

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2010

Immediately following the organization meeting but no later than 8:00 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 28, 2009.

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

P. DiGiambattista	P	C. Ewing	P	J. Foran	P
K. Lundgren	P	R. Masino	P	C. Piparo	P
T. Schultz	P	L. Vail	P	K. Weiss	P

III. Flag Salute

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

- March 29, 2010 - Public Hearing on the Budget
- April 12, 2010 - Regular Meeting
- April 12, 2010 - Executive Session

Minutes were approved with modifications. Modifications were to be made to the minutes of April 12, 2010 concerning changes to interior lights for new construction.

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. DiGiambattista

Motion Carried 5-0-3 Abst

V. Correspondence

- None

Letter from Governor's office was read by Mr. Piparo. This letter addressed the concerns of the districts and the tools that were being developed on to help the School Districts in the future.

VI. Construction Update

- Direct Digital Change Order
- Relocation of Health Office and Faculty Room
- Communications

The Direct Digital Change order was not ready in time for the meeting discussion was postponed until next board meeting. The board was informed of the relocation of the health and faculty rooms.

VII. Budget Update

The board President spoke about the results of the vote on the budget and the resulting process. Mr. Piparo informed the board that we had received electronic correspondence from the Mayor's office indicating that the township committee did not want an increase in the budget. Mr. Piparo reminded the board that it established a budget subcommittee that would be meeting with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Wednesday April 28th at 7:00PM to establish guidelines for the public meeting scheduled for May 4th. The board was informed that the QEA and Administration had opened talks with the board regarding a possible salary freeze. The board asked if the governor's office or Department of Education had issued any correspondence regarding the rolling back of mandates. The board was informed that nothing had been officially released regarding "tools" to help the districts in containing costs. Dr. Hartraft discussed different scenarios regarding staff reductions and the impacts on class size of each scenario. Dr. Hartraft described the process for notifying employees of potential job elimination. The board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of issuing notices to all or only part of the staff. The board was reminded that we could not discuss specific individuals since no one had been given a Rice notice.

VIII. Public Comments

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.

There was a question from the board if consideration was being given to approve the facilities use request from the Franklin little league.

A. EDUCATION

1. Approve the following field trip:
 - Grade 2 to Green Meadows Native Lands, June 2, 2010

B. PERSONNEL

No consent items

C. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility request:
 - PTA, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Front Lawn, (All Purpose Room in case of rain), May 7, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

D. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the April 2010 bill list in the amount of \$1,066,989.08 which includes \$377,656.57 in the Capital Projects account.

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

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

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mrs. Lundgren

P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y	J. Foran	Y
K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y	C. Piparo	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	K. Weiss	Y

X. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. Staff Attendance
- c. Pre-school planning
- d. School Calendar
 - Early dismissal/structured common planning time
- e. Testing schedule for 2010 and 2011
- f. Take our Children to Work Day

Enrollment 341

Staff Attendance was reported at 96.3%

The superintendent presented the school calendar to the board there were questions concerning giving half days to replace preparation time that would be diminished to the budget crisis. The board decided to table the matter until the next board meeting.

2. Action Items:

- a. **Motion** to approve the pre-school curriculum, "Tools of the Mind" at a purchase cost of \$3,500, which includes training.

Moved Mrs.Ewing SecondMr. Weiss Motion Carried 9-0

- b. **Motion** to approve the submission of the three-year technology plan for 2011-2014, to the County Office for approval.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 6-0-3 (Abstained)

- c. **Motion** to accept the donation of a Power Mac G4 with 19 inch monitor, 2 GB RAM, and 2 superdrives from Dave Davis.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Foran Motion Carried 9-0

B. FACILITIES

No action items

C. BUSINESS

The board asked if the Superintendents and Business Administrator's conferences were budgeted for in the current budget. Both conferences were budgeted for in the current year.

1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the School Business Administrator's attendance at the NJASBO 48th Annual Conference - June 2-4, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$431, which will include registration fee (\$150), two nights stay at the NJDOE approved rate (\$114), and mileage (172 miles @ 31 cents = \$53.)

Moved Mr. Weiss Second Mr. Masino Motion Carried 8 Yes 1 Abst
Mr. Foran

- b. **Motion** to approve the Superintendent's attendance at the NJASA/NJSBA 28th Annual Conference - May 19-20, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$562, which will include registration fee (\$395), one night stay at the NJDOE approved rate (\$114), and mileage (172 miles @ 31 cents = \$53.)

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 8 Yes 2 Abst
Mr. Foran
Mr. Schultz

D. TRANSPORTATION
No action items

E. POLICY

1. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to adopt, after a second reading, the revised policy 5141, Health.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 5 Yes 4 Abst
Ms. Vail
Mr. Masino
Mrs. Ewing
Mrs. Lundgren

F. NEW BUSINESS

XI. 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 26, 2010 for the purpose of discussing contract matters regarding the construction project. 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. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 9-0

XII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 10:19 PM.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 9-0

XIII. Board Matters

A. Information/Discussion Item:

1. Revised Superintendent Evaluation
2. Subcommittees

It was requested that the testing and construction schedule adjustment be posted on the school website.

The board accepted the gift from Mr. Dave Davis of a computer and the board would send Mr. Davis a letter of thanks.

The board was offered a free dumpster for the demolition phase of the construction project.

The board established the following subcommittees:

Policy : Colleen Ewing

Construction Subcommittee: Mr. Foran, Mr. Schultz, Mr. DiGiambattista, and Mr. Masino.

Negotiations Subcommittee: Mr. Weiss, Mr. DiGiambattista, Mr. Foran, and Mr. Piparo.

Communications Subcommittee: Ms. Vail, Mrs. Lundgren, Mr. Masino.

The final item was that the board should have a planning session meeting sometime in June 2010.

XIV. Personnel
No action items

XV. Public Comments

Paul Dahan said that he opposes targeting teachers and that the children are the most important thing in these discussions. Mr. Dahan was concerned that an increase in administrative costs sent a bad message. He also spoke about looking at Thorough and Efficient.

Mrs. Alba Burdick asked when the public meeting with the township would be. Mrs. Burdick also asked what the specific subject of the executive session would be.

Jeannine Gordon spoke about being creative when it came to the budget cuts and that the scenarios discussed frightened her.

Mrs. Toni Wolak wanted to know why the Spanish program was being moved to a cart and where the cart would go.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:37 PM.

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. Masino

Motion Carried 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Gomez
SBA/Board Secretary