

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
APRIL 25, 2014 – 6:05 PM**

Mr. Richard E. Arline
Mr. Delvin Burton
Mrs. Christine Danielsen
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte
Mrs. Eva M. Nagy, Vice President

Dr. Julia M. Presley, President
Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington - absent
Mrs. Betty Whalen

Dr. LeRoy Seitz, Interim Superintendent of Schools - absent
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Lynne Crawford, Director of Pupil Personnel Services - absent
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management - absent

And 5 Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mr. Burton led the Board in the pledge.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mr. Calavano read the following 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 March 28, 2014. 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.

Mrs. Danielsen read the following statement:

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 develop and implement a comprehensive assessment program designed to meet the needs of all students through the use of formative and summative assessments aligned to the common core standards and integrated into instruction.*

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: *To promote community engagement and effective communication to and from all stakeholders.*

CULTURE AND CLIMATE: *To continue the District's efforts to safeguard students and staff, enhance the culture and environment of our schools and improve relationships among and between students; staff; parents/guardians; and the community that promote respect, motivation for learning and creativity in and for our students.*

FACILITIES: *Utilizing the District's 2011-2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan, finalize a building program (including application for state grants and outside funding sources) 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 several years; address critical maintenance issues in all existing facilities and consider potential changes to the delivery of education.*

PURPOSE: Interview Board Member Candidates.**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was opened for public comments at 6:09 PM on a motion by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Burton. There were no public comments at this time. Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement.

BOARD INTERVIEWS

The board conducted interviews with six board member candidates.

Motion for a short recess by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mrs. Whalen. All board members were in agreement.

MOTION

Moved: Mrs. Nagy

Seconded: Mr. Burton

Motion for board members to identify their top three candidates, narrow them down to two candidates and vote on them.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Whalen	Dr. Presley

After each board member named their top three choices (Eva Nagy had only two), the candidate with the most votes was Alex Kharazi, followed by a tie for second place for John Kinghorn and Edward Potosnak.

Dr. Presley requested a show of hands to choose the second place candidate between Edward Potosnak and John Kinghorn. Edward Potosnak received 5 votes (*Arline, Burton, Danielