

Regular Meeting Minutes September 8, 2008
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

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

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

III. Flag Salute

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

- July 14, 2008 - Executive Session
- August 18, 2008 - Special Meeting
- August 18, 2008 - Special Meeting Executive Session
- August 18, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- August 18, 2008 - Executive Session

(enclosures)
Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

- John G. Geppert, Jr., SSE&K (enclosure)

VI. Construction Update -

Frank Bell, Architect and
Dave Tillou, Construction Manager
David Strunk, P. E. HVAC

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.

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VII. Public Comments

Mrs. Coe noted that the resolution for the trip through North Hunterdon Enrichment Consortium is not just for gifted and talented students.

Mrs. Bercaw expressed her concern that her highschool daughter is not continuing in honors geometry classes at North Hunterdon. She wondered whether our students are being prepared well for the NJRHS math program.

VIII. Consent Agenda

The matters listed below were referred to the Board for reading and studying and are considered routine. They were enacted with one motion. If separate discussion is desired, an item may be removed by Board assent.

A. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the gifted and talented trips for the 08-09 school year through the North Hunterdon Enrichment Consortium. (enclosure)

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Retroactively approve** the movement on the salary guide for Pamela Watkinson from MA, Step 16, L3 to MA+15, Step 16, L3 for the 08-09 school year.
2. **Approve** the submission of emergent hire forms for the following individuals for approval from the County Superintendent, as required by the Department of Education until the criminal history clearance is received.
 - Luke Bivins (custodian contracted through Aramark)
 - Steve Lidner (coaching)
3. **Approve** the following professional day request:
 - The Curriculum Series, Oct. 2, 2008, Oct. 20, 2008, Nov. 14, 2008, Registration - \$420.00, Mileage Reimbursement - \$175.50, 1 staff member

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:
 - PTA, School Store, Art Room, 9/10/08, 11/5/08, 1/7/09, 3/4/09, 5/6/09, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - Franklin Township Recreation, Gym, Tues., Wed, Thurs., 7-9 p.m., November 4, 2008 - March 12, 2009, Sat., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., December 6, 2008 - March 7, 2009
 - PTA Snowflake Ball change of date from December 12 to December 6, 2008, 3:00 - 9:30 p.m., gym and music room.
 - Franklin Theatreworks, Stage/APR, Tuesdays - Fridays, 3:15 - 9:30 p.m.; Music Room, Mon., Thurs, Fri., 3:15 - 8:30 p.m.; September 22, 2008 - June 14, 2009
 - Franklin Theatreworks Performances/Rehearsals, Stage/APR and Art Room, Fri. & Sat. 5 - 11 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m., Oct., 24-26, Dec. 12-14, Jan. 23-25, Feb. 20-22, Mar. 13-15, Apr. 3-5, May 1-3; Stage/APR extend use to 10:00 p.m. the week of performances, Art Room, 3:30 - 10:00 p.m., Oct. 21-23, Dec. 9-11, Jan. 20-22, Feb. 17-19, Mar. 10-12, Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2, Apr. 28-30.

(enclosures)

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the September 2008 bill list in the amount of \$291,029.04.

(enclosure)

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2. **Approve** acceptance of FY 2009 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Part B (IDEA) funds in the amount of \$88,573 and IDEA Preschool funds in the amount of \$4,549.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

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

Motion by Mr. Campbell Seconded by Ms. Cook

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

IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**

- a. Opening Day and Enrollment (enclosure)
- b. Update on the school status Re: NJHS Membership (enclosure)

- B. **FACILITIES**

1. **Information Items:**

- a. Driveway has been repaired with crushed stone compliments of the Township Road Department. A copy of the appreciation letter sent to the Mayor is attached. (enclosure)
- b. Air Quality Testing Results
- c. Air Conditioner Replacement (Art Room)
- d. Condition of Boilers
- e. Summer Maintenance

- C. **BUSINESS**

No action items.

- D. **TRANSPORTATION**

No action items.

- E. **POLICY**

1. **Information Item:**

- a. Policy 6145.1/6145.2, Intramural Competition; Interscholastic Competition, adopted on August 18, 2008, to be inserted in policy books.

(enclosure)

- F. **BOARD MATTERS**

1. **Action Item:**

- a. **Motion** to approve the following Board workshop:
 - NJSBA Convention, October 28-29, 2008, \$1,050.00 registration, one administrator and five board members, \$819.00 hotel for 5 board members, mileage and expenses not to exceed \$54.00 per day and lodging not to exceed \$117.00 per day.

Moved Mr. Campbell

Second Mr. DiGiambattista

Motion Carried

2. **Discussion Items:**

- a. 2008-09 Board Goals

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- b. Preparation for Staff Negotiations
- c. PTA Student Directory

(enclosure)

Motion by Mrs. Burdick seconded by Mrs. Cook to purchase a personnel management system from CDK Systems, Inc. at a total cost of \$12,670. installation and training.

All in favor motion carried

Motion by Mrs. Burdick seconded by Mr. Campbell to accept the 2008-2009 Board Goals.

All in favor motion carried

G. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vail expressed concerns about whether Franklin Township students are well enough prepared for North Hunterdon/Voorhees High School. She suggested that a questionnaire be sent to former students regarding their success after leaving Franklin Township School. Dr. Dwyer will obtain and review data from the high school.

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 8, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, contract negotiations in regard to the building and referendum project, potential litigation in regard to the N.S./P.S. case, and discussion of a classified student. 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. Burdick at 9:34 p.m. Motion Carried

XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 10:21 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

XII. PERSONNEL

1. **Motion** to approve the following persons for the following stipend positions for the 08-09 school year as per the QEA contract:

- Alice Thompson - Safety Patrol Advisor - \$295
- Steven Lidner - Soccer Coach - \$1,643
- Larry Dropkin - Boys Basketball - \$2,111
- Barbara Suozzo - Student Council - \$2,111

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

2. **Motion** to rescind the motion made on August 18, 2008 to hire Marybeth Wallendjack as a part time instructional aide. Ms. Wallendjack accepted a full time position in another district.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Vail Motion Carried

3. **Motion** to retroactively increase the employment of Jamie Szatkowski from part time (.6) to full time instructional aide for the 08-09 school year at the new salary of \$25,759, with benefits.

Moved Mr. Weiss Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

4. **Motion** to rescind the motion made on June 23, 2008 to approve Stacey Viscel to provide 5 hours of speech therapy services to a preschool student with a disability at

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the hourly rate of \$33.11.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

5. **Motion** to retroactively approve Stacey Viscel to provide 5 hours of speech therapy services to a preschool student with a disability at the hourly rate of \$75.00.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

6. **Motion** to approve the contract for Dr. James Dwyer, Interim Superintendent/Principal.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

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

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XIII. Public Comments

XIV. Other Board Business relating to Personnel (no action will be taken)

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 second closed session on Monday, September 8, 2008 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.*

Motion by Mrs. Wolak Seconded by Ms. Cook at 10:25 p.m.

Motion Carried

XV. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 10:47 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell

Second Mr. Weiss

Motion Carried

XVI. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:52 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell

Second Mr. Weiss

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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