

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Quakertown, New Jersey 08868
REGULAR MEETING
January 23, 2017

- I. Call to Order** - Mr. Burdick, President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II. Open Public Meeting Announcement** – Mr. Burdick read the following:
“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 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 on January 12, 2017.
- III. Roll Call** – Ms. Martucci, Board Secretary recorded the roll and determined a quorum was present.
Present: Mr. Burdick, Mr. Cama, Mrs. Crielly, Mrs. Homulak, Mrs. Luciano, Mr. Yasunas (left at 9:06pm)
Absent: Mr. French
Also Present: Dr. Carol Fredericks, Superintendent; Ms. Patricia Martucci, SBA/BS
- IV. Flag Salute** – Mr. Burdick led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Moment of Silence** – Mr. Burdick led all assembled in a moment of silence in remembrance of Karen Snyder, a former employee of the Franklin Township School.
- VI. Presentation**
• **FTS Vision for Building Capacity with High-Quality Programs for Specialized Education of Students** (Goal 3c) - Dr. Sean Fitzmaurice, School Psychologist
- VII. Resolved**, to approve the following minutes, as presented:
• December 19, 2016 – Regular Meeting
• December 19, 2016 – Executive Sessions 1 and 2
Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote
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| Yes
6 | No
0 | Abstain
0 | Absent
1 |
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- VIII. Superintendent’s Report** - Dr. Carol Fredericks
A. Information/Discussion Items:
1. Superintendent Report – Goal 2c (revised elective schedule), 3a; 3b; 3c
2. Student Delegate - no report
3. Enrollment – 293 (2 new students)
4. Tardy Report – Update Goal 2a; 2b
64 students /104 times/no chronic vs. Last year 147 students/555 times
5. Staff Attendance – 95.6%

6. PTA Update
 - New Board – looking for a VP
 - Spelling Bee – gift bags and other items were given out
 - MS Dance – 65 Students attended
 - Tricky Tray & Snowball Dance is this Friday, January 26th
7. Important Dates to Remember
 - February 17 & 20 – School Closed, Presidents’ Day
8. HIB Policy 5131.1 - Community Input and Board Training
 - L. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy Publication and Dissemination*

This Policy will be disseminated annually by the Superintendent to all school staff employees, contracted service providers who have contact with pupils, school volunteers, pupils, and parents who have children enrolled in a school in the district, along with a statement explaining the Policy applies to all acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14 that occur on school property, at school-sponsored functions, or on a school bus and, as appropriate, acts that occur off school grounds. The Superintendent shall ensure that notice of this Policy appears in the pupil handbook and all other any publications of the school district that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards for schools within the school district.

The Superintendent shall post a link to the district’s Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy that is prominently displayed on the homepage of the school district’s website. The district will notify pupils and parents this Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policy is available on the school district’s website. The Superintendent shall post the name, school phone number, school address, and school email address of the district Anti-Bullying Coordinator on the home page of the school district’s website. Each Principal shall post the name, school phone number, address, and school email address of both the Anti-Bullying Specialist and the district Anti-Bullying Coordinator on the home page of each school’s website.

IX. Business Administrator Report

- A. Township Resolution #2017-13 – School Choice Week

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

There were no comments from the public at this time.

XI. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations – Mr. Cama, Mr. Yasunas, Mrs. Homulak – met 1/21/17 & next meeting scheduled for 2/2/17
- B. Policy – Mr. Burdick, Mr. French, Mrs. Luciano – next meeting is 2/13/17
- C. Budget & Finance – Mr. French, Ms. Homulak, Mr. Yasunas – met 1/11/17, next meeting is 2/13/17
- D. Curriculum – Mr. Burdick, Ms. Crielly, Mrs. Luciano- no report
- E. Communications – Mr. Burdick, Mr. Cama, Ms. Crielly - met
- F. Ad Hoc – Board Goals, Supt Goals/Personnel – Ms. Crielly, Mr. French, Mr. Yasunas - N/A

X. Correspondence

- NORWESCAP
- Work Family Connection

(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

Approved the Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports submitted for the month ending December 2016, which agree with each other and the bank.

(att. XI.A.1)

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION

Approved 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 December 31, 2016 after review of the monthly reports (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

Approved the transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2016-2017 school year budget as per the attached list.

(att. XI.A.3.)

4. Approved the January, 2017 bill list in the amount of \$605,945.29. (att. XI.A.4.)

B. EDUCATION

No consent items

C. PERSONNEL

1. Approved the following professional day request:

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Cost	Mileage Exp.
2/9/17	Leslie McCusker	PARCC Training	\$ 0	\$25.11
2/15/17	Angela McVerry	PARCC Training	\$ 0	\$27.90
1/27/17	Steven Timko	Athletic Director’s Meeting	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
3/13/17	Christina Kocsi	Responsive Classroom	\$199.00	\$35.03

D. FACILITIES

1. Approved the following use of facility requests:

Name of Group	Purpose	Location	Days/Dates	Time
PTA	Cultural Arts Assembly	Theater	Thursday, March 2, 2017	8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Cub Scout Pack 108	Blue/Gold Dinner	Theater	Friday, March 31, 2017	5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

(att. XI.D.1.)

2. Amend the Use of Facility request submitted by Franklin Township Recreation and approved on 10/17/16 to include use of the Cafeteria/APR on Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. beginning January 26, 2017 through March 16, 2017.

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

Motion Crielly

Second Yasunas

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Cama	X			
Crielly	X			
French				X
Homulak	X			
Luciano	X			
Yasunas	X			
Burdick	X			
Totals	6	0	0	1

XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

All resolutions are upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

A. EDUCATION

1. Action Items:

- a. **Resolved**, to approve the following students from Raritan Valley Community College to be placed with the following teachers for field experience for the Spring semester.

Jeffrey Buchinski – Dr. Petersen, Kindergarten
 Tara Prunty – Mrs. Chrisman, G.T. Science
 Julia Garabo – Ms. Browning, Grade 1
 Victoria Elacqua - Mrs. Bickhardt – STARS Teacher
 Bria Whatley – Mrs. Lahman – Grade 1
 Jennifer Massa – Mr. Weinhold – Grade 3
 Antoinette Bejma – Mrs. Kocsi – Grade 2

Motion Crielly

Second Cama

By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

- b. Summer Program - July 24 – August 4, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 After Care will be offered 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Resolved, to approve the 2017 Summer Program calendar and posting and advertisement of stipends at \$30.00 per hour for Program Coordinator and Program Instruction and \$25.00 per hour for Paraprofessional Support.

Be it further resolved, to advertise and post for program proposals and teachers, courses to be determined.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

c. 2017-2018 School Calendar

Resolved, to approved the 2017-2018 School Calendar. **(att. XII.A.1.c)**

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
1	4	1	1

MOTION FAILED

B. BUSINESS/FINANCE

1. Action Items:

a. **Resolved**, to accept the Work Family Connection donation to our Dollars for Denim Humanitarian Fund in the amount of \$250.00.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

b. **Resolved**, to approve the 2017 NCLB, Title IIA carry over in the amount of \$2,286.00 and submission of the amendment application to the New Jersey Department of Education – Hunterdon County Office, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

c. Waiver of Requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

Resolved, that Franklin Township School District Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver of participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI), for the 2017-18 school year, due to the fact that the district projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

C. FACILITIES
No Action Items

D. TRANSPORTATION

1. Action Items:

a. TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE CONTRACT

Resolved that the Board ratify the following Transportation Agreement between the Franklin Township School District (Joiner) and the North Hunterdon-Voorhees School District (Host) for the 2016-2017 academic year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Start Date	End Date	Route #	Destination	Joiner Cost
9-1-16	6-30-17	A	Franklin Township School	\$23,459.26
9-1-16	6-30-17	B	Franklin Township School	\$24,929.14
9-1-16	6-30-17	C	Franklin Township School	\$23,459.26
9-1-16	6-30-17	D	Franklin Township School	\$28,059.91
9-1-16	6-30-17	E	Franklin Township School	\$28,059.91
9-1-16	6-30-17	F06	Franklin Township School	\$20,465.85

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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b. TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE CONTRACT

Resolved that the Board ratify the following Transportation Agreement between the Franklin Township School District (Joiner) and the Delaware Valley Regional High School District (Host) for the 2016-2017 academic year, as recommended by the Superintendent:

Start Date	End Date	Route #	Destination	Joiner Cost
9-1-16	6-30-17	FG	Franklin Township School	\$21,193.00
9-1-16	6-30-17	FH	Franklin Township School	\$21,193.00

Motion Crielly Second Homulak By Voice Vote

Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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E. POLICY

1. Action Item:

- a. Resolved**, to approve, after a second reading, the following revised policies:
- 4111 – Certificated Recruitment, Selection and Hiring
 - 4211 – Non-Certificated Recruitment, Selection and Hiring

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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F. OTHER MATTERS

1. Resolution School Board Recognition Month

Whereas, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

Whereas, the New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

Whereas, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they worked with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

Whereas, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

Whereas, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

Whereas, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month; and be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children’s education.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1
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G. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

Motion by Mrs. Crielly, seconded by Mr. Cama to suspend the agenda and enter into Executive Session #1. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.

Executive Session 8:03pm

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 23, 2017 for the purpose of HIB Hearing, PERC Hearing, Hampton Shared Service. 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 return to Public Session in approximately 1 hour.

Motion Crielly Second Yasunas By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 8:46pm.

Motion Yasunas Second Crielly By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

Resolved, that the contract rate charged to the Hampton Board of Education for Business Office services for the period July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 shall be \$61,000.00.

Motion Homulak Second Cama

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Cama	X			
Crielly	X			
French				X
Homulak	X			
Luciano	X			
Yasunas	X			
Burdick	X			
Totals	6	0	0	1

Resolved, that the Board approved Mr. George Burdick attending the PERC hearing on January 26, 2017 in Trenton.

Motion Yasunas Second Homulak By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

XIII. Board Matters

- A. Discussion on increasing PARCC Scores. The Board discussed adding to Special Ed. staff for Fiscal year 2017-2018 or focusing on professional development for Resource Room teachers.
- B. Board Goals: The Board discussed their progress on their 2016-17 goals.
- C. Union Township: Mrs. Crielly informed the Board that a meeting has been set for January 22, 2017 to discuss this further.
- D. Electronic Agenda Format: The Board discussed if the new format was working or not.
- E. Middle School Elective: The Board discussed the amount of free time students have.
- F. Energy Audit: Has been applied for online.

XIV. Personnel

A. **Action Items:**

All resolutions are upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

1. **Resolved**, to rescind the appointment of Christopher Kraus as leave replacement substitute teacher for Middle School Social Studies.

Motion Crielly

Second Cama

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Cama	X			
Crielly	X			
French				X
Homulak	X			
Luciano	X			
Yasunas	X			
Burdick	X			
Totals	6	0	0	1

2. **Resolved**, to appoint Angela Yeung as a leave replacement substitute teacher for Middle School Social Studies beginning on February 2, 2017 at a salary of \$57,555.06, prorated from start date, plus up to 5 days at substitute rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion Crielly

Second Cama

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Cama	X			
Crielly	X			
French				X
Homulak	X			
Luciano	X			
Yasunas				x
Burdick	x			
Totals	5	0	0	2

3. **Resolved**, to approve a leave of absence for an undetermined length for Courtney Maxwell, with benefits and pay with existing use of sick days, and to approve up to 12 weeks of FMLA at no pay with continued use of benefits.

Motion Crielly

Second Luciano

Roll Call Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Cama	X			
Crielly	X			
French				X
Homulak	X			
Luciano	X			
Yasunas				x
Burdick	X			
Totals	5	0	0	2

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

Mrs. Mina Nace commented on the school calendar with regard to scheduling conferences the week of the NJEA convention, in that parents thought of it as a vacation week and did not come to conferences.

Mr. Francis Goger, NHVRHS BOE President, thanked the FTS community for their support of the referendum. He also invited Mr. Burdick and Mr. Yasunas to the Board President forum.

XVI. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:34pm.

Motion Crielly

Second Luciano

By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
5	0	0	2

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by,

Patricia Martucci
Board Secretary

George Burdick
Board President