

**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**MARCH 6, 2013 – 7:30 PM**

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

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 February 8, 2013 and February 20, 2013. 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 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.*

**PURPOSE: Adopt the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget**

- I. Presentation of the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget: Edward Seto & John Calavano**
- II. Comments From The Public**
- III. Board Discussion of Preliminary Budget**
- IV. Adoption of the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget**

**A-1 Adoption of the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

**Adjustment Enrollment**

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.

**Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement**

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.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive 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, an annual school year threshold of \$150 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); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$200,000 for all staff and board members.

### **Adoption of Tentative Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative 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 tentative 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>
<b>2013-14 Total Expenditures</b>	\$139,083,880	\$3,599,124	\$4,839,932	\$147,522,936
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<u>16,755,762</u>	<u>3,599,124</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>20,369,886</u>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>\$122,328,118</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$4,824,932</u>	<u>\$127,153,050</u>

And to advertise said tentative budget in the **Courier News** in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held in the Franklin Middle School, 415 Francis Street, Somerset, New Jersey on March 28, 2013 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Arline Burton Lewis Nagy Seamon Smith-Carrington Trautmann Whalen Presley