

AGENDA
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY/CAFETERIA
APRIL 11, 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 Liaisons
Samantha Connell
Niti 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. Pamela R. Horn, 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 January 4, 2013 and April 2, 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 commit to continuous improvement of student achievement through the implementation of rigorous curriculum aligned to the 2009 NJCCC and Common Core Standards, as evidenced by grade-level performance and student growth as measured by multiple measures.*

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: *To strengthen District communication through the use of the District and school-based websites and other media and to increase public engagement in the District through increased collaboration with the community.*

SAFETY AND SECURITY: *To continue the District's efforts to improve 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: *Utilizing the District's 2011-2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan, develop a building program 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 five years; address critical maintenance issues in all existing facilities and consider potential changes to the delivery of education and identify potential future buildings to support this paradigm shift.*

I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley**Library****Confidential Session**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent's evaluation. 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**Return to open session at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.****II. PUBLIC HEARING: Action Plan for Schools Not Meeting Progress Targets****Presentations:** *(5 minutes each)*

- **Mr. James Bevere, Principal, Franklin High School**
- **Mr. John Haney, Principal, Elizabeth Avenue School**

III. Comments From The Public *(3 minutes per speaker – Public Hearing topic only)***IV. Superintendent's Report****V. Board President's Report****VI. Committee/Liaison Reports****VII. Comments From The Public** *(5 minutes per speaker - any topic)***VIII. Board Member Remarks****IX. New Business**

R-1 Reports

No HIB Investigation Report due to Spring Recess.

M-1 Minutes of Board Meetings

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education:

a. March 14, 2013 Regular Exhibit M-1.a

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Administration**A-1 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement**

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district, and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

Whereas, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

Whereas, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed school board members and district employees at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions.

(Exhibit A-1 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.)

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-2 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 March 28, 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 meeting on March 28, 2013.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-3 Policy Revision – 2nd Reading and Adoption

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the second reading and adoption of revisions to the following Policy as detailed in Exhibit A-3 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

Policy No. 4240 Compensation and Related Benefits

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

A-4 Approve 2012-2013 Progress Targets Action Plan

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the 2012-2013 Progress Targets Action Plan as required by the State of New Jersey Department of Education for the following schools: Franklin High School; Elizabeth Avenue Elementary School, Franklin Park Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, MacAfee Road Elementary School and Pine Grove Manor Elementary School as detailed in Exhibit A-4 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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Business
B-1 Contract Approval *(All contracts are LEA-funded, unless otherwise noted.)*

Moved:

Seconded:

- a. A license agreement with Global Spectrum, L.P., for the use of the Sun National Bank Center and its facilities, Trenton, NJ in the amount of \$8,000 for the purpose of holding and presenting the Franklin High School commencement exercises on June 27, 2013, as detailed in Exhibit B-1.a attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.
- b. A retention agreement with Verita, LLC, Malvern, PA to provide professional services to conduct a fact-gathering investigation, as recommended by Board Counsel, at a fee not to exceed \$15,000, as detailed in Exhibit B-1.b attached hereto and made part of the minutes.
- c. A agreement with Handle With Care Behavior Management Systems, Inc., Gardiner, NY to provide a 3-day in-service from May 1 – 3, 2013 for 20 employees in Restraint Training for a fee of \$7,100, as detailed in Exhibit B-1.c attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

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B-2 Delegation of Authority to Transfer Capital Reserve Funds

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopt the following resolution:

The Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary to transfer the local share from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the following project:

State Plan #
School/Project

1610-050-09-1000

Franklin High School – New Bleachers & Site Work Upgrades

This project will be funded 100% by the local share.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

B-3 Bid Award for Franklin High School – New Bleachers & Site Work Upgrades

Moved:

Seconded:

Award bid received and opened on March 26, 2013 to A-Tech Concrete Co., Edison, NJ in the amount of \$1,003,500 for New Bleachers and Site Work Upgrades at Franklin High School as specified in Exhibit B-3, identified as "Suggested Award" and "Re-Bid Tabulation" attached hereto and made a part of the minutes (Funded by Capital Reserve Funds).

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Curriculum and Instruction

C-1 Field Trip Destinations

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 requires prior approval of field trip destinations by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves, in advance, field trip destinations, all trips within district, local community locations, and all other schools and universities in New Jersey; be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes, in advance, the list of destinations, as detailed in Exhibit C-1 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

C-2 Preschool Program Plan Update for 2013-2014

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve submission to the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education a One-Year Preschool Program Plan Update for 2013-2014 for former ECPA/ELLI School Districts. The purpose of the one-year preschool program plan update is to provide the Division of Early Childhood Education with the district's implementation plan of the preschool program and associated costs for serving preschool children in the 2013-2014 school year using Preschool Education Aid as detailed in Exhibit C-2 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (This plan will replace the district's last approved one-year operational plan from the 2008-2009 school year.)

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

C-3 Approve Summer School Offerings for Grades 7-8 and 9-12

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following summer school offerings:

- a. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Summer School for grades 7-8 to be held July 8, 2013 through August 2, 2013 at Franklin Middle School, 415 Francis Street, Somerset, NJ. Tuition-based program.
- b. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Summer School for grades 9-12 to be held July 8, 2013 through August 2, 2013 at Franklin Middle School, 415 Francis Street, Somerset, NJ. Tuition-based program.

As detailed in Exhibit C-3 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Personnel

P-1 Personnel Report No. 18, dated April 11, 2013

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 18, as detailed in Exhibit P-1 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker--any topic)*

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 10:00 P.M. *(In accordance with Bylaw No. 9322)*

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley