

JANUARY 26, 2009
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.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	D. Cook	Y
P. DiGiambattista	Excused	N. Reed	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara Tudek, Dr. James Dwyer, Vito Gagliardi, Jr., esq.

III. Flag Salute

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

- January 12, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- January 12, 2009 - Executive Session

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

V. Correspondence

None

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, January 26, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, contract negotiations and other matters relating to the building project, QEA, collective bargaining, legal matters regarding the N.S./P.S. case, and special education issues. 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. Cook at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried

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VII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:02 p.m.

Moved Mr. Weiss Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Mr. Bell presented an update on the progress of the building program and the January 20th meeting with the DCA. He stated that the DCA requested a complete set of revised documents in order to track changes to the original plans that were approved in 2006.

Mrs. Wright read a statement from the attorney regarding litigation with the Prisco Group. The letter stated that the board will not pursue a claim against the Prisco Group, nor honor any claim by the estate for unpaid fees.

VIII. Public Comments

Mr. Matthews asked the board to consider installing a fence along school property where it meets the roadway to protect the children.

Mr. Dahan commented that he is glad to hear that the board is moving closer to resolving the changes to the building program. He stated that the board should consider hand delivering submissions to the regulatory agencies in Trenton.

Mrs. Cullen suggested that zoning regulations in the Township may be part of the reason that taxes are high.

Mr. Gagliardi left the meeting.

IX. 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 3 to the Franklin Institute, May 28, 2009 (enclosure)

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:
 - Annual State Music Educator's Conference Workshop, February 19 & 20, 2009, Registration, \$180.00, Mileage reimbursement, \$24.43 - 1 staff member
 - Strategies for Working with Special Education Students with Behavioral and Emotional Disabilities, March 24, 2009, Registration, \$199.00, Mileage reimbursement, \$24.80 - 1 staff member

C. FACILITIES

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

- D.A.R.E. Graduation, APR, March 5, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- North Hunterdon Little League, Baseball Field, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., April 13 - May 28, 2009
- United Basketball, Gym, 2 nights per week, March 24 - June 19, 2009, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
- PTA, Ice Cream Social, APR, April 21, 2009, 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- PTA, Clothing Drive, Parking Lot, April 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- North Hunterdon Little League softball field April - June Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the January 2009 bill list in the amount of \$721,201.52, which includes \$9,579.54 in the Capital Projects Account.

Mrs. Reed questioned check number 7945 related to snow plowing.

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 Mrs. Wolak

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

X. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**

- a. Enrollment (enclosure)
- b. QAAR for the 07-08 school year has been reviewed by the County Office and it was found to be consistent with code requirements.
- c. CST Transition Meetings
- d. Inauguration Activities
- e. Spirit Week, February 9-13
- f. Spelling Bee Winner
- g. National Junior Honor Society Update

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2. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the submission of the Five-Year Preschool Program Plan for Franklin Township School as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

B. FACILITIES

No action items

C. BUSINESS

1. **Motion** to approve the January 2009 line item transfers.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

2. **Motion** to retroactively approve the placement of a special education student, M.B., at Somerset Hills Academy in Warren, NJ, beginning January 22, 2009 at the annual cost of \$39,402.00 to be prorated.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

No action items

F. BOARD MATTERS

1. Informational Item:

- a. Budget and Election Dates
 - Nominating petitions due by 4:00 p.m., March 2, 2009.
 - Annual School Election - April 21, 2009

2. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the settlement and release of all claims asserted in the matters of *P.S. v. Franklin Township Board of Education, et. al.*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Hunterdon County, Docket No. HNT-L-000593-05 and *N.S. v. Franklin Township Board of Education, et. al.*, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Hunterdon County, Docket No. HNT-L-000594-05, which settlement does not require the Board of Education to pay any sums of money and which disposes of all claims against the Board of Education and the improperly named Franklin Township School, including any right of appeal as to claims previously dismissed in either matter.

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Moved Mr. Campbell seconded Ms. Cook

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K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

G. NEW BUSINESS

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to approve the request of Dr. Anita Petersen to extend her adoption leave of absence through August 31, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent. Dr. Petersen will resume her teaching responsibilities effective September 1, 2009. There is no cost associated with this request. (**enclosure**)

Moved Mr. Campbell seconded Ms. Cook

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P. DiGiambattista	EXCUSED	N. Reed	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	D. Wright, Pres.	Y

2. **Motion** to extend the replacement teaching responsibilities of Mrs. Susan Marcantuono as kindergarten teacher through June 30, 2009, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Mr. Campbell seconded Ms. Cook

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

3. **Motion** to approve Mr. Walter Fedyna to serve as a volunteer assistant coach at no cost for girls' softball during the spring 2009, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent. Mr. Fedyna possesses a New Jersey teaching certificate.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

XII. Public Comments

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Moved Ms. Vail Second Ms. Cook at 9:50 p.m. Motion Carried

Mrs. Tudek and Dr. Dwyer left the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Weiss seconded by Mrs. Reed to return to open session at 10:25 p.m.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Reed Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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