

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEW JERSEY 08868
SPECIAL MEETING - Via Zoom
October 13, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Cama, Board President – 6:32 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Announcement

In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice has been given of tonight’s meeting in the Hunterdon County Democrat and have been 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 and posted on the school website on October 1, 2020.

Roll Call – Ms. Martucci, SBA/BS, determined that a quorum was present

Present: Mr. Cama, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Luciano, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Tomasini, Mr. Witkowski, Mr. Yasunas (left at 10:32 p.m.)

Also Present: Mr. Diaz, Superintendent, Ms. Martucci, SBA/BS

2. **Flag Salute** - Led by Mr. Cama, Board President

3. **Opening Statement** - Mr. Cama, Board President

- Boy Scout Troop #108 is in attendance
- Thank you to Administration, Staff, Board of Education and Parents for working on subcommittees to open school.

4. **Presentation** - Restart and Recovery: School Reopening Plan, Mr. Diaz and Ms. Gooditis

- The plan is to bring back as many students safely to in-person instruction.
- PreK – 5 students may return with no additional cost. Locations of classrooms would change.
- Grade 6-8 students to return will require additional staff (at least 2 certificated teachers, costing \$140,000 to \$200,000)

5. **Public Comments - Restart and Recovery: School Reopening Plan**

Several parents and staff members expressed their concerns with the reopening plan. There were questions and suggestions on how to have the students safely return to school full time. There were some in attendance who were not in favor of all students returning at this time.

6. **Board Comments & Discussion**

Board members expressed their opinions on students returning to school for in person instruction. Many commented on use of the larger spaces and felt that the acoustics would not be conducive to learning. The board discussed different options such as bringing students back in phases, starting with the lower grades. Further board discussion ensued.

7. **Resolved** to amend the reopening plan for submission to the Executive County Superintendent, New Jersey Department of Education, Hunterdon County to include:

PreK-2 Students to attend on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, all day, in person. Wednesday will continue to be a virtual day with a 1:00 dismissal. PreK-K will attend 4 days (in person) beginning on October 26th. Grades 1 and 2 will attend 4 days (in person) beginning November 2nd.

Motion by: Luciano

Seconded by: Witkowski

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans	X			
Mr. Yasunas	X			
Mrs. Sutton	X			
Mrs. Tomasini			X	

Mr. Witkowski	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Cama	X			
Totals:	6	0	1	0

8. **Other Business**

8.01 Mr. Witkowski suggested that temperatures be taken before school every day in addition to the screenings.

9. **Executive Session – 10:02 p.m.**

9.01 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 October 13, 2020 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken. The board expects to reconvene into public session in approximately 45 minutes. Action may be taken.

Motion: Luciano	Second: Witkowski	By Voice Vote	Yes 7	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 0
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9.02 **Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 10:43 pm.**

Motion: Evans	Second: Sutton	By Voice Vote	Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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10. **Resolved**, to approve the Non Resident Agreement between Employee # 48233225 and Franklin Township Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by: Witkowski Seconded by: Evans

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans	X			
Mr. Yasunas				X
Mrs. Sutton	X			
Mrs. Tomasini	X			
Mr. Witkowski	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Cama	X			
Totals:	6	0	0	1

11. **Adjournment**

Resolved to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:45 pm.

Motion: Witkowski	Second: Evans	By Voice Vote	Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Martucci
Board Secretary