## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NEW JERSEY 08868 Board of Education

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

#### 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 7, 2010.

## II. Roll Call - John A. Gomez, SBA/BS

| K. Weiss, <i>V. Pres.</i> | Р      | A. Burdick | Р | P. DiGiambattista       | Р |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| J. Foran                  | Р      | N. Reed    | Р | T. Schultz              | Р |
| L. Vail                   | Absent | T. Wolak   | Р | C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i> | Р |

## III. Flag Salute

## IV. Diane Morris, NJSBA - Review of Superintendent and Board Evaluations

#### V. 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, April 12, 2010 for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and the Board's Self-Evaluation. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista

Second Mr. Weiss

**Motion Carried** 

Board Secretary was asked to excuse himself due to superintendent's evaluation.

## VI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 7:37 PM.

Diane Morris of the New Jersey School Boards Association discussed with the board its self evaluation. After reviewing the data the board President stated that the board needs to conduct a spring workshop to plan out the board calendar.

- **VII. Motion** to approve the minutes of the following meetings:
  - March 13, 2010 Special Meeting
  - March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting
  - March 22, 2010 Executive Session

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 7 Yes 1 Abstention Motion was approved with changes.

Mr. Piparo thanked the outgoing board members for there service to the community and the board.

## VIII. Correspondence

• North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

## IX. Recognition of 2010 Outgoing Board Members

## X. Construction Update

- Update from Construction Manager
- Oil Tank Report
- Communications

Mr. David Tillou of DEI gave the construction update as per the monthly report included with the board agenda. There was question concerning the asbestos contained in the boilers as per previous reports and a timeline for abatement. The asbestos abatement bid would be advertised on April 13<sup>th</sup>, with the work being done during the summer. Another question centered on the large quantity of water being pumped out from under the school. Mr. Tillou was to engage a geo technical engineer to investigate. The next question concerned the design of the new kitchen facility and why Maschio's the school's current food service provider was involved in the process. There was a discussion with the Construction manager concerning the project timeline. The Construction manager had asked the board to extend the contractors schedules by 19 days due to delays at the beginning of the project, the matter would be reviewed by the construction subcommittee. There was a discussion regarding the boiler warranty which is 5 years, an extended warranty can be purchased and Mr. Tillou would research the cost. The discussion moved to the boiler bid. Mr. Tillou indicated that the bid received from TM Brennan was the lowest responsive bid and did include the specific boilers. The next item was a discussion concerning the "front end" contract alternate from Direct Digital Inc. the feeling was that it would be prudent to go ahead and authorize a change order to accept the alternate. There was a discussion concerning the lighting and fixtures. The construction manager requested that a decision be made on the lighting to expedite the process, the superintendent selected the light fixtures based on minimal maintenance requirements. This decision was made outside the construction subcommittee. The final item was regarding credits from Power with Prestige in the amount of \$28,480 and whether or not to accept the change order, a motion was introduced and passed by the board.

## XI. Public Comments

Kimberly Lundgren asked if the board could make any guarantees to the union regarding wage negotiations.

Bob Masino asked if the governor has offered any incentives to teachers in exchange for wage concessions.

Minga Cullen addressed the board about employee concessions and how they would affect taxes.

Colleen Ewing commented that there would be no harm in opening discussions with the QEA.

## XII. Resolution to Award Contract for the Boiler Replacement

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2010 the Franklin Township Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of Boiler replacement which yielded the following for consideration:

| Contractor               | Base Bid     | Total Bid    |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Direct Digital Control   | \$254,000.00 | \$254,000.00 |
| Don Pizzolato Inc.       | \$290,667.00 | \$290,667.00 |
| Dumont Mechanical        | \$283,540.00 | \$283,540.00 |
| Envirocon                | \$296,000.00 | \$296,000.00 |
| Estock Piping Co.        | \$266,680.00 | \$266,680.00 |
| Gabe Sganga, Inc.        | \$314,000.00 | \$314,000.00 |
| Mechanical Degrees       | \$252,600.00 | \$252,600.00 |
| MPA                      | \$295,000.00 | \$295,000.00 |
| T.M. Brennan Contractors | \$227,604.00 | \$227,604.00 |

and:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Board of Education award the contract for the Boiler replacement to T.M. Brennan Contractors, Inc. in the total contract lump sum of \$227,604.00

| Moved              | Mr. Foran | Second Mr. Schultz |                         |   |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| K. Weiss, V. Pres. | Υ         | A. Burdick Y       | P. DiGiambattista       | Υ |
| J. Foran           | Υ         | N. Reed Y          | T. Schultz              | Υ |
| L. Vail            | Absent    | T. Wolak Y         | C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i> | Υ |

## XIII. 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**

No consent items

#### C. FACILITIES

- 1. Approve the following use of facility request:
  - Girl Scouts, APR, April 28, 2010, 3:15 5:00 p.m.

#### D. BUSINESS

No consent items

#### E. POLICY

No consent items

#### F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

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

## XIV. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION: Superintendent's Report - Dr. Chrys Harttraft

#### 1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. Teacher of the Year
- c. Distinguished Student
- d. Budget Newsletter
- e. Destination Imagination
- f. Proposed 2010-2011 School Calendar
- g. Preschool Program Update
- h. Review of 2010-2011 Professional Development Plan

There was a discussion concerning the pre-school disabled program that is due to begin in May with two students. Dr. Harttraft gave an update on the progress of the program and will be reviewing different curriculums in order to make a recommendation for the board. The program will be 2 ½ hours per day conducted 4 days per week.

#### 2. Action Item:

a. **Motion** to approve a pre-school handicapped program to be held at Franklin Township School beginning on or about May 3, 2010.

| Moved Mr. Foran |   | Second Mr. DiGiamb |   |               |
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| N. Weiss, V. Pres. | I      | A. Buruick | I        | P. DIGIAMDALLISTA       | I |
|--------------------|--------|------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| J. Foran           | Υ      | N. Reed Al | ostained | T. Schultz              | Y |
| L. Vail            | Absent | T. Wolak   | Υ        | C. Piparo. <i>Pres.</i> | Y |

## B. FACILITIES No action items

#### C. BUSINESS

- 1. Financial Reports:
  - a. **Treasurer's** Report and **Board Secretary's** Reports, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for February 2010.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 8-0

b. Motion to approve the line item transfers for February 2010.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 8-0

- c. Motion to adopt the following resolutions:
  - 1. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3** the board secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) for February 2010.
  - 2. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4** the board of education certifies, after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's February 2010 financial reports, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

| Move               | d Mr. Foran | Second Mr. Schultz |                         |   |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| K. Weiss, V. Pres. | Υ           | A. Burdick Y       | P. DiGiambattista       | Υ |
| J. Foran           | Υ           | N. Reed Y          | T. Schultz              | Υ |
| L. Vail            | Absent      | T. Wolak Y         | C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i> | Υ |

d. Construction Manager Budget Buyout reconciled with Business Administrator Financial Report for February 2010.

## D. TRANSPORTATION No action items

- E. POLICY
  - 1. Action Item:
    - a. Motion to approve the first reading of the revised policy 5141, Health.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 8-0

#### F. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Motion** to allow the Construction Manager to prepare a change order to accept the alternate from Direct Digital Controls known as a Front End not to exceed \$15,000.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried 8-0

**2. Motion** to prepare a change order to accept a credit from Power With Prestige in the amount of \$28,480 consisting of items enumerated 1-10 contained in the correspondence from DEI Inc.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Burdick Motion Carried 8-0

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Moved Second Motion Carried

Executive Session was not needed.

XVI. Motion to return to Open Public Session at \_\_\_\_\_.

Moved Second Motion Carried

#### XVII. Board Matters

- A. Action Item:
  - Motion to authorize the President of the Franklin Township Board of Education to send a letter to the President of the Quakertown Education Association and the Franklin Township Administrators to open discussions to explore options and alternatives relative to the current budget challenges.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. DiGiambattista Motion Carried 8-0

- B. Discussion Items:
  - 1. Superintendent's Evaluation and Board's Self-Evaluation
  - 2. Budget Process
- XVIII. Personnel

No action items

- XIX. Public Comments
- XX. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:14 PM.

Moved Mr. Schultz Second Mrs Wolak Motion Carried