

AGENDA
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
JANUARY 26, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL

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

Student Liaisons
Niti Patel
Kevin Liu

Mr. Edward Q. Seto, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Interim Director of Personnel Services
Mr. Henry Sherren, 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 May 4, 2011. 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 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, Learning 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.*

I. Presentation (30 Minutes):

- **2012 State Assessment Presentation (Focus on ACCESS for ELLs)**

Julie Ochoa, Supervisor, ESL/Bilingual/World Languages K-8

Ana Washington, FHS Vice Principal; Supervisor, ESL/Bilingual/World Languages 9-12

II. Superintendent's Report**III. Board President's Report****IV. Action to Adopt the Agenda**

Moved

Seconded:

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V. Committee (Chairs) / Liaison Reports

(various reports included in the packet)

VI. Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker - any topic)***VII. Board Member Remarks****VIII. New Business****R-1 Reports**

Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledge receipt of the following reports, attached and made a part of the minutes:

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| a. | Principals' Reports to the Board of Education | December |
| b. | Attendance Officer's Report | December |
| c. | Enrollment Report | December |
| d. | Fire Drill Report | December |
| e. | Suspension Report | December |
| f. | HIB Investigation Report | Jan. 4-18, 2012 |

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M-1 Minutes of Board Meetings

Moved:

Seconded:

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

January 12, 2012

Regular

Exhibit M-1

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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.)

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Carrington Brown

A-2 Revised Policies & Bylaw - 1st Reading

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the first reading of the following revised Policies and Bylaw as detailed in Exhibit A-2.a, b, c, d, & e attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

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| a. | Policy No. 1100 | Communicating With The Public |
| b. | Policy No. 1120 | Board of Education Meetings |
| c. | Policy No. 5114 | Suspension and Expulsion |
| d. | Policy No. 5131.5 | Vandalism / Violence |
| e. | Bylaw No. 9200 | Orientation and Training of Board Members |

(All revisions to reflect requirements of the law on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.)

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Business Affairs

B-1 Warrants & Payrolls

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following on the certification of the Board Secretary that sufficient funds are available to meet these claims (attached hereto and made a part of the minutes):

- a. General warrants and payrolls in the amount of \$12,086,589.94 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-1.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$211,316.77 for the month of December 2011. (Exhibit B-1.b)

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B-2 Transfer Of Funds

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve Account Transfers No. 6 for the 2011-2012 school year, "per pupil" and "other than per pupil," as identified in Exhibit B-2 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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B-3 Financial Reports

Moved:

Seconded:

Accept financial reports attached hereto and made a part of the minutes as follows:

- a. Report of the Board Secretary (A-148) (Exhibit B-3.a) (December)
- b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-3.b) (December)
- c. Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-3.c) (December)
- d. Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (Exhibit B-3.d) (December)
- e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-3.e) (December)

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B-4 Board of Education Monthly Certification

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4 we certify that as of December 31, 2011 after review of Secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year.

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B-5 Contract Approval

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following:

- a. A lease extension for land owned by the Board located at 175 Claremont Road to George Manioudakis, Somerset, New Jersey for \$350.40 per year for agricultural purposes in accordance with original lease agreement dated January 16, 2008 as detailed in Exhibit B-5.a attached hereto and made part of the minutes.
- b. A revised proposal with Design Resources Group, Architects, AIA (DRG), Piscataway, NJ for architectural services for eleven (11) temporary classroom units (9 were originally approved at the December 22, 2011 board meeting and two new temporary classroom units were added to Elizabeth Avenue School), as detailed in Exhibit B-5.b attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Fees will be 7% of awarded contract amount – LEA funded.

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Curriculum and Instruction

C-1 Out of District Students, School Year 2011-2012

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve out of district placements for students (Ref. C-1).

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C-2 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 for academic competitions; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes, in advance, the list of destinations as detailed in Exhibit C-2 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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Returned to open session at _____ p.m.

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

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

_____ Arline	_____ Burton	_____ LaCorte	_____ Lewis	_____ Nagy	_____ Presley	_____ Seamon	_____ Smith- Carrington	_____ Brown
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