

**Regular Meeting June 22, 2009**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL**  
**NEW JERSEY 08868**  
*Board of Education*

**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

**III. Flag Salute**

Mr. Campbell announced that he is resigning from his position as board president. He stated that, for personal reasons, he could no longer make the time commitment required to perform all the duties of board president.

Mrs. Tudek opened nominations for Board President

**Motion** Mr. Weiss **Second** Mr. DiGiambattista to nominate Mr. Piparo

**Motion** Mrs. Wolak **Second** by Mr. Schultz to nominate Mrs. Burdick

**Motion** Mr. DiGiambattista **Second** Mr. Campbell to close nominations

Roll call vote

A. Burdick	Mrs. Burdick	J. Campbell	Mr. Piparo	P. DiGiambattista	Mr. Piparo
C. Piparo	Mr. Piparo	N. Reed	Mrs. Burdick	T. Schultz	Mrs. Burdick
L. Vail	Mr. Piparo	K. Weiss	Mr. Piparo	T. Wolak	Mrs. Burdick

Mr. Schultz expressed concern that Mr. Piparo did not have enough experience on the board to effectively serve as Board President.

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Mr. Piparo opened nomination for Vice President

**Motion** Mrs. Wolak **Second** Mr. Schultz to nominate Mrs. Burdick

**Motion** Mr. DiGiambattista **Second** Ms. Vail to nominate Mr. Weiss

**Motion** Mrs. Burdick **Second** Mrs. Wolak to close nominations

A. Burdick	Mrs. Burdick	J. Campbell	Mr. Weiss	P. DiGiambattista	Mr. Weiss
C. Piparo	Mr. Weiss	N. Reed	Mrs. Burdick	T. Schultz	Mrs. Burdick
L. Vail	Mr. Weiss	K. Weiss	Mr. Weiss	T. Wolak	Mrs. Burdick

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

- June 8, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- June 8, 2009 - Executive Session
- June 10, 2009 - Special Meeting
- June 10, 2009 - Executive Session

Moved Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried

### V. **Correspondence**

Mrs. McDevitt regarding her 2nd grade student.

### VI. **Construction Update**

Mr. Bell provided the board with a written update and timelines. He advised that the engineers will complete their calculations by July 19 and submit them to the DCA.

Dr. Dwyer said that the plans will be changed to include updates to the firewall as required by the DCA.

Mr. Campbell distributed an addendum item to authorize PS&S for perform additional work to change the design of the firewall.

Mr. Schultz stated that he does not like to received addendum items on such short notice.

Mrs. Reed asked why PS&S did not know that the firewall design is not acceptable for schools.

**MOTION** to authorize PS&S Engineers to create and submit structural plans to meet DCA approval relating to the firewall in question for the new building at a cost not the exceed \$10,000.

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Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista

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

### VII. Public Comments

Mr. Drwal expressed concern that two months have passed since he last attended a meeting and expected more progress on the building program. He asked if anyone on the board researched the DCA deadline for beginning the project.

Dr. Dwyer stated that, because of issues with the first architect, the DCA will not hold the district to a deadline.

Mr. Schultz requested that PS&S join Mr. Bell when he takes the plans to Trenton.

Mrs. Coe inquired about the background and experience of the new art teacher.

Dr. Dwyer stated that the art teacher being recommended has several years experience and most recently worked for the Educational Services Commission.

Mrs. Coe asked how many of the teacher aides, being appointed, are certified teachers.

Dr. Dwyer said that he believes four of the teachers aides are certified.

Mrs. Coe asked if Mrs. Schoch will be working on updating the web-site over the summer.

Dr. Dwyer said that the web-site will be updated to be comparable to other district.

Mrs. Durbin of the Quakertown United Methodist Church asked the board to approve school participation in the Food Pantry next school year. She thank families and staff of the school for their hard work making the project a success this year. Mrs. Durbin said that because of the participation of the school they were able to assist 29 families rather than only 14 the previous year.

### 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

No consent items

#### B. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day request:

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- National Association of School Psychologists, July 13, 14, 15, 2009, Registration, \$598 - 1 staff member

2. **Approve** the substitute teacher list for the 09-10 school year.

(enclosure)

### C. FACILITIES

1. Approve the following use of facility request:

- Class of 2010 (PTA), Parking Lot, Car Wash, June 27, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(enclosure)

### D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the June 2009 bill list in the amount of \$503,542.73 which includes \$8,237.50 in the Capital Projects account.

(enclosure)

2. **Approve** the 09-10 CAP Grant Application as follows:

- Pre K-6 - \$428.00 of which \$128.40 is district funded.
- Teen CAP - \$382.00 of which \$114.60 is district funded.

### E. POLICY

No consent items

### F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

Motion Mr. Campbell seconded Mr. Weiss

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

## IX. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. **Informational/Discussion Items:**

- Enrollment (345)
- Close of School

Mr. Piparo commented that the Superintendents Search will continue over the summer.

### B. FACILITIES

No action items

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### C. BUSINESS

#### 1. Action Items:

- a. **Motion** to approve the agreement with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for one student beginning September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at an annual cost of \$1,600.00.

Moved Ms. Vail          Second Mr. Campbell          Motion Carried

- b. **Motion** to approve costs of purchasing student and adult lunches for the 2009-10 school year as follows:

Student - \$2.50                                  Adult - \$3.00

Moved Mr. Campbell          Second Mr. Schultz          Motion Carried

- c. **Motion** to approve the milk price of \$.40 per half pint for the 2009-10 school year.

Moved Mr. Campbell          Second Mr. Weiss          Motion Carried

### D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

### E. POLICY

#### 1. Action Items:

- a. **Motion** to adopt, after a second reading, the following revised policies:

- 1330/1330R - Use of School Facilities
- 5141.5 - Pupil Suicide Prevention
- 6142.10 - Technology
- 6171.4 - Special Education

Moved Mr. Campbell          Second Ms. Vail                                  **(distributed 6/8)**  
Motion Carried

- b. **Motion** to adopt, after a second reading, the following regulation:

- 5141.5R - Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program

Moved                                  Second                                  **(distributed 6/8)**  
Motion Carried

### F. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schultz reported that he observed that the smart boards at the school are improperly installed. He reported that the electrical lines are installed above the ceiling and need to be below the ceiling.

Dr. Dwyer said that he will address the issue.

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### 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, June 22, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective bargaining for 2009-2010 and beyond, possibly other matters relating to tlegal matters relating to ethics 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 Mr. DiGiambattista at 9:05 p.m.Motion Carried

### XI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 10:08.

Moved Mr. Schultz Second Mr. Campbell Motion Carried

### XII. BOARD MATTERS

#### 1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the negotiated contract between the Quakertown Education Association and the Franklin Township Board of Education effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista

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

### XIII. PERSONNEL

#### A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to employ Jason Farnsworth as part time (.8) art teacher for the 2009-2010 school year on step BA 9 of the 2009-2010 salary guide, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent and subject to criminal background check.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

2. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to employ the following instructional aides for the 2009-2010 school year as listed. Salaries to be determined upon approval of the agreement with other staff members.

- Anita Holland (full time)
- Leslie McCusker (full time technology)

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- Penni Trionfo (full time)
- Sue Marcantuono (full time)
- Jamie Szatkowski (full time)
- Laurie Gregory (part time .6)
- Maureen Smith (part time .6)

Motion Mr. Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

3. **Motion** to approve the following permanent substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at the per diem rate of \$110.00, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

- Sandra Zdepski
- Jeffrey Weinhold

Motion by Mr. Campbell Second by Ms. Vail

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

4. **Motion** to employ Ronald Mathews as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2009-2010 school year at an increase in salary of 4.5%, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Ms. Vail

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

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

5. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to establish compensation increases for the following employees listed below who were previously approved for 2009-2010.

- Carla Abert, Business Office Assistant - 4.5%
- Rose Kasperkoski, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent - 4.5% (plus longevity step for 15 years in the District)
- Rosalie Mancino, Supervisor of Curriculum/Special Education -4.5% (plus \$1,800 additional to supervise special education and 1 additional week of vacation)
- Barbara Tudek, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary - no change in compensation for 2009-2010

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

6. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to establish compensation increases for the following two employees who are represented by the Quakertown Education Association and were previously approved for reemployment for 2009-2010.

- Ranae Pellegrino, School Secretary (12 months) - 4.5%
- Karen Snyder, Child Study Team Secretary (10 months) - 4.5%

Motion Ms. Vail Second Mr. Campbell

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

7. **Motion** to approve 15 additional summer hours of employment for Leslie McCusker for the purposes of training and installation of upgrades in the technology department at her 2009-2010 hourly rate, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

8. **Motion** to authorize the following summer curriculum work for the following teachers at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

**Science Curriculum** - 30 hours each (Not to exceed \$4,500)

- Minga Cullen
- Donna Browning
- Tracy Strycky
- Alice Thompson
- Jason Lembo

**Art Curriculum** - 12 hours (not to exceed \$360.00)

- Jason Farnsworth

**Spanish Curriculum** - 30 hours (not to exceed \$900.00)

- Sunday Bradlee

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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



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9. **Motion**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to authorize additional summer days at the 2009-2010 per diem rate for the following individuals:

- Rebecca Richards - 10 days
- Marydenise Appio - 5 days
- Micki Wechsler - 5 days
- Karen Snyder - 5 days

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

10. **Motion** to authorize Mrs. Stacey Viscel to provide speech/language services for 5 hours during July and August at the hourly rate of \$75.00, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mr. DiGiambattista

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

11. **Motion** to approve Alison Shelofsky to provide 12 hours of instruction to two classified students in July and August at her 2009-2010 hourly rate, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Campbell Second Mrs. Wolak

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

### XIV. Public Comments

Mrs. Wright said that she is pleased that the Board of Education and the Quakertown Education Association were able to agree on a contract that benefits both parties.

- XV. **Motion** to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Moved Mr. Schultz                      Second Ms. Vail                      Motion Carried

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Certified by:

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Tudek  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary