudek reported the amount spent on the building program.

Mrs. Wright explained that there are many people involved in overseeing the building

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program including the project manager, architect, attorney the board and administrators.

Mrs. Coe reported that the walk-a-thon was a great success and commended the staff for their assistance in making the day run smoothly. She requested that the board consider allowing the PTA to run a chess club at a charge to the students.

Mrs. Bercaw raised concerns regarding the math program as it relates students transitioning to the high school.

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 request:

- Language Arts Articulation Meeting, October 23, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$9.13, 1 staff member
- CDK Workshop on Personnel Software, Payroll Interface, October 24, 2008 mileage reimbursement - \$28.08 each, 2 staff members
- Fall Athletic Director's Meeting, October 23, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$4.68, 1 staff member
- Technology Articulation Meeting, October 21, 2008, mileage reimbursement - \$9.13, 1 staff member

2. **Approve** the following substitute teacher:

- Steve Lindner

(enclosure)

C. FACILITIES

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

- PTA, Destination Imagination Meeting, APR, October 23, 2008, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- PTA, Holiday Workshop, G.T. Room, December 10, 11, 12, 2008, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Girl Scouts, Music Room, 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., November 2008 - June 2009
- Booster Club (PTA), requesting to set up table in the gym at the Harvest Festival on 10/17/08 to sell items and promote Blood Drive.
- Class of 2009 (PTA), requesting to set up a table in the gym at the Blood Drive on 10/30/08 to sell raffle tickets

(enclosures)

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D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the October 2008 bill list in the amount of \$159,074.46.

(enclosure)

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

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

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

IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION: Interim Superintendent's Report - Dr. James Dwyer

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment (enclosure)
- b. Rotary Club
- c. Brief Report - North Hunterdon Regional High School Mathematics Grade Distribution (enclosure)
- d. Fire Department Visit - October 10th, Grades K-2
- e. School Safety Week - October 20 - 24
- f. Red Ribbon Week - October 27 - 31
- g. Gifted and Talented Program - The Board is being provided tonight with some changes in our gifted and talented identifying practices. These changes consist of multi-level indicators which we believe more fairly identifies a child's suitability for participation. At our October 20th meeting, I will ask the Board to approve and adopt these criteria. (enclosure)

B. FACILITIES

No action items

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's** Report and **Board Secretary's** Reports, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for July, 2008. (enclosure)
- b. **Motion** to adopt the following resolutions:

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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 July 2008.
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 July 2008 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.

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Ms. Cook

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

- c. Construction Manager Budget Buyout reconciled with Business Administrator Financial Report. **(enclosure)**

2. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the contract with Promedia for the 08-09 school year not to exceed the budgeted amount.

(enclosure)

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Weiss

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

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items.

E. POLICY

1. Discussion Item:
 - a. NJSBA Critical Policy Update available on CD

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. **Information/Discussion Item:**
 - a. Superintendent Search - Discussion of suggested changes to the following items:
 - Ad
 - Candidate’s Application
 - Calendar

(enclosure)

- b. Report on county meeting regarding new regulations

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G. NEW BUSINESS

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, October 6, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, legal representation, contract negotiations in regard to the building and referendum project, potential litigation in regard to the N.S./P.S. case and the public records request case. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.*

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss at 8:54 p.m.

XI. Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mrs. Wolak to return to Open Public Session at 9:52 p.m.

XII. PERSONNEL

A. **Motion** to rescind the motion made on September 8, 2008 approving Mr. Lawrence Dropkin as Boys Basketball Coach.

Moved Mrs. Wolak Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

B. **Motion** to retroactively approve Kathy Magaleski as volleyball coach at the stipend of \$1,643 as per the QEA contract, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

XIII. Public Comments

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

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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