

AGENDA (Revised 8/8/12)
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MIDDLEBUSH CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 8, 2012 – 7:30 PM

Mr. Richard E. Arline
Mrs. Teletha A. Brown, President
Mr. Delvin Burton
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte
Mr. Thomas J. Lewis

Mrs. Eva M. Nagy
Mrs. Julia Presley, Vice President
Mr. Richard Seamon
Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington

Mr. Edward Q. Seto, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Gail Reichg, Director of Personnel
Ms. Pamela R. Horn, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management and Student Advocacy

____ Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), the schedule and notification of this meeting have been provided for on July 23, 2012, July 26, 2012, August 3, 2012 and August 8, 2012. Copies of this notice were faxed to the **Courier News**, the **Home News Tribune**, **The Star-Ledger**, **The Times of Trenton**, Franklin Township Clerk/Manager, WCTC Radio, District Schools, Offices and Associations, PTO Presidents, and posted on the Central Administration Building notice board.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Mission of the Franklin Township Public Schools is to provide excellent educational opportunities that meet or exceed New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for every student; maintain an environment that engenders an appreciation of the value of every student; develop every student to his/her highest potential; and instill the attitudes, skills, and knowledge necessary to become independent, contributing members of a democratic, multi-cultural society.

DISTRICT GOALS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: *To commit to continuous improvement of student achievement through the design and alignment of rigorous curriculum to the 2009 NJCCC and Common Core Standards as evidenced by the percentage of students performing at grade level as measured by multiple measures. These measures include, but are not limited to: K-12 Running Records, High Frequency Words, Spelling Inventory, K-2 Assessment, DRA, Common Assessments, Marking Period Assessments, Mid-Terms, Final Exams, Learnia Benchmarking, Pre- and Post- Assessments, Teacher Evaluations, State Assessments, Student Work, etc.*

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: *To strengthen District communication through the use of the District and school based web sites and other electronic media and to evaluate the District's need for volunteers and research ways to collect and organize data regarding potential volunteers, their interests, skills and hours of availability.*

SAFETY AND SECURITY: *To continue the District's efforts to change the culture and environment of our schools and to build positive relationships that promote respect, motivation for learning, and creativity in and for our students.*

FACILITIES: *To study the recommendations regarding educational organization and restructuring, building infrastructure and site development contained in the Long-Range Facilities Plan 2011–2021, in order to develop short- and long-term facilities options for Board of Education consideration.*

PURPOSE: Enter into Confidential Session to interview a candidate for the Pine Grove Manor Principal position.

Authorization to Participate in Extracurricular Athletic Activities at FHS

Approval of Curriculum

Appointment of Personnel

Discuss Proposed Revisions to District Goals

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Confidential Session

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session to interview a candidate for the Pine Grove Manor Principal. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Arline Burton LaCorte Lewis Nagy Presley Seamon Smith-Carrington Brown

A-1 Authorization to Participate in Extracurricular Athletic Activities at FHS

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes that some parents/guardians in Franklin Township choose to educate their children through a home school program and that those programs often do not allow for social interaction with other students, and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Public Schools provides a variety of extracurricular opportunities, including athletics, for the students enrolled in the District schools, and

Whereas, applicable law and the guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Education do not prohibit nor compel a Board of Education to allow homeschooled children who are residents of the school District from participating in extracurricular activities including athletics, and

Whereas, current Franklin Township Board of Education Policies 6145 Extracurricular Activities and 6145.1/6145.2 Intramural Competitions and Interscholastic Competitions do not specifically speak to the inclusion or exclusion of homeschooled children who are residents of the District in extracurricular activities, and

Whereas, the Superintendent has received a request for participation in the Franklin High School Fall Soccer Program from one such homeschooled student, identified here as L.D. and

Whereas, the Superintendent has recommended that, in the absence of policy, this individual be allowed to participate in extracurricular athletics at Franklin High School for the fall season, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the individual referred to herein as L.D. be allowed to participate in extracurricular athletics at Franklin High School for the fall season, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education will clarify its policy governing the participation of homeschooled children who reside in the District in extracurricular activities provided by the Board of Education.

Arline Burton LaCorte Lewis Nagy Presley Seamon Smith-Carrington Brown

C-1 Curriculum Approval

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following new curriculum to commence with the 2012-2013 school year:

Language Arts Literacy Curriculum K-5
Language Arts Literacy Curriculum 6-12
Mathematics Curriculum K-5
Mathematics Curriculum 6-12
Science Curriculum K-5
Science Curriculum 6-12
Social Studies Curriculum K-5
Social Studies Curriculum 6-12
Related Arts Curriculum 7-12
ESL / Bilingual Curriculum K-12
World Language Curriculum 6-12
Heath & Physical Education Curriculum K-12
School Counseling Curriculum 9-12

Arline Burton LaCorte Lewis Nagy Presley Seamon Smith-Carrington Brown

P-1 Personnel Report No. 3, dated August 8, 2012

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 3, Exhibit P-1 attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

Arline Burton LaCorte Lewis Nagy Presley Seamon Smith-Carrington Brown

Board Discussion: Proposed Revision to District Goals

ADJOURNMENT

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Arline Burton LaCorte Lewis Nagy Presley Seamon Smith-Carrington Brown