

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING AGENDA  
 March 7, 2023**

For the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education  
 Monday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin School Library.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:**

*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 January 12, 2023.*

**IV. ROLL CALL**

<i>Mrs. Karen Sutton, Pres.</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Allison Luciano, V. Pres.</i>	<i>Present**</i>	<i>Mr. Ronald Falcon</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mrs. Shana Frondorf</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mr. James Giordano</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Carolyn Licwinko</i>	<i>Arrived at 6:58pm</i>
<i>Mrs. Erin Tomasini</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Dr. Nicholas Diaz, CSA</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Lori Tirone, SBA/BS</i>	<i>Present</i>

*\*\* Left at 7:21 pm and returned at 7:40 pm*

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

Email received from a community member about a potential Class III Officer at the school.

**VI. FINANCE AND FACILITIES-** Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Falcon, Mr. Giordano

**MOTION** by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Tomisini to adopt the 2023-2024 Tentative Proposed Budget.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 Proposed Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year and approves it for submission to the Hunterdon County Department of Education Executive County Superintendent for required review and approval. The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and is compliant with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A. The District has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

**REVENUE**

**Fund 10: Operating Budget**

Local Tax Levy	\$ 6,907,133
W/D Capital Reserve	\$ 285,131
W/D Maintenance Reserve	\$ 100,000
E/O Aid (Est)	\$ 300,000
State Aid	\$ 549,627
Tuition and Miscellaneous	\$ 746,766

**Fund 20: Special Funds**

Grant Entitlements (Est)	\$ 94,000
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**APPROPRIATIONS**

**Fund 10: Operating Budget**

Current Expense	\$ 8,603,446
Capital Outlay*	575,500

**Fund 20: Special Funds**

ESEA/IDEA Grants	\$ 94,000
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**Fund 40: Debt Service**  
 Tax Levy \$ 648,800

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 Repayment of Debt \$ 648,800

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 9,631,457**

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$ 9,631,457**

(\*Capital Outlay includes the State Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Grant Funding and Lease Purchase Loan Principal.)

As per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), the proposed budget provides for a maximum appropriation amount of \$30,000.00 that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement. The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs ensuring the maximum amount is not exceeded.

The 2023-2024 budget includes the use of all automatic adjustments \$553,828.00 [enrollment adjustment](#) (i.e. enrollment and pre budget year tax levy), if applicable.

The 2023-2024 budget includes a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$285,038.00. The use of these funds is for the lease purchase, video management server, cameras, boiler controls, truck, electric to pole barn, including architect and engineering fees. If all funds are not used by the end of the 2023-24 budget year, they must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund by June 30, 2024.

**Discussion:** The Board wants more information and time to review.

No vote taken to adopt the 2023-2024 Tentative Proposed Budget.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes) – Agenda Items Only**

- Budget items

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**IX. BOARD MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion on Class III Officer

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Class III Officer
- School Security

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Tomisini to approve Other Business items B and C.

**A. Shared Services Agreement - Class III Officer**

Resolved, to approve a Shared Services Agreement between the Franklin Township Board of Education and Franklin Township for a Class III officer for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. **(Administratively Withdrawn)**

**B. Approve Student Observers**

Resolved to approve the following field placement for Hunterdon County Polytech student observers:

Student	Teacher	Start Date	Time
Morgan Moschberger	Kristen Andreychak	March 9, 2023 - April 2023	12:00pm - 2:00pm Thursdays and Fridays
Tori Sebastiano	Kate Paquette		
Alex Fernandez	Lillian Bickhardt		
Emily Starkweather	Jordan Kipp		

**C. Approve Special Education Tuition Contract**

Resolved to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2022-2023 School Year between

the Franklin Township Board of Education (sending) and the Montgomery Academy (receiving) in the County of Somerset for Student ID #3166993251 at \$477.40 per diem, effective March 7, 2023..

On a roll call vote all, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

**XII. NOTEWORTHY DATES**

Monday, March 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Luciano to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

On a voice call vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone  
Board Secretary