

November 10, 2008
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING

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 7:33 p.m.

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

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

* Mrs. Reed left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- October 20, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- October 20, 2008 - Executive Session

Moved Ms. Cook

Second

Mr. Campbell

(enclosures)
Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School

(enclosure)

VI. Construction Update - Dave Tillou

VII. Public Comments

Mrs. Austad thank the board for the use of the front of the school for the Rural America home tour. She asked if board members are aware that the annual school election falls during the Spring break and if anything can be done to change the date. She commented that four Franklin Township students made the High School Honor Society.

Mrs. Russillo handed out a list of options for the 8th grade trips and reviewed the list with the board.

Mrs. Yanoff read a letter addressed to the board from the Quakertown Education Association. The letter is in reference to their letter, handed to the Board at the September 22 meeting, regarding back to school night. See attached.

Motion by Mrs. Wolak seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista to add the Supplemental Agenda to the meeting,
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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

1. **Approve** the following field trips:

- Grade 4 to Pequest Fish Hatchery, May 19 & 20, 2009 (Rain dates May 21 & 22) (Paid for by Grant through North Hunterdon Municipal Alliance)
- Grade 5, Ride the Duck Tour, Philadelphia, and Battleship New Jersey, Camden, May 26, 2009. **(enclosures)**

B. PERSONNEL

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

- Science Articulation and Science Expo Meeting, December 12, 2008, mileage reimbursement, \$9.13 - one staff member
- NJAHPERD "Hands on Health" Conference, December 8, 2008, December 8, 2008, Registration, \$60.00, mileage reimbursement, \$63.18 - 1 staff member
- Practical Strategies for Working Successfully with Difficult, Noncompliant Students (Grades 6-12), January 7, 2009, registration, \$199.00, mileage reimbursement, \$51.48 - 1 staff member
- Response to Intervention: Powerful and Practical Strategies to Identify and Serve Students with Learning Challenges, January 9, 2009, Registration, \$199, mileage reimbursement, \$45.63 - 1 staff member

C. FACILITIES

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

- Girl Scouts, Room #16, 11/18/08, 12/17/08, 1/21/09, 2/19/09, 3/25/09, 4/21/09, 5/27/09, 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- PTA, Book Fair, Music Room, 3/2/09 - 3/6/09 during the school day (Family Night 3/3, 6-9 p.m.), Set-up on 2/27/09 at 3:15.
- PTA, Ski Club Meeting, Art Room, November 13, 2008, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Franklin Theatre Works, APR and Art Room, Primary Hall, Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., December 2008 - April 2009, Sundays, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., 12/7/08, 1/4/09, 2/15/09, 3/8/09, 3/29/09, 4/26/09

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the November 2008 bill list in the amount of \$414,888.54, which includes \$70,789.72 in the Capital Projects Account.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mrs. Wolak

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

* Mr. Campbell abstained on item on under Facilities.

IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment 344
- b. American Education Week
- c. Parent Teacher Conferences

2. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. **Motion** to approve the 2008-09 school objectives. **(enclosure)**
Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried
- b. Presentation of the 2007-08 Quality Assurance Annual Report.

Motion to accept the 2007-08 Quality Assurance Annual Report
Moved Mr. Weiss Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried
- c. **Motion** to approve the revised "Update to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials". **(enclosure)**
Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

B. FACILITIES

1. Action Items:

- a. **Motion** to approve the attached proposal from Tri-Tech Energy, Inc. to install three stand-alone dehumidifiers in the crawl space in the amount of \$10,892.00.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

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

- b. **Motion** to approve the attached proposal from K&A Environmental Contractors, Inc. to install Armaflex Pipe Insulation in the crawl space in the amount of \$5,788.00.

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Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista

Motion Carried

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

a. **Treasurer's** Report and **Board Secretary's** Reports, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for August, 2008.

b. **Motion** to approve the line item transfers from July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.
(enclosures)

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

c. **Motion** 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 September 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 September 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.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

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

2. Action Items:

a. **Motion** to approve the special education tuition contracts for one student attending Frenchtown Public School for the 2008-09 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$8,883.00.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

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

b. **Motion** to approve the special education tuition contract for one student attending East Amwell Township School for the 2008-09 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$29,443.00.

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Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried

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

- c. **Motion** to approve the special education tuition contracts for one student attending East Amwell Township School for the 2008-09 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$12,390.00.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

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

- d. **Motion** to adopt the attached School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF) Resolution appointing a Risk Management Consultant.

Moved Mrs. Wolak Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

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

D. TRANSPORTATION

1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve an additional route for FKP Kindergarten PM effective October 29, 2008 at an additional cost of \$51.00 per day.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

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

E. POLICY

No action items

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. Report on NJSBA Convention from the Superintendent and Board attendees.

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, November 10, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, contract negotiations in regard to the building and referendum project, QEA, and a student placement. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.

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Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Campbell at 8:37 p.m. Motion Carried

XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:50 p.m.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

XII. PERSONNEL

A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Amy Plimpton as full time instructional aide effective as soon as a replacement is employed.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

2. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Steven Lindner as 2008-2009 girls' basketball coach effective immediately.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

3. **Motion** to appoint Walter Howell as girls' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season at the contracted stipend of \$2,111, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss to table item number 3 Motion Carried

4. **Motion** to hire (through the emergent hire process) William Bruton as full time aide for a special education student attending High Bridge School at a salary of \$25,759, to be pro-rated, beginning November 11, 2008 through June 30, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

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

5. **Motion** to hire (through the emergent hire process) Kathleen Duke as full time aide for a special education student attending High Bridge School at a salary of \$25,759, to be pro-rated, beginning November 11, 2008 through June 30, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

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

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Facilities:

1. **Motion** to recommend approval for the Franklin Township Rural Awareness Association to provide certain renovations and improvements to the Little Red School House. Some deterioration is occurring and, among other things, a concrete slab should be placed under the 18' X 18' wooden building. Funds are available to the Rural Awareness group and there would be no cost to the Board of Education.

Moved Mr. Campbell		Second Mrs. Wolak		Motion Carried	
J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

Personnel:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, motion to appoint Maryann Sajor as a substitute teacher for the 2008-09 school year. Mrs. Sajor is a resident of Milford and received her Bachelor Science Degree in elementary education from Seton Hall University.

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

2. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, the following motions are made:

- a. Increase the daily compensation of our permanent substitute teacher, Sandra Zdepski, to \$110.00 per day effective immediately.

Moved Mr. Campbell		Second Mrs. Wolak		Motion Carried	
J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

- b. Provide an addendum to the pending collective bargaining agreement, per discussion with the QEA to establish a stipend for the yearbook advisor for the 08-09 school year in the amount of \$2,000.

Moved Mr. Campbell		Second Mrs. Wolak		Motion Carried	
J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Absent	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

- c. Provide an addendum to the pending collective bargaining agreement, per discussion with the QEA to establish a stipend for the advisor to the National Junior Honor Society for the 08-09 school year in the amount of \$1,000.

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

Board Matters:

1. Information Item:

- a. Superintendent Search - Diane Morris from New Jersey School Boards Association reported that the Superintendent Search is moving along and she provided information concerning input from the staff and community in relation to the search.

XIII. Public Comments None

The board discussed the make up of the members of the Negotiations Committee.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell	Second Ms. Cook	Motion Carried
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Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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