

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2012- 7:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order

The call to order was announced by Dr. Fredericks at 7:30 p.m. In the absence of Mr. Piparo. A Resolution to appoint Mr. Robert Masino president pro tem was put forth by Mr. Burdick/ Second: Ms. Crielly. By voice vote, all in favor.

II. Open Public Meeting Announcement

The following announcement was read:

"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 27, 2012.

III. Roll Call - Dr. Carol Fredericks, SBA/BS

J. Foran, V. Pres.	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	x	C. Ewing	x	R. Masino	x
K. Weiss	<u>x (ar 7:37)</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, Pres.	<u>x (ar7:57)</u>

A quorum was achieved.

IV. Flag Salute--Attendees saluted the flag.

V. Presentation - NJ ASK Testing - Sophia Van Ess, School Supervisor

Mrs. Van Ess presented this year's scores by power point presentation (attached). The elementary school continues to show strength in all subjects in all grades.

The Middle School is particularly strong in math due to increased time focused upon math and language. In the LA curriculum revision process, we are in year 1, and start to move toward revision. The SE scores are aggregated in the total scores. The effect of combined classes two years ago did not cause a precipitous drop in scores. Both 4th grade and 8th grade science scores are exemplary with all but one student passing with proficient or advanced proficiency.

At this time, Mr. Piparo resigned as board president.

Resolved, to accept the resignation of Christopher Piparo as president.

Motion: Burdick/ Second: Ewing. By voice vote, all in favor.

Mr. Piparo expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and his opportunity to do his part in the construction process and appreciated the benefit brought to the students by the new school addition. Mr. Piparo asked the board to plan for the future.

VI. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:

- November 12, 2012 - Regular Meeting, as amended on page 7 to reflect No vote by Mr. Burdick on the shared contract.

Motion: Ewing/Second: Piparo. By voice vote, all in favor.

Resolved, to rescind the motion of Vice President for Colleen Ewing, as it was done in error.

Motion: Piparo/ Second: Crielly. By voice vote, all in favor. (peach enclosures)

VII. Interim Superintendent's Report - Dr. Davis

A. Informational/Discussion Items:

1. PTA Update - Vivian Paulter
 - The next few months are busy. The holiday shop was held last week, and it was successful.
 - The snowflake ball is scheduled for January 25, 2012.
 - The Middle School winter dance will be Friday Feb. 1, 2012.
 - 21st of Feb or the 28th of Feb are possible dates for the science fair; judging will be done with a rubric. Mr. Burdick will attempt to get Russ Holt, a rocket scientist to participate as judge.
 - The Library open house on December 4, 2012 was scarcely attended.
 - The giving tree is located in the school lobby for parents to purchase books for the library.
2. Construction Update - Dr. Davis/Dr. Fredericks. We are waiting for the permit to be issued by the Township for the installation of the emergency generator, and the contractor is ready to begin.
3. Enrollment-290 students are currently attending (goldenrod enclosure)
4. Program & Services Data—The Hampton (107 students) and Califon shared service meeting was held. Both districts are interested in sharing services. The Board indicated that Mr. Masino is charged with proceeding with the process of discussions. No next meetings are being planned.
5. Miscellaneous Items—contracts are in the folder for review, and will be discussed in executive session. Dr. Davis feels that it is important to select a Superintendent in order to move the district forward. An analysis was received by Mr. Gagliardi, supporting the district's case in appealing the shared services salary cap. (manila folder)
6. QSAC - Revised Date - 2/21/13; the review is rescheduled due to the storm.

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

All comments should be directed to the board president. The Board will not respond to complaints from and to 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.

Mina Nace asked about the shared service appeal.

Mrs. Van Ess announced that we have officially amended our testing dates, to test our 3rd 4th and 5th grade students, to May 6 through May 10, 2013, with a makeup week May 13-17th, 2013. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be tested April 29-May 3, 2013 with a makeup week May 6-10, 2013.

-Vivian Paulter asked if the budget is on the website? It is located there under "User Friendly Budget"

-Mr. Dan Connor commended the board for the solar initiative the board is proposing. Mr. Connor is interested in conferring with the board on these and other matters.

-Ken Weiss thanked Mr. Piparo for his service; he observed that the decision by the board to add additional items to the construction process helped all be better off due to Mr. Piparo's leadership.

-Mr. Piparo outlined a set of skills for the future leaders here, and Mr. Weiss thanked him again.

Resolved, to alter the order of the agenda to allow the auditor to present his report.

Motion: Burdick/ Seconded by Crielly. By voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Foran left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

IX. Presentation - Comprehensive Annual Finance Report - William Colantano, Jr.

Mr. Colantano warned the board that all revenues will not occur again to the same magnitude. Tuition income will likely not grow, nor will the SE aid. The increase in state aid of \$47,000 will not occur again. However, the banking sector has now given interest income to the board due to the shared RFP negotiated in the county of Hunterdon.

Expenses have increased due to the new building coming on line.

Many of the budget projections are subject to change, but the board is to be commended because it has done well conserving resources.

X. Subcommittee Updates

A. Negotiations- we had one meeting with the mediator, and we then met last week with QEA and NJEA to view a presentation of new benefit plans jointly.

B. Policy—Nothing at this time

C. Finance –a committee meeting was held; the committee reviewed the proposed budget goals and costs.

Mr. Burdick suggested farmland preservation as part of the board's strategy of saving costs, and putting a solar array on the preserved lands. Mr. Weiss asked for the town and board to work

together to create a mutually beneficial plan. Mr. Burdick will research the viability of the Farmland preservation.

XI. Correspondence--none

XII. 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. BUSINESS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer's Reports submitted for the months ending October, 2012, which agree with each other and the bank, be approved and filed.

(white enclosure)

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION

Approve the following resolution:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that no line account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(a) and; pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)4, we certify that as of October 30, 2012, after review of the monthly report (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of our knowledge no major line account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the entire fiscal year.

3. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Approve the transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2012-2013 school year budget as per the attached list.

(white enclosure)

4. **Approve** the December 2012 bill list in the amount of \$516,939.52, which includes \$0 in the capital projects account.

(white enclosure)

B. EDUCATION

1. Approve the following field trip:

- Grade 5, Washington Crossing State Park, 4/10/13 (rain date TBD)

(green enclosure)

C. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following substitute teachers:

- Laura Fahey
- Karen Gerth

(blue enclosures)

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

- Sunday Bradlee, World Language Articulation Meeting, North Hunterdon High School, 12/17/12 at a mileage reimbursement cost of \$4.96.

D. FACILITIES

1. Approve the following use of facilities:

- PTA, Paw Prints, Room 156, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 2013, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
- NJSBA, Hunterdon County Meet-Up, Library, 1/10/13, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- PTA, Science Expo, Gym and New APR, 2/21/13 or 2/28/13, 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. (includes set-up)
- PTA, Middle School Winter Dance, New or Old APR, 2/1/13, 4:00 - 10:30 p.m. (includes set up)
- Franklin Township Recreation, Gym, Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., December 13, 2012 - March 13, 2013 (purple enclosures)

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Broadus Davis, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

XIII. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION

1. Action Items:

- a. **Resolved**, to authorize the Superintendent to arrange administrative training for the teacher evaluation system as developed by Charlotte Danielson based upon the recommendation of the District Advisory Committee.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

B. BUSINESS

1. Action Items:

- a. **Resolved**, to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Dr. Broadus Davis for mentoring services, as required to complete the School Administrator Residency Program.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

b. Sequestration Resolution

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts in almost all federal programs, including education, that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as "sequestration," would have a negative impact on education through a reduction in funds of 7.8 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would affect almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers; and

WHEREAS, public schools nationwide would be negatively affected by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss in just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined total of 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey already ranks last among the states in the percentage of school expenditures (3.1%) supported by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2013, New Jersey will lose more than \$73 million in funding for elementary and secondary education programs, administered through the U.S. Department of Education, as well as over \$11.7 million in Head Start funding; and

WHEREAS, with a state-imposed tax levy cap and limited growth in state aid, New Jersey local school districts have limited capacity to absorb cuts in funding resulting from sequestration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect

education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Robert Menendez, United States Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Representative Rush Holt, State Senator Michael Doherty, Assembly Representative John DiMaio, Assembly Representative Erik Peterson, the New Jersey School Boards Association, and the National School Boards Association, Secretary to the Senate.

Motion Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

- c. **Resolved**, to approve the Franklin Township Board of Education application to the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture, School Nutrition Programs and to the Federal Department of Agriculture for an additional 6 cent per lunch reimbursement, and to attest that the Board of Education is in compliance with the meal pattern requirements, required food serving size, zero trans fats requirement and minimum calorie requirements under the program.

Motion: Ewing/ Second: Crielly

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

C. FACILITIES

No Action Items

D. TRANSPORTATION

No Action Items

- E. POLICY**—Mr. Weiss requested that the sports policy be reviewed in light of students being cut from the teams.

- F. OTHER MATTERS**—Mr. Burdick went on record to discuss that the snow plowing was awarded to a private company because the town does not have manpower and equipment to manage the snow with us as the first priority.

G. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. Board Matters

A. Resolved, to accept the official election results as follows:

Elected Officials:

Three-year Seats:	Colleen Ewing	793 Votes
	Cyrus Cama	682 Votes
	Write-In	7 Votes
Unexpired Term:	Frank Yasunas	753 Votes
	Write-In	8 Votes

Motion: Crielly/ Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly/	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

B. Resolution of Appreciation for Services Rendered

WHEREAS, Christopher Piparo has faithfully served the Franklin Township Board of Education for 3.5 years; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Piparo has given leadership, vision and guidance as Board President; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Piparo has contributed tremendous time and knowledge to our Finance Committee and to the Negotiations Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Christopher Piparo for his unselfish, enthusiastic attitude towards the educational growth and development of students in the Franklin Township School.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Burdick

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>
K. Weiss	<u>x</u>	F. Yasunas	<u>absent</u>	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	<u>x</u>

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

XV. Personnel

A. Action Items:

1. **Resolved**, to approve Kathleen Senkow to provide physical therapy services for a student attending East Amwell School for 30 minutes per week at an hourly rate of \$91.00.

Motion: Creilly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, <i>V. Pres.</i>	<u>absent</u>	G. Burdick	<u>x</u>	C. Cama	<u>x</u>
C. Crielly	<u>x</u>	C. Ewing	<u>x</u>	R. Masino	<u>x</u>

K. Weiss x F. Yasunas absent C. Piparo, *Pres.* x

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

2. **Resolved**, to approve Jacqueline Weber as a BCBA Consultant as needed at the hourly rate of \$110.00.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, *V. Pres.* absent G. Burdick x C. Cama x
C. Crielly x C. Ewing x R. Masino x
K. Weiss x F. Yasunas absent C. Piparo, *Pres.* x

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

3. **Resolved**, to hire Gail Ferninando as a full time preschool aide at an hourly rate of \$18.00, effective December 11, 2012.

Motion: Crielly/Second: Ewing

J. Foran, *V. Pres.* absent G. Burdick x C. Cama x
C. Crielly x C. Ewing x R. Masino x
K. Weiss x F. Yasunas absent C. Piparo, *Pres.* x

By roll call vote, Motion Carried 7-0-0.

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Ms. Paulter—the Science Expo has a conflict with basketball with the gym and multi-purpose room. It will be reviewed with the Rec. department.

XVII. Executive Session-10:15 p.m.

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 December 10, 2012 for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations with the QEA, and matters of attorney client privilege. 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: Piparo/Second: Crielly By voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

XVIII. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 11:44 p.m.

Moved Cama/ Second: Burdick By voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

XIX. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Moved Weiss/ Second: Burdick By voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Certified

Carol A. Fredericks
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino
Board President