

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
SPECIAL MEETING

February 5, 2018

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Burdick, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 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 25, 2018.

1.01 Roll Call - Patricia Martucci, SBA/BS

Present: Mr. Burdick, Mr. Cama (via video), Mrs. Luciano, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Witkowski,
Mr. Yasunas

Absent: Mr. French

Also Present: Ms. Martucci, SBA/BS

1.02 Flag Salute - Mr. Burdick led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion, to suspend the order of the agenda.

Motion: Yasunas Second: Luciano By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
5	0	0	2

Mr. Burdick read a statement about Superintendent tenure at Franklin Township School, and use of NJSBA for search.

2013 - Dr. Davis couldn't take the job. We hired Dr. Fredericks without a formal search. We also have an issue with turnover of SBA.

2018 - Posted ad for 8 days. 17 applicants with over 40 data points. We spent over 20 hours doing research.

March 30, 2018 is the target date to appoint.

Comments from Public/Parents (14 comments)

9 to not follow process.

5 to follow the process.

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

- Amy Gilpin - Asked for an explanation of the 9 and 5 comments. Mr. Burdick explained that 9 said not to advertise; just appoint. Five said to do the whole process. Mr. Burdick further explained we looked to share and that process ended without a share. On February 14, 2018, NJSBA is conducting a meeting to solicit comments. Mrs. Gilpin said ad was generic; want their vision, and if Franklin Township School is a good fit. History with turnover so we should take extra care and time in selecting a superintendent.
- Mrs. Crielly said she e-mailed her concerns to all BOE members. It is important to do a search and go through the process. Franklin Township School is small and might be a stepping stone to a larger district.
- Mrs. Forbes said we should follow the process. Dr. Davis is a good guy and atmosphere has changed. We need someone who is a leader and will guide the district and hire/fire, etc.
- Mr. Repmann said to follow the process; due diligence is important. There is no working knowledge of the candidates being interviewed. We have someone we know, how does that factor into the decision?
- Mrs. Luciano said she appreciates all of the comments. We have done it both ways and still have a high turnover. The process is not broken.
- Mr. Crielly said it's not about circumventing the process. In a unique circumstance with Dr. Davis. But he is at the end of his career and maybe we will find a good candidate. The window to apply was too small.
- Mr. Repmann suggested a longer contract. Mr. Burdick said the term clause binds the Board of Education, not the candidate.
- Mr. Cama added to Mrs. Crielly's comment. We are hiring our CEO; bringing new ideas; looking toward the future. Sharing was a different process. We should do our due diligence - we are looking for our future leader.
- Mrs. Sutton said she invested over 20 hours reviewing candidates and is also looking for the best fit for Franklin Township School.

3. **NJSBA Service Contract Agreement**

Resolved, to approve the Focus Group/Process Facilitation Services Contract Agreement between the Franklin Township Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion Yasunas Second Sutton By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
5	0	0	2

4. **Executive Session - 7:01 p.m.**

4.01 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 February 5, 2018 for the purpose of reviewing applications received for the position of Superintendent/Principal. 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 2 hours. Action may be taken.

Motion: Yasunsa Second: Luciano By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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4.02 Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 9:11 p.m.

Motion: Yasunas Second: Luciano By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
5	0	0	2

5. Any other matters to come before the Board
None

6. **Public Comments - Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes)**
None

7. **Adjournment**

7.01 Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Motion: Yasunas Second: Luciano By Voice Vote

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Respectfully submitted,

Certified by,

Patricia Martucci
Board Secretary

George Burdick
Board President