

AGENDA
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY/CAFETERIA
NOVEMBER 14, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL

Mr. Richard E. Arline
Mr. Delvin Burton
Mr. Thomas J. Lewis
Mrs. Eva M. Nagy, Vice President
Dr. Julia M. Presley, President

Mr. Richard Seamon
Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington
Mr. Robert T. Trautmann
Mrs. Betty Whalen

Student Liaison
Monil Patel

Mr. Edward Q. Seto, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Gail Reichg, Director of Personnel
Ms. Lynne Crawford, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management

___ 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 August 23, 2013 and November 7, 2013. Copies of this notice were faxed to the **Courier News**, the **Home News Tribune**, **The Star-Ledger**, **The Trenton Times**, 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 develop and implement a comprehensive assessment program designed to meet the needs of all students through the use of formative and summative assessments aligned to the common core standards and integrated into instruction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: To promote community engagement and effective communication to and from all stakeholders.

CULTURE AND CLIMATE: To continue the District's efforts to safeguard students and staff, enhance the culture and environment of our schools and improve relationships among and between students; staff; parents/guardians; and the community that promote respect, motivation for learning and creativity in and for our students.

FACILITIES: Utilizing the District's 2011-2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan, finalize a building program (including application for state grants and outside funding sources) that will enhance and improve the District's delivery of education to all students; provide additional classroom space to address the projected enrollment growth over the next several years; address critical maintenance issues in all existing facilities and consider potential changes to the delivery of education.

I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Confidential Session – Library

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Return to open session at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

II. Presentation (15 minutes)

- ***NJQSAC (New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum) by Mrs. Phyllis Bruno, Director, Social Studies / Technology Education / Work Readiness.***

III. Superintendent's Update**IV. Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)****V. Committee/Liaison Reports****VI. New Business**

1. Review of November 21, 2013 Action Meeting Agenda
2. Action Items for November 14, 2013

Action Items

HIB Investigation Report

R-01 HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying) Investigation Report

Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledge receipt of the HIB Investigation Report for the period October 8, 2013 through November 4, 2013 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit R-01)

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Administration

A-01 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has received and accepted HIB Investigation Reports at its regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on October 17, 2013; and

Whereas, these HIB Investigation Reports indicated each reported case of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying and the results of the investigation also known as the Superintendent's decision – including any services provided, training established or discipline imposed; and

Whereas, the parties involved in those cases reported were notified of the results of the investigation, Superintendent's decision, and the rights of those parties to request a hearing before the Board of Education; and

Whereas, no requests for a hearing before the Board of Education have been received; and

Whereas, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights provides the Board of Education the opportunity to affirm, modify or reject the Superintendent's decisions on reported cases of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decisions in the cases listed in the HIB Investigation Reports previously accepted by the Board at its regularly-scheduled Board of Education meetings on October 17, 2013.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-02 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it Resolved that the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Reviews (DPRs) and Statements of Assurances (SOAs) for the Franklin Township Public School District be approved for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-03 American Education Week

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they'll need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for and access to a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees, be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community focal points, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby proclaims November 18-22, 2013 as the observance of American Education Week.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-04 Educational Support Professionals Recognition

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public School District relies on a wide variety of dedicated support staff in the Paraprofessional, Secretarial/Clerical, Maintenance, Grounds, Custodial, Security, Transportation, and Cafeteria departments; and

WHEREAS, the educational support professionals employed in the Franklin Township Public School District make vital contributions to the health, safety, security, comfort, and education of more than 7,000 students, teachers, and other school personnel each day; and

WHEREAS, the education of Franklin Township's children, along with the protection of the capital investment of the community's public school facilities, could not be maintained without the dedicated service of these educational support professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and the entire school district community wish to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of the men and women who provide these support services in our district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education joins the nation and hereby proclaims Wednesday, November 20, 2013, Educational Support Professionals Day throughout all of the public schools, buildings, and facilities in Franklin Township; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be distributed to school personnel, PTSO/PTO leadership, and the community at large to give public thanks and appreciation for the dedication and effort of these important public servants.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Curriculum

C-01 Curriculum Approval

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following new curriculum to commence with the 2013-2014 school year:

- a) Fine, Visual & Performing Arts Curriculum K-12
- b) School Counseling Curriculum 9-12

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

VII. Old Business

VIII. Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker – any items)*

Note: Any matters which arise after this agenda is posted which are so urgent that their omission would seriously affect the operation of the district will be considered at this point in the agenda.

Alternate Location

Confidential Session *(if deemed necessary)*

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters. Minutes of the confidential session meeting will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Returned to open session at _____ PM.

Adjournment

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley