

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
 NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. The meeting was called to Order by President Robert Masino at 6:35 p.m., and the following Open Public Meeting 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 January 3, 2013.

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

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

Also present: Dr. Broadus Davis, Superintendent; Vito Gagliardi, Legal Counsel; Dr. Carol Fredericks, Business Administrator.

III. Attendees saluted the Flag.

IV. Presentation - Solar Energy- Ryan Scerbo from The firm of DeCotiis Fitzgerald and Joe Santaiti from Gabel Associates Engineering presented an overview of Solar Power Purchase Agreement RFP.

V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:

- December 10, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- December 10, 2012 - Executive Session

(peach enclosure)

VI. Interim Superintendent's Report - Dr. Davis

A. Informational/Discussion Items:

1. Student Delegate --Student Shawn Swigert was appointed to serve as student delegate for 6 months. Shawn reported that students have an inconvenience with pay to play and busing. Also, according to Shawn the food in the cafeteria is much better than in the past, although

there have been some problems with very popular food running short. An orange ticket system has been instituted.

2. PTA Update - Vivian Paulter-

- The Science Expo will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Grades K-5 will be judged in the gym earliest of all grades. MS will be judged in the Multipurpose room, later in the event.
- Topics for the Science Expo are due back to the PTA by January 24th
- The Science Expo is still voluntary, but it is hoped that all will participate
- Family Activities-the Snowflake ball will be January 25, 2013, in the gym
- MS Dance will be February 1, 2013
- The Holiday Giving Tree raised \$800 to buy 50 library books
- The Getting to Know You Program-this year, few children have applied. Therefore, after the Kindergarten Roundup this year, we will have one full day of activity
- Gallery Night-a fundraiser will be held to raise the remaining funds for a kiln. The original closet did not work. Mark Fornicari, construction official, will review the specs to see if a new location will work.

3. Update on Facilities- Dr. Davis/Dr. Fredericks-The generator project is underway. A construction inspection will be scheduled for the last week in January for the preliminary work. After that inspection, the generator can be installed. Several safety and security projects are underway, including a new swipe card building access system.

4. Enrollment-Our new enrollment is at 292 (goldenrod enclosure)

5. Staff Attendance-96.2%

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

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Mrs. Paulter asked if parking lights are planned?

Kim Muller asked when the board will decide the calendar?

Dr. Davis responded that spring break will not be removed. The 13-14 calendar will be decided in March. In years past, the 21st of January had been taken for calendar "givebacks". If a blizzard strikes, spring break will be shortened. At this time, the district will try to use the 2 hour delayed opening strategy, in order to avoid adding days to the calendar.

VIII. Subcommittee Updates

A. Negotiations-no report

B. Policy—no report

C. Finance-Budget priorities have been set, and the budget committee has met. A preliminary budget will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

IX. Correspondence-none

X. 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 November, 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 November 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 January 2013 bill list in the amount of \$514,006.69, which includes \$0 in the capital projects account.

(white enclosure)

B. EDUCATION

1. Approve the following field trips:

- Grade 2, Raritan Valley Community College, 4/10/13
- Grade 4, Pequest Trout Hatchery, 5/1/13

(green enclosure)

C. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:

- Leslie McCusker, North Hunterdon High School, County Technology Meeting, 1/17/13, at a mileage reimbursement cost of \$4.96.
- Jason Lembo, North Hunterdon High School, Science Expo Meeting, 1/30/13 at a mileage reimbursement cost of \$4.96.

2. **Approve** the following substitute teacher:

- Stephani Stephens (nurse and teacher)

(blue enclosure)

D. FACILITIES

1. Approve the following use of facility request:

- Franklin Theatre Works, Lower Level APR/Theatre, Thursdays, 3:15 - 9:00 p.m., January 17, 2013 - June 20, 2013; Performances on March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. on Friday & Saturday and 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. **(purple enclosure)**

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

Motion: Burdick Second: Crielly

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

XI. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION

No Action Items

B. BUSINESS

1. Action/Discussion Items:

- a. Second Reading - Refunding Bond Ordinance:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2005, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,244,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,900,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding School Bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$8,244,000 and dated February 15, 2005 (the "2005 Bonds"). The 2005 Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2016 may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after February 15, 2015 (the

"Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the 2005 Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$100,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2005 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and, if required, endorsement of the consent of the Local Finance Board upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted.

Motion: Burdick Second : Crielly

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

b. **Resolved**, to approve the following items to be paid from the Maintenance Reserve Account:

- Lock Tech - Upgrades to Security System totaling \$7,913.26.
- General Recreation, Inc. - Replace Bridge and Swing in Playground - \$5,463.00

Motion: Crielly Second : Burdick

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

c. **Resolved**, to dispose of obsolete or non-operable computer equipment as per the attached list.

Motion: Crielly Second : Weiss

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

C. FACILITIES

No Action Items

D. TRANSPORTATION

No Action Items

E. POLICY

No Action Items

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. NEW BUSINESS

XII. Board Matters

XIII. Personnel

A. Action Items:

1. **Resolved**, to approve appointment of Dr. Carol Fredericks as Superintendent of the Franklin Township School for the period of July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016 (Position Control # ADM-BO-SUPT-NA-01, Account # 11-000-230-100-000-000) in the amount of \$135,000 annual salary for 12 months, according to the terms and conditions of the agreement to be executed upon approval from the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to all approvals as required by law.

Motion: Crielly Second : Cama

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

2. **Resolved**, to approve Libby Haynes to develop and prepare curriculum documents related to Technology/Language Arts at an hourly rate of \$30.00, not to exceed a total of \$1,000.00.

Motion: Crielly Second : Burdick

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

By roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.

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Mrs. Connor thanked Dr. Davis for his exemplary service, and congratulated Dr. Fredericks.

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XV. 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 January 14, 2013 for the purpose of discussing litigation and 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. Time expected is 15 minutes. No action will be taken. 8:30 p.m.*

Motion: Burdick

Second: Crielly. By voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

XVI. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 9:56 p.m.

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

XVII. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:57. p.m..

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

Carol A. Fredericks
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino
Board President