

**Regular Meeting May 4, 2009**  
**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 April 28, 2009. Mr. Campbell opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

**II. Roll Call - Barbara Tudek, Interim SBA/BS**

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

Ms. Vail arrived at 7:38 p.m.

**III. Flag Salute**

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

- April 27, 2009 - Organization Meeting
- April 27, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- April 27, 2009 - Executive Session

Moved Mr. Piparo      Second Mrs. Wolak      Motion Carried

**V. Correspondence None**

**VI. Construction Update**

Mr. Bell distributed an update on the construction project to the board.

The board asked question regarding submission dates and if all plans have been submitted at the same time

Mr. Bell indicated that everything was submitted and at the same time.

Mr. Schultz commented about changing the size of one room, he expressed concern that this would require a structural change.

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Mr. Piparo asked Mr. Bell to advise the board if they can do anything to help expedite the process.

Mr. Bell said that he is trying to get DCA what they want at this point in the process.

Ms. Vail asked if the DCA will provide a written response to the items on their list.

Mr. Bell said that they will respond when the list is complete.

Mr. Schultz asked if there is a possibility that the code compliance will be out of date by the time the project is approved.

Mr. Bell expressed confidence that code compliance issues have been addressed.

### **VII. Public Comments**

Mrs. Cullen said that she will provide the board with information from the Raritan Valley College contest awards for Franklin Township students.

Mr. Drwal asked if the board is in any jeopardy of losing funding if the project doesn't begin by a certain date.

There was some discussion among the board members regarding the deadline for starting the project.

The board asked the administrators to contact the SDA and confirm timelines for the project.

Mrs. Minarik said that she will be giving the board a letter requesting that the guidance position be kept at full time.

Mrs. Coe commented that the agenda calls for abolishing all the instructional aide positions. She said that she understood there would be five instructional aides next year.

Dr. Dwyer confirmed that there will be five instructional aides hired and that the current aides can apply for those positions.

Mrs. Campbell commented about the deadline for starting the building program and ask for clarification about what start means.

### **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.

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### A. EDUCATION

1. Approve the following field trips:
  - Grade 8 to North Hunterdon High School, Project Venture PE Program, May 26 and 27, 2009
  - Grade 1 to Crayola Factory, June 2, 2009
  - Chorus to Quakertown Firehouse to perform for senior citizens, May 13, 2009

### B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:
  - Spring Athletic Directors Meeting, May 14, 2009, mileage reimbursement, \$2.48 - 1 staff member
  - County Technology Articulation Meeting, May 19, 2009, mileage reimbursement, \$5.58 - 1 staff member
  - Successful Inclusion Strategies and Techniques, May 20, 2009, Registration, \$199.00, mileage reimbursement, \$42.78 - 1 staff member
  - Moodle Site Presentation for ESL teachers, May 29, 2009, mileage reimbursement, \$5.10 - 1 staff member
2. **Approve** the following substitute teacher/nurse:
  - Laurie Lawrence

### C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:
  - Quakertown Fire Company, Memorial Day Program, Front Lawn (Gym in case of rain), May 25, 2009, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
  - PTA, After school Club, Gym, May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 3:20 - 4:15 p.m.
  - PTA, Mothers Day Plant Sale, Music Room, May 7 (set up at 3:15), May 8, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  - PTA, Teacher Appreciation Week, Baked Goods Raffle, APR, May 7, 2009, 8:15 - 11:00 a.m., Teacher Luncheon, Art Room, May 8, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
  - North Hunterdon Little League, Baseball Field, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, May 29 - July 31, 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(enclosures)

### D. BUSINESS

No consent items

### E. POLICY

No consent items

### F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

Motion by Mr. Wolak    Second by Mr. DiGiambattista

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

## IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**

- a. Enrollment (343) (enclosure)
- b. Delayed opening - May 1, 2009

B. **FACILITIES**

No action items

C. **BUSINESS**

Dr. Dwyer advised that board that the Superintendent applications will be in on Wednesday and ready for board member review.

D. **TRANSPORTATION**

No action items

E. **BOARD MATTERS**

1. **Action Item:**

- a. President Campbell reconstitutes the full Franklin Township Board of Education Negotiations Committee to include members Peter DiGiambattista, Nancy Reed, and Ken Weiss. In addition, there is a motion to appoint Dolores Wright as a fully-empowered member of the Franklin Township Board of Education's negotiations committee at no compensation until a new successor agreement between the Board and the QEA for 2009/2010 and beyond has been ratified by the parties.

Motion by Ms. Vail    Seconded by Mr. Weiss

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

F. **POLICY**

Motion by Mrs. Burdick seconded by Mr. Schultz to authorize the Superintendent to contact NJSBA and request a Policy Wellness Check.

Motion carried

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### G. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Piparo suggested a resolution to respond to public commentary raised during the recent BOE campaign.

