

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2010- 7:30 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 26, 2010.

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

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

III. Flag Salute

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

- April 19, 2010 - Executive Session
- April 26, 2010 - Reorganization Meeting
- April 26, 2010 - Regular Meeting
- April 26, 2010 - Executive Session

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. Schultz

Motion Carried 4-0-3

V. Technology Update - Denise Schoch

A presentation about the school's technology program was made by Mrs. Denise Schoch technology teacher and Mrs. Leslie McCusker technology assistant. There was a review of the different technology projects undertaken at each grade level. The board was given the opportunity to see samples of student projects. The board was informed that student progress is measured through the 4th and 8th grade state mandated benchmarks.

VI. Construction Update

- Subcommittee report - Jim Foran

A report regarding the building and grounds sub committee meeting was given by Mr. Foran. The sub committee consisting of Mr. Foran, Mr. Schultz, and Mr. DiGiambattista, and Mr. Masino had met with Mr. Tillou to discuss various construction issues.

The committee reported that a discussion regarding a request from the building official to have a full time Masonry inspector had occurred, and that the board of education could not pay for such

an inspector. The committee also inspected a sample of the new windows and agreed that the window met the project specifications. There was also an update on the budget buyout which would be revised to reflect the current contingency funds and where they are allocated. It was reported that the excess water condition under the concrete slab had been resolved by letting the water flow to its original location. An update regarding DCA was given on changes submitted to them in April. It was reported that approval for moving excess fill to the board's farm property had been approved by the soil conservation authority. The sub committee reported that they had several change orders they wanted approved by the end of the meeting, these motions would be done under new board business.

- Change Order - Direct Digital

Motion to approve the change order proposal from Direct Digital in an amount not to exceed \$73,800 for new air handling units, new compressors, new refrigerant piping and the credits for work not being performed in the boiler room.

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. Schultz

Motion Carried 7-0

VII. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School

An email had been received requesting that the board to endorse correspondence to be sent in the name of 32 Public Worker Organizations protesting the current cuts from the state. The board decided that the board cannot endorse such correspondence. The board decided to post the information regarding the rally on the school web-site.

VIII. Communication Update

- Subcommittee report

Members of the board were reminded that no one on the board should respond to anonymous e-mails.

IX. Budget Update

- Three versions of budgets will be reviewed. All three will be provided to the Township Committee for future discussion.

It was reported that there was no news concerning the Quakertown Education Association vote on a salary freeze. The board President reported on the public meeting held on May 4th. There were no updates regarding communicating with the township committee. The board was informed that the township committee might be using the services of an independent auditor before it announces its numbers. The board was reminded of how the defeated budget process works. The board was informed that if an agreement is not reached with the township we might need to be prepared to have a failure to certify. There was a discussion regarding giving all employees RICE notices so the board can have discussions regarding employee reductions without violating those employees rights. The board decided that the RICE notices should be issued to all employees for the next meeting and possibly until personnel matters in regards to the budget are resolved. The board discussed the three different proposals regarding budget cuts. The proposals are 0%, 2.5%, and a 4% increase to last years general fund budget. The board discussed the matter at length and there was no consensus on which proposal was acceptable. The board president instructed the board secretary to advertise a meeting for Monday May 17th. The meeting would only occur if the board receives a resolution it would agree to from the township committee.

X. Public Comments - Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes)

All comments should be directed to the board president. The Board will not entertain personal complaints from school personnel unless the chain of command has been followed, without

satisfaction. Furthermore, the Board cannot respond to any complaints from the public directed at any district employee or student, as the Board must protect each employee and each student's right to privacy.

Those wishing to share comments during this portion of the meeting are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be given three minutes.
Vigdis Austad:

Asked if the board does not get a meeting with the township committee before May 13, 2010 would someone from the board be at the township committee meeting of May 13, 2010

Curt Fisher:

Stated that he approached township and they do not want to get caught in the middle and would agree to independent auditor.

Joanne Coe:

Wanted to know if Dr. Harttraft or Mr. Gomez could go over the three budget scenarios with the township committee.

5 Minute recesses called.

XI. Executive Session (Tabled)

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 10, 2010 for the purpose of discussing the 2009-2010 budget and the 2010-2011 budget. 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 Second Motion Carried

XII. Motion to return to Open Public Session at _____.

Moved Second Motion Carried

XIII. Budget Resolutions

XIV. 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 trip:
 - Grade 3 to the Franklin Institute, May 19, 2010

B. PERSONNEL

No consent items

C. FACILITIES

1. Approve the following use of facility requests:

- PTA, APR, Movie Premiere, May 27, 2010, 3:15 - 8:30
- North Hunterdon Little League, Baseball Field, May 7, 17, 20, 25, 28, 2010 - 6:00 - 8:00 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.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz

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

XV. Discussion & Action Agenda

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

1. Informational/Discussion Items:

- a. Enrollment
- b. QSAC District Performance Review
Corrective Action Plan
- c. 2009-2010 Budget Concerns
- d. Professional Development
- e. School Calendar

2. Action Item:

- a. **Motion** to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar.

Moved Mrs. Ewing Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 7-0

B. FACILITIES

1. Discussion Item:

- a. Fees for use of fields

C. BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports:

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

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 7-0

- b. **Motion** to approve the line item transfers for March 2010.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Ewing Motion Carried 7-0

- 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 March 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 March 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.

Moved Mr. Masino Second Mr. Foran Motion Carried 7-0

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

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

2. Action Item:

a. Resolution - Asbestos Abatement

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2010 the Franklin Township Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of Asbestos Abatement which yielded the following for consideration:

Contractor	Base Bid	Total Bid
Abatech, Inc	\$ 86,400.00	\$ 86,400.00
DIA	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Greenwood	\$ 43,700.00	\$ 43,700.00
Lilich	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 43,500.00
Netrix	\$ 78,600.00	\$ 78,600.00
New American Restoration	\$ 83,500.00	\$ 83,500.00
Paragon Contracting	\$ 48,999.00	\$ 48,999.00
Plymouth Environmental	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
Two Brothers	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 58,000.00
VMC Co.	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 54,000.00

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 Asbestos Abatement to Lilich Corporation Inc. in the total contract lump sum of \$ 43,500.00.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Masino Motion Carried 7-0

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

3. Discussion Item:

- a. Lease of Land

D. TRANSPORTATION
No action items

E. POLICY

- 1. **Discussion Item:** (Tabled)
 - a. Revisions to policy #1330 - Use of School Facilities

F. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve an 18 day extension to the construction project contracts of the five prime contractors (Tekton, Direct Digital, Power with Prestige, Dumont, and JG Schmidt) with no additional cost to the board.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 7-0

Motion to approve a credit of \$ 2580.55 from Tekton Development in regards to Hand Dryers and toilet paper holders reference Change order Proposal GC-04.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 7-0

Motion to approve change order GC-03 from Tekton Development in the amount of 1209.88 to upgrade existing frame and grate at DS14 to new grate and frame Campbell #3425.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Weiss Motion Carried 7-0

Motion to approve the Direct Digital Change order to install one unit vent and one condensing unit in the amount of \$18,600.00

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Lundgren Motion Carried 7-0

XVI. Board Matters

A. Superintendent Evaluation

Dr. Harttraft gave her response to the board regarding her evaluation meeting the 10 day deadline. Board members including former board members were reminded that they are to shred any confidential personnel materials in their possession referencing the superintendent's evaluation. The board president discussed with the board the need to have a planning session sometime during June 2010. The general feeling was that it should be on a weeknight and not on a weekend.

XVII. Personnel

A. Action Item:

- 1. **Motion** to retroactively approve Mina Nace and Ellen Rousseau to provide home instruction to a special education student not to exceed 10 hours per week at \$30.00 per hour, effective May 3, 2010 until the end of the school year.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Ewing Motion Carried 7-0

XVIII. Public Comments

Curt Fisher

Suggested that the board approach the township recreation board to discuss the availability of the property at Locust Grove road.

Minga Cullen:

Requested that the minutes of the meeting reflect that the QEA is waiting for the results of a proposed federal education bill that is pending in congress before they vote on a wage freeze.

XIX. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:40 PM.

Moved Mr. Foran

Second Mr. Schultz

Motion Carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Gomez
SBA/Board Secretary