

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 28, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. The meeting was called to Order by President Masino at 6:37pm and the following Open Public Meeting Announcement was made:

“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 December 26, 2013.

II. Roll Call - Carol Delsandro, SBA/BS

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	K. Weiss	X	F. Yasunas	Absent
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	X				

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentations - none

V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:

- April 14, 2014 - Regular Meeting
- April 14, 2014 - Executive Session

(att. V. - posted on website after approval)

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried: 4-0-2

VI. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Carol Fredericks

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. Student Delegate- Matthew Cherubino informed the board that the 2nd phase of chess club testing was completed. The test results were provided. A presentation to the 5th graders is forthcoming. Matthew has informally polled the student body and reported that they are happy and content with the school. He said the talent show was well received by the students and the student council did a great job managing it. Mr. Masino thanked the staff for assisting Mrs. St.Laurent with the talent show.
2. PTA Update - New officers for 2014-2015- Dr. Fredericks reported that all the PTA roles have been filled. Mrs. French agreed to be the new PTA president.

- 3. Enrollment (att. VI.A.3)
- 4. Choice Waiver- A waiver was approved by the state. Mr. Weiss asked if it would be funded. The assumption is yes. He asked administration to keep the board informed when the monies were confirmed.

VII. Business Administrator Report

A. Information Items:

- 1. Broker & Benefit goals- Mrs. Delsandro reported that the administration went out to get new health care broker quotes because of the 10.25% increase in health care costs. Mr. Weiss commented that when choosing a new broker commission rate should not be the only factor.

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

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IX. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations- None
- B. Policy - None
- C. Budget & Finance – Budget passed at 4/28/14 public hearing.

X. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District (att. X.)

XI. 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

Approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Reports submitted for the month ending March 2014, which agree with each other and the bank.

(att. XI.A.1)

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 March 31, 2014, 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 2013-2014 school year budget as per the attached list. **(att. XI.A.3.)**

4. **Approve** the April 2014 bill list in the amount of \$686,082.10.

(att. XI.A.4)

B. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following field trips:

- Grade 7 & 8, Track Meet at NHHS, May 22, 2014 (rain date 5/23/14)
- Grade 1, Crayola Factory, June 16, 2014
- Grade 3, Franklin Institute, June 17, 2014

(att. XI.B.1.)

2. **Approve** staff member/college student, Bresha Marvray, to observe various middle school classes for the alternate route program requirements for the Spring 2014 Semester, not to exceed 8 hours.

C. PERSONNEL

No consent items

D. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility requests:

- Franklin Township Theater Club (dinner before the show) New APR, May 23, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Franklin Township Theater Club (practice), APR/Stage, Saturday, May 3, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; day time and evening performances on May 22, 2014, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (includes set up/breakdown), and evening performance on May 23, 2014, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (includes set up/breakdown).
- FTS PTA, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Sidewalk Area between Main and Library Entrance (indoors if raining), May 9, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Quakertown Fire Company, Memorial Day Celebration, Front Lawn, (Gym if raining), May 26, 2014, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. **(att. XI.D.1.)**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Carol Fredericks, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Mr. Burdick asked about check 11631. He inquired how long the inspection took.

Mr. Weiss abstained from voting on XI.A.4

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* X G. Burdick X C. Cama X

C. Crielly X K. Weiss X F. Yasunas Absent
 R. Masino, Pres. X

XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION
 No action Items

B. BUSINESS

1. Action Item:

1. **Resolved**, to accept quotations for broker of record for health benefits as listed below:

	Medical	Prescription	Dental	Total Annual Commission
Brown & Brown	2.64%	2.35%	10% on first \$5,000 of premium 4% of next \$95,000	
Commission amount	\$17,017.58	\$72.24	\$1,558.66	\$18,648.48
GR Murray	2.50%	2.50%	\$2.00 per employee per month until implementation of Self Insured Dental Plan	
Commission amount	\$16,115.14	\$76.85	\$816.00	\$17,007.99
Willis	2.64%	2.35%	10% on first \$5,000 of premium, 4% of next \$50,000	
Commission amount	\$17,017.58	\$72.24	\$1,558.66	\$18,648.48

Be it further resolved, to appoint lowest quoted vendor, GR Murray, 707 State Road, Suite 101, Princeton, NJ 08540 as listed below:

GR Murray	2.50%	2.50%	\$2.00 per employee per month until implementation of Self Insured Dental Plan	
Commission amount	\$16,115.14	\$76.85	\$816.00	\$17,007.99

Motion: Ewing

Second : Crielly

C. Ewing, V.Pres. X G. Burdick X C. Cama X
 C. Crielly X K. Weiss X F. Yasunas Absent
 R. Masino, Pres. X

Executive Session at 7:05pm

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 April 28, 2014 for the purpose of solar array possible matters of litigation. It is expected that

the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken. Estimated time is 15 minutes. Action may be taken.

Motion: Burdick

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 6-0-0

Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 7:26pm.

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried: 6-0-0

C. FACILITIES

1. Action Item:

- a. **Resolved**, to approve the amended land use board solar application array adjustment to option E within permitted impermeability guidelines for storm water management, due to required emergency access road.

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Mr. Burdick challenges the LUB to make the Franklin Twsp BOE change the solar design. He will support a change as a good neighbor.

Mr. Masino explained the new shape of the array. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Weiss said the new layout looks like it will leave less usable field for the BOE. He believes it is a reasonable accommodation to be a good neighbor.

Mr. Cama commented that the board should thank Dr. Fredericks and Mr. Masino for their time spent at the LUB meetings. He also said the potential savings from the solar should not be taken lightly.

Mr. Braun- thanked the BOE for the new screening. He asked if the screening would be the same with the new array shape. He was told yes.

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	K. Weiss	X	F. Yasunas	Absent
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	X				

D. TRANSPORTATION

No action items

E. POLICY

No action items

F. OTHER MATTERS

- G. NEW BUSINESS-** Mr. Masino asked the board to host a social gathering with the board and staff. He has a tentative date of May 22nd. He would like to the board to think about it and give him input. Mr. Burdick commented that the board would personally pay for it and not ask any staff for money. Mrs. Delsandro said no public funds would be used for the gathering.

XIII. Board Matters

XIV. Personnel

A. Action Items:

- 1. **Resolved**, to approve the sidebar agreement to pay retroactive pay for retired employees in the QEA (for the period 2011/2012 and 2012/2013).

Motion tabled Motion: Crielly Second: Ewing

Motion_____

Second _____

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* _____
 C. Crielly _____
 R. Masino, *Pres.* _____

G. Burdick _____
 K. Weiss _____

C. Cama _____
 F. Yasunas _____

- 2. **Resolved**, to approve a medical leave of absence for Vickie Nosker to begin on May 2, 2014 until the end of the school year. Accumulated sick days will be used for this leave.

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* X
 C. Crielly X
 R. Masino, *Pres.* X

G. Burdick X
 K. Weiss X

C. Cama X
 F. Yasunas Absent

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

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NONE

XVI. Executive Session at 7:40pm

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 April 28, 2014 for the purpose of discussing proposed grievance settlement/negotiations with the QEA. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken. Estimated time is 1 hour. Action may be taken.

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried: 5-1-0

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Ms. Antoinette Blaustein, representative for the QEA said that the board can not pay one part of the bargaining unit and not another. She said Ms. Crielly calling her uniserve rep for Franklin Township board business was unethical.

Mr. Burdick said his interpretation is that the board cannot pay retro to persons who left the district for another position.

XVIII. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at **9:27pm.**

Motion: Burdick

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

Carol Delsandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino
Board President