The board discussed Mr. Piparo's recommendation and decided to take it under advisement for further discussion.

Mr. Piparo suggested that the board issue regular updates to the community regarding the building program.

Mr. Schultz read a piece written by Charles Swindoll on attitude.

### 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, May 4, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel, for 2009-2010 and beyond, possibly other matters relating to the building project, and legal issues. It is expected that the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Piparo at 8:49 p.m. Motion Carried

### XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:56 p.m.

Moved Mr. Wolak Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried

### XII. PERSONNEL

#### A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to abolish all existing in-district instructional aide positions, full time and part time, effective the end of the day, June 30, 2009. The individuals currently holding those positions are:

Melissa Fay	Melissa Minarik
Laurie Gregory	Lisa Pytell
Meredith Higgins	Maureen Smith
Anita Holland	Jamie Szatkowski
Noreen Hurford	Penni Trionfo
Conni Keller	Jeffrey Weinhold
Leslie McCusker	

Motion by Mr. DiGiambattista Seconded by Mr. Piparo

C. Piparo, V. Pres.	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, Pres.	Y

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2. **Motion** to re-employ Rosalie Mancino as School Supervisor and Supervisor of Special Services, at compensation to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Ms. Vail Seconded by Mrs. Wolak

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

3. **Motion** to rehire Rosemarie Kasperkoski as Executive Secretary from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a salary to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Piparo Seconded by Mr. Weiss

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

4. **Motion** to rehire Carla Abert as Business Office Assistant from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a salary to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. DiGiambattista Seconded by Mr. Schultz

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

5. **Motion** to rehire the following support staff for the 2009/2010 school year at a salary to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Ranae Pellegrino (12 months)  
Karen Snyder (10 months)

Motion by Ms. Vail Seconded by Mr. Wolak

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

6. **Motion** to rehire the following tenured faculty for the 2009/2010 school year at a salary to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

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### Full Time:

Sunday Bradlee	Patricia Quick
Donna Browning	Marjorie Sharp
Minga Cullen	Bromely Steele
Marylou Findley	Tracy Strysky
Lynn Johnson	Barbara Suozzo
Joan Kot	Alice Thompson
Barry Kramer	Lenore Tigie
Jason Lembo	Pamela Watkinson
Mina Nace	Jeanne Yancey
Vickie Nosker	Darlene Yanoff
Anita Petersen	Bernice Yates
Janet Prassl	

### Part Time:

Marydenise Appio (.6)	Nicole Lanka (.8)
Karen Brokaw (.6)	Diane Meyer (.6)
Barbara Egge (.6)	Jane Ries (.6)
Trina Lahman (.6)	Stacey Viscel (.8)

Motion by Ms. Vail Seconded by Mr. Piparo

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

7. **Motion** to rehire the following non-tenured faculty for the 2009/2010 school year at a salary to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

### Full Time:

Jaclyn Fedyna  
Steven Lindner  
Alison Shelofsky

### Part Time:

Rebecca Richards (.8)  
Marilyn Wechsler (.8)

Motion by Mr. DiGiambattista Seconded by Ms. Vail

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

8. **Motion** to rehire Denise Schoch, due to receive tenure for the 2009/2010 school year, as full time computer teacher/technology coordinator at a salary to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

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Motion by Mrs. Wolak Seconded by Ms. Vail

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

9. **Motion** to rehire Susan Rainaldi, due to receive tenure for the 2009/2010 school year, as first grade teacher at a salary to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Ms. Vail Seconded by Mr. Piparo

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Abstain	T. Schultz	Abstain	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

10. **Motion** to approve Rebecca Richards as Coordinator of the Child Study Team for the 2009/2010 school year at the stipend to be determined upon the conclusion of collective bargaining, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. DiGiambattista Seconded by Ms. Vail

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

11. **Motion** to rehire Martha Shoudt as Cafeteria/Library Aide for the 2009/2010 school year at a salary to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mrs. Wolak Seconded by Ms. Vail

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

12. **Motion** to rehire Richelle Russillo as a bus aide for the 2009/2010 school year at an hourly rate to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion by Mrs. Wolak Seconded by Mr. DiGiambattista

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

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13. **Motion** to rehire the following out-of-district instructional aides for the 2009/2010 school year at a salary to be determined, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Kathleen Duke  
William Bruton

Motion by Mr. Schultz Seconded by Mrs. Wolak

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

14. **Motion** to accept , with regret, the resignation of Ms. Marisa Knight, .8 Art teacher, effective June 30, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Schultz Seconded by Mr. Piparo

C. Piparo, <i>V. Pres.</i>	Y	A. Burdick	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y
N. Reed	Y	T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y
K. Weiss	Y	T. Wolak	Y	J. Campbell, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

### XIII. Public Comments

### XIV. **Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Moved Mr. Schultz Second Mrs. Wolak Motion Carried

Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Tudek  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary