

February 9, 2009
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Others Present: Mrs. Barbara Tudek and Dr. James Dwyer

III. Flag Salute

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

- January 13, 2009 - special meeting
- January 13, 2009 - executive session
- January 14, 2009 - special meeting
- January 14, 2009 - executive session
- January 15, 2009 - special meeting
- January 15, 2009 - executive session
- January 21, 2009 - special meeting
- January 21, 2009 - executive session
- January 26, 2009 - regular meeting
- January 26, 2009 - executive session I and II

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Motion to approve the minutes and table Executive Sessions January 21 and 26.

V. Correspondence

Letter from the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance.
Letter of resignation from Mr. Larry Dropkin.

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Mrs. Wright advised the board that there is nothing new to report regarding the building program. She noted that the architect, project manager and contractors will be meeting on Thursday to coordinate the building plans.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Robinson commented about the appropriateness of contracting the head custodian to provide snow plowing services.

Mr. Dwyer stated that the Township cannot plow school property early enough and this could lead to school closings or delayed openings.

Mrs. Coe commented on the success of the "Bring a Book to Life" program and stated that next year the program will be incorporated into Read Across America week.

VII. 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 2 to Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, March 26, 2009
 - Grade 2 to Green Meadows Native Lands, May 27, 2009 (rain date June 5 or 6)

B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:
 - Winter Athletic Directors' Meeting, mileage reimbursement, \$2.48 - 1 staff member.
 - Behavior Interventions that Work, registration, \$199.00 per person, mileage reimbursement, \$24.80 - 2 staff members
 - Dr. James Dwyer and Mrs. Rosalie Mancino to attend a State of New Jersey mandated training session dealing with School Ethics, School Law and School Governance at the cost of \$300.00 each. The dates and specific location in Hunterdon County for the workshop to be determined.

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:
 - PTA Fun Fair, Outside (area behind gymnasium), June 12, 2009, 5-8 p.m. (please note that this will be an outside/evening function this year.)
 - Booster Club/PTA, Basketball Banquet, APR, 3/25/09, 5:15 - 9:15 p.m.

D. BUSINESS

No Consent items

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E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

Motion by Ms. Cook seconded by Mr. Campbell

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

VIII. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. D.A.R.E. instruction by Officer Bollaro for Grade 8 will be scheduled on the following dates:
 - March 11 & 18
 - April 8 & 22
 - May 6, 13 & 27
 - June 3 & 10
- c. School Report Card
- d. Review of 09-10 Professional Development Plan

B. FACILITIES

No action items

C. BUSINESS

1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the renewal of the lawn maintenance contract with Mancini's Landscape Associates in the amount of \$13,468.00.

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Ms. Cook to table Item 1. Motion carried

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

No action items

F. BOARD MATTERS

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1. Action Item:

a. Motion to approve the following election items:

- The election will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Quakertown Firehouse.
- Drawing for position on the ballot will take place Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Franklin Township School in the office of the Board Secretary.
- The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. The Reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Cook Motion Carried

G. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Reed requested that there be a written agreement between the board and the custodian for snow plowing services.

IX. 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, February 9, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, matters relating to the building 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 Ms. Vail Second Ms. Cook at 8:02 p.m. Motion Carried

X. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:15 p.m.

Moved Ms. Vail Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to employ Fran Fedyna as a reading and LAL consultant to kindergarten up to three days per week for the period beginning 3/9/09 through 6/19/09 at the daily rate of \$90.00, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Moved Ms. Vail Second Mr. Campbell

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

2. **Motion** based upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools/Principal, move to accept the immediate resignation of Lawrence Deopkin in accordance with the terms and conditions of his employment contract.

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Moved Mr. Campbell Seconded 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 based upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools/Principal, move to appoint Mr. Steven Lindner as PE/Health teacher effective February 17, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at Step 0 of the BA guide, \$42,419 (prorated). He fills an existing vacancy.

Moved Mr. Campbell 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

Motion by Mrs. Wolack seconded by Ms. Cook to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 21, 2009 and January 26, 2009.

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Campbell seconded by Ms. Cook to authorize Strunk Albert Engineering to perform a review of the plumbing plans in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion carried

The board authorized Dr. Dwyer to establish a committee to carry out the preparation required under QSAC.

XII. Public Comments

XIII. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Moved Ms. Cook Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

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