

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

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	X	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 following meetings:

- September 8, 2008 - Regular meeting
- September 8, 2008 - Executive session I and II

Mrs. Wolak wanted the minutes to reflect that Frank Bell suggested not to award contracts without full DCA approval. In addition, regarding the packet of information that was handed out by Strunk Albert, Mrs. Wolak asked Mr. Strunk if she could contact them if there were any questions after reviewing the packet. Both he and the Board were fine with that.

Mrs. Reed suggested that information should be added which indicates the Board through consensus acknowledged it should be notified if and when any construction committee meetings will be held.

Ms. Vail requested that under new business the minutes reflect that a parent expressed a concern about student preparation for North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School math programs. Dr. Dwyer will be obtaining and reviewing high school data.

Mrs. Wright indicated that there was a roll call vote to approve Dr. Dwyer's contract. It was unanimous.

Moved Ms. Cook

Second Mr. DiGiambattista

Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon - Voorhees Regional High School District
- Paul Barger, Barger and Bolger
- Quakertown Education Association
- Mr. & Mrs. Gilmore
- Mr. Larry Potter
- Mr. Dropkin, letter of resignation as volleyball coach

VI. Construction Update - Frank Bell, Architect and Dave Tillou, Construction Manager

Frank Bell, Board of Education Architect, addressed the Board and indicated that PSS Engineering have completed their required drawings and specifications as requested; Strunk Albert has completed its materials and he has answered the questions of the Division of Community Affairs (DCA). All of these materials are being given to our Project Manager, Dave Tillou, who will be taking them on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 to the DCA.

When approval is received from the DCA, we will be in a position to award contracts to the low negotiated bidders.

VII. Public Comments

Mrs. Lundgren express a concern about students being prepared for high school. She said that our district does not compare to other districts and we should start in the early grades. She has a kindergartner and second grader and feels that the early grades don't read enough. Children are either left behind or way ahead leaving a large gap in between.

Mrs. Watkins expressed a concern with an incident at Back to School Night involving parents being disrespectful to a teacher. She also was concerned with the status of the volleyball coach. She feels parents made a lot of accusations and their behavior at Back to School Night was inappropriate.

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 7, Musuem of Natural History, December 9, 2008
 - Grade 8, Character Education Assembly at Clinton Township Middle School, October 30, 2008, to be paid by the Board of Education
 - Grade 5, Duke Estate, October 14, 2008 (5Q), October 15, 2008 (5K), Raindates Oct. 16 & 17.
 - Grade 8, Civic Theatre, presentation of *A Christmas Carol*, December 9, 2008.
(enclosures)

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day request:
 - CDK Workshop: New Accountability Regulations and How They Affect the Program, Oct. 10, 2008, mileage reimbursement \$28.08 each, 2 staff members
 - NJ Association of School Social Workers Fall Workshop, 10/20/08, registration \$125.00, mileage reimbursement \$64.35, 1 staff member
 - NJ Science Convention, October 15, 2008, registration \$80.00, mileage reimbursement \$37.67, 1 staff member
 - NJ Science Conventon, October 14 & 15, 2008, registration \$80.00, mileage reimbursement \$75.34, 1 staff member

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:
 - 8th Grade Class (PTA), Blood Drive, Gym, October 30, 2008 and January 16, 2009, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 - PTA, APR, Snowflake Social, December 19, 2008, 4:30 - 10:00 p.m, and Spring Luau, May 22, 2008, 4:30 - 10:00 p.m.
 - PTA, Middle School Halloween Celebration, APR, October 31, 2008, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., Set Up on October 30, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

(enclosures)

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the September 2008 bill list in the amount of \$438,868.88 which includes the amount of \$68,733.97 in the Capital Projects Account (Fund 30).

(enclosure)

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

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

Mrs. Wolak questioned the grade level of the Snowflake Social Spring Luau. Dr. Dwyer will get the answer and get back to her.

Mrs. Reed questioned the bill list check in the amount of \$3500 to AHERA. Dr. Dwyer explained that due to the inspection of the boilers, some wrapping and insulation was disturbed and needed to be corrected.

Mrs. Burdick questioned check # A7698 for the submersible pump. She asked if it was for the crawl space and why there was a need for 2 sump pumps.

Motion by Mr. DiGiambattista, seconded by 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

(Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Wolak abstained from approving the middle school Halloween Celebration.)

IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment - same at 345
- b. Back to School Night Report - There was a good turn out both nights.
- c. Preliminary update on student math achievement at North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District. Dr. Dwyer is in the process of putting together a report. There appears to be a good cross section.

B. FACILITIES

1. Information Items:

- a. Arrangements have been completed for approval of the PTA Clothing Drive/Sale on October 12th in the main parking lot. The lobby area will be used in case of rain.

2. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve Hobbie Heat & Power, Inc. (low quote) to repair the boilers as follows:
 - Boiler # 1 - \$16,900
 - Boiler # 2 - \$ 3,200

Mrs. Burdick asked if Strunk Albert reviewed the recommendation from Hobbie Heat to make sure it extended the life of the boilers. The repair to the boilers needs to be done before winter. Strunk Albert should review Hobbie Heat's recommendation and if there are any issues bring it up before repairs are done. Mrs. Burdick also commented on Hobbie Heat not being interested in the crawl space. Dr. Dwyer stated that the work to the crawl space was done.

Moved Mr. Campbell

Second Ms. Cook

Motion Carried

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

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

A. Burdick	y	J. Campbell	y	D. Cook	y
P. DiGiambattista	y	N. Reed	y	L. Vail	y
K. Weiss	y	T. Wolak	y	D. Wright	y

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

2. **Action Item:**

a. **Motion** to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education received \$6,615.82 in non public transportation aide for the 2007/2008 school year, and

Whereas, it was recognized as income in 2007/2008 and rolled to surplus as of 7/1/07, and

Whereas, the said funds were not received until July 2008, and

Whereas, the district may appropriate these funds for use in the 2008/2009 school year.

Therefore be it resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education appropriate \$6,615.82 from surplus and use these funds in the 2008/2009 school year.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, Seconded by Mrs. Wolak

A. Burdick	y	J. Campbell	y	D. Cook	y
P. DiGiambattista	y	N. Reed	y	L. Vail	y
K. Weiss	y	T. Wolak	y	D. Wright	y

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items.

E. POLICY

No action items.

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. Information Item:

- a. Diane Morris, NJSBA - Dr. Dwyer met with Ms. Morris regarding the Superintendent Search. The timeline regarding the Superintendent Search was discussed. Two input sessions have been scheduled, one for faculty and staff on October 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., and one for the community on October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Reed asked if there would be anything available during the day for the community input. Dr. Dwyer replied no. Mrs. Wright stated that the community input session should be posted at the post office, municipal building and on the website. The copy of the ad was included and the Board need to review it.

2. Discussion Item:

- a. Franklin Township Board of Education has received a request from the North Hunterdon Regional High School District to expand the hours of the annual school election to 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Our current practice is to have the polls open from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This has been requested every year. All sending districts must agree on poll hours. Extending the hours will give more opportunity for people to vote. Questions came up regarding the cost to extend the hours.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Cook to extend the annual school election hours to 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A. Burdick	y	J. Campbell	y	D. Cook	y
P. DiGiambattista	y	N. Reed	y	L. Vail	y
K. Weiss	y	T. Wolak	y	D. Wright	y

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, September 22, 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 Mrs. Wolak Second Mr. Weiss 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried

XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 10:48 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

XII. PERSONNEL

- A. **Motion** to approve a child rearing leave with benefits, in accordance with the Family Leave Act, for Dr. Anita Petersen, kindergarten teacher, beginning September 19, 2008 through February 2, 2009, according to terms under New Jersey and Federal law.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

- B. **Motion** to approve the employment of Mrs. Susan Marcantuono as kindergarten teacher for the period of September 19, 2008 until the return of Dr. Petersen from her leave of absence. Mrs. Marcantuono will be paid at a salary of \$42,419, BA Step 0, prorated beginning September 19, 2008, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Cook.

A. Burdick	y	J. Campbell	y	D. Cook	y
P. DiGiambattista	n	N. Reed	n	L. Vail	n
K. Weiss	y	T. Wolak	y	D. Wright	y

- C. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Lawrence Dropkin as Franklin Township School volleyball coach effective Monday, September 22, 2008.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

XIII. Public Comments

Mrs. Watkins expressed her disappointment in the resignation of our volleyball coach and blames the parent who were disrespectful to him. She feel they need to give the teacher a chance. He was a good coach. The team played their best in years.

XIV. Other Board Business

Dates regarding the Superintendent Search will be discussed at the next meeting.

- XIV. **Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 11:00 p.m..

Moved Mrs. Wolak Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried