

**AGENDA
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.**

CALL OF ROLL

Mrs. Christine Danielsen
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President
Mr. Edward Potosnak, III, President
Dr. Julia Presley
Mr. Richard Seamon

Ms. Patricia E. Stanley
Mrs. Margaret E. Steele
Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod
Mrs. Betty Whalen

Student Liaisons
Sophia Felix
Karmen Normandia, Alt.

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Dr. Jeffrey Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

___ Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 5, 2015. 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 2015-2016

- ***To establish the Superintendent as the Educational Leader of Franklin Township Public Schools.***
- ***To utilize data analysis in reviewing our educational programs and make recommendations for subsequent years to improve college and career readiness for all students.***
- ***To recruit and retain high quality staff and re-energize current staff through continued support and professional development.***
- ***To continue progress on our facilities projects with the least amount of disruption to the educational process.***

I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved:

Seconded:

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

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

1. Review of September 24, 2015 Action Meeting Agenda
2. Action Items for September 17, 2015

Action Items**A-01 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 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-01)

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

Personnel

P-01 Personnel Report No. 3, dated September 17, 2015

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 3, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-01)

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

Board Discussion: Representation to the Somerset County Educational Services Commission.

VI. Old Business**VII. 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.

Returned to open session at _____ PM.

Adjournment

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak