

AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-2014 FINAL BUDGET and
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MARCH 28, 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 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, March 5, March 6, and March 21, 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-2014 FINAL BUDGET**II. Presentation of the 2013-2014 Final Budget – Edward Seto & John Calavano****III. Comments From the Public (*Budget only – 3 minutes per speaker*)****IV. Board Discussion of Final Budget****A-1 Adoption of the 2013-2014 Final Budget**

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved, the Board of Education adopts the following budget for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Enrollment Adjustment

RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$84,984. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget be approved for the 2013-2014 School Year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2013-14 Total Expenditures	\$139,083,880	\$3,599,124	\$4,839,932	\$147,522,936
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>16,755,762</u>	<u>3,599,124</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>20,369,886</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$122,328,118</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$4,824,932</u>	<u>\$127,153,050</u>

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Regular Business Meeting

- V. **Superintendent's Report**
- VI. **Board President's Report**
- VII. **Committee/Liaison Reports**
- VIII. **Comments From The Public** (*5 minutes per speaker – any topic*)
- IX. **Board Member Remarks**
- X. **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 | February |
| b. | Attendance Officer's Report | February |
| c. | Enrollment Report | February |
| d. | Fire Drill Report | February |
| e. | Suspension Report | February |
| f. | HIB Investigation Report | March 5 – 28, 2013 |

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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:

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| a. | March 6, 2013 | Special | Exhibit M-1.a |
| b. | March 11, 2013 | Special | Exhibit M-1.b |

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Administration

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 14, 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 March 14, 2013.

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A-3 Policy Revision – 1st Reading

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the first reading 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

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Business

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 \$16,132,979.62 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-1.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$246,345.63 for the month of February, 2013. (Exhibit B-1.b)

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B-2 Transfer of Funds

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve Account Transfers No. 8 for the 2012-2013 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) (February)
- b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-3.b) (February)
- c. Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-3.c) (February)
- d. Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (Exhibit B-3.d) (February)
- e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-3.e) (February)

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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 February 28, 2013 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 *(All contracts are LEA-funded, unless otherwise noted.)*

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following:

- a. A Cooperative Pricing Agreement rider with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, as detailed in Exhibit B-5.a attached hereto and made part of the minutes.
- b. A joint transportation agreement with Sussex County Regional Cooperative, for the 2013-2014 school year, as detailed in Exhibit B-5.b attached hereto and made part of the minutes.
- c. An agreement with Handle With Care Behavior Management System, Inc., Gardiner, NY for licensing and training in Handle With Care's Basic program for instructor Kevin Kelly - \$400, as detailed in Exhibit B-5.c attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE

Comments from the Public (3 minutes per speaker – Public Hearing topic only)

B-6 Refunding Bond Ordinance of the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County Of Somerset, NJ providing for the refunding of all or a portion of the Outstanding Callable Refunding School Bonds of the School District, dated March 1, 2003, issued in the original principal amount of \$11,540,000, appropriating not to exceed \$3,500,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,500,000 Refunding Bonds to provide for such refunding.

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following resolution:

Be it ordained by the Franklin Township Board of Education (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1 - The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, NJ (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable Refunding School Bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$11,540,000 and dated March 1, 2003 (the "2003 Bonds"). The 2003 Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2014 may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after August 1, 2013 (the "Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the 2003 Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 2 - In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3 - An aggregate amount not exceeding \$90,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4 - The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5 - A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Township Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6 - No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7 - The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2003 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8 - This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and, if required, endorsement of the consent of the Local Finance Board upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted.

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B-7 Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 Principal Amount of Refunding School Bonds of the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, NJ and Providing for the Sale and the Delivery of Such Bonds and Authorizing Proposal for Certain Financial Advisory Services

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopt a resolution determining the form and other details not to exceed \$3,500,000 principal amount of Refunding School Bonds of the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, NJ and providing for the sale and the delivery of such bonds and authorizing proposal for certain financial advisory services, as detailed in Exhibit B-7 attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

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Curriculum and Instruction

C-1 Out of District Students, School Year 2012-2013

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve out of district placements for students, as detailed in Exhibit C-1 attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

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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; 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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C-3 Field Trip Destinations (Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)

Moved:

Seconded:

Franklin High School JROTC Cadets to attend the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge – JCLC Dix Adventure South 2013 (Summer Camp) training at Joint Bases – McGuire/Fort Dix / Lakehurst (Fort Dix) from June 25-30, 2013 as detailed in Exhibit C-3 attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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C-4 Preschool Disabled Extended School Year Program

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year program for children who are identified as Preschool Children with Disabilities, July 8 – July 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to be conducted at Franklin Park School Early Childhood Development Center. Staff hours will be from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. IDEA funded.

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C-5 K-5 Special Education Extended School Year Program

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year Tutorial Program for grade K-5 Special Education students, July 8 – July 26, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to be conducted at Franklin Park School. Staff hours will be from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. IDEA funded.

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C-6 IDEA Carry-Over Funds

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the acceptance of the I.D.E.A. 2012-2013 Amendment (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013 to include carry-over funds from I.D.E.A. 2011-2012 Final Report. To be utilized for the purchase of instructional supplies and contracted related services.

Basic	(Ages 3-21)	\$242,258
Non-Public	(Ages 3-21)	\$145,328
Preschool	(Ages 3-5)	\$ 17,081

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Personnel

P-1 Personnel Report No.17, dated March 28, 2013

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No.17, 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

XI. 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.

XII. 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