

December 15, 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 December 1, 2008. Mrs. Wright opened the meeting at 7:00 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	7:16
K. Weiss	X	T. Wolak	X	D. Wright, Pres.	X

Others Present: Dr. James Dwyer, Interim Superintendent, Barbara Tudek, Interim SBA/BS, Vito Gagliardi Jr. Board Attorney

**III. Flag Salute**

**VI. 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, December 15, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues related to the Superintendent search. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.*

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mrs. Wolak at 7:07 p.m. Motion Carried

**VII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 7:50 p.m.**

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

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

- November 10, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- November 10, 2008 - Executive Session
- December 1, 2008 - Special Meeting

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- December 1, 2008 - Executive Session

Moved Ms. Cook      Second Mrs. Wolak      Motion Carried

## **VIII. Correspondence**

- Denise Schoch

(enclosure)

**IX. Presentation** - Work Family Connection, Megan Miller and Clinton Pipeling

**X. Presentation** - NJCAP Bullying Program, MaryJoe Harris

**XI. Construction Update** - Dave Tillou and Frank Bell advised that contract negotiations with the some bidders turned out very positive. They stated that they are wait for final approval from Trenton before make recommendations to award contracts. I was noted that changes to the plans include most updates to equipment.

## **XII. Public Comments**

Mrs. Coe ask if the board has any idea when the DCA is expected to approve the building plans.

Mrs. Wright said that the board hopes for approval in January.

## **XIII. 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. **Retroactively approve** the following field trip:
  - Grade 5-8 Chorus to the Quakertown Fire House, December 10, 2008, to perform holiday songs for the Senior Citizens.
2. **Approve** the following field trips:
  - Grades 5-8 Chorus to Country Arch Nursing Home on December 16, 2008.
  - Grades 6 to Camp Bernie on June 11 and June 12, 2009.

### **B. PERSONNEL**

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:
  - Best Practices in Functional Assessment, January 13, 2009, Registration - \$175.00, Mileage - \$43.88, 1 staff member
2. **Approve** the following course application (account balance \$4,295.00):

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- Barry Kramer, Dissertation Research, Lehigh University, Spring 2009 - \$315.00

3. **Approve** the Hunterdon County substitute certificate renewal application for Kathy Magaleski.
4. **Approve** the follow substitute teacher application:
  - Cindy Christopher

**C. FACILITIES**

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:
  - PTA, APR, John Farrell Assembly, January 28, 2009, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
  - PTA, Destination Imagination, 2 classrooms, Mondays, January 12, 2009 - March 16, 2009, Monday - Friday, March 23 - April 3, 2009, 3:30 - 5:00

**D. BUSINESS**

1. **Approve** the December 2008 bill list in the amount of \$544,933.77 which includes \$3,624.50 in the Capital Projects Account.

**E. POLICY**

No consent items

**F. OTHER MATTERS**

No consent items

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

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

**XIV. Discussion & Action Agenda**

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**
  - a. Enrollment 345
  - b. PTA Holiday Shop, December 10-12, 2008
  - c. Chorus Performances
  - d. Boys and Girls Basketball

**Other Items**

The NJ Department of Health approved immunization records  
Update on filing the State preschool plan

**B. FACILITIES**

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1. Information Items:

- a. Tunnel work; dehumidification system; roof activity
- b. Red School House

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

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

- b. 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 October 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 October 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 Mr. Weiss

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. Construction Manager Budget Buyout reconciled with Business Administrator Financial Report.

2. Action Items:

- a. Motion to approve the special education tuition contracts for one student attending High Bridge Public School's educationally handicapped program for the 2008-09 school year beginning November 11, 2008 at an annual tuition rate of \$22,000.00 prorated.

- b. Motion to approve the payment of an outstanding invoice no. 1447 dated October 8, 2007 for \$26,987.50 to DEI (Design Enterprises, Inc.).

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Weiss to move item a and table item b.

J. Campbell, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Y	N. Reed	Y	L. Vail	Y



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- 3326 - Payment for Goods and Services
- 3327 - Relations with Vendors
- 3570 - District Records and Reports
- 4112.2 - Certification
- 4112.8/4212.8 - Nepotism
- 5111 - Admission
- 5120 - Assessment of Individual Needs
- 5131 - Conduct/Discipline
- 5131.5 - Vandalism/Violence
- 5141 - Health
- 5142 - Pupil Safety
- 9250 - Expenses and Reimbursements

**(enclosures)**

Moved Ms. Vail Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

#### **F. BOARD MATTERS**

##### **1. Discussion Item:**

###### **a. Superintendent Search**

Mrs. Wright update the public on the status of the Superintendent's Search. She stated that the Board met with Diane Morris earlier in the evening to review applications.

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **XV. 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, December 15, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, contract negotiations in regard to the building and referendum project, QEA, and collective bargaining. 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 Ms. Vail at 9:00 p.m. Motion Carried

### **XVI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:57 p.m.**

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

### **XVII. PERSONNEL**

#### **A. Action Items:**

1. **Motion** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joanne Durham as Business Office Assistant, effective January 1, 2009 or as soon as a replacement can begin.

**(enclosure)**

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

2. **Motion** to approve, as an emergent hire, the appointment of Carla Abert as

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Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper beginning December 22, 2008, plus two days for training on December 16th and 18th, at an annual salary of \$37,000 prorated, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and subject to criminal background check.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook

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

3. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Jaclyn Fedyna to provide home instruction to a student for 10 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour beginning December 1, 2008 until the student returns to school after recuperating from surgery.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

4. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Minga Cullen to provide home instruction to a student for up to 10 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour beginning November 4, 2008 until a new placement by IEP is made for a classified student.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

5. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve, as an emergent hire, Ellen Rousseau to provide home instruction to a student for up to 10 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour beginning December 8, 2008 until a new placement by IEP is made for a classified student.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

6. **Motion** to appoint the following persons for the following stipend positions for the 2008-09 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:
- Jason Lembo - Girls' Basketball Coach - \$2,111
  - James Foran - Unpaid Volunteer, Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach
  - Alice Thompson - National Junior Honor Society Advisor - \$1,000
  - Denise Schoch - Yearbook Advisor, \$2,000

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

**Other Board Business:**

Mr. Weiss reported on the New Board Member Orientation he attended on December 6, 2008.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Search selection process. It was decided that

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each board member will review the applications and submit their selections to Mrs. Wright.

**XVIII. Public Comments          NONE**

**XIX. Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista      Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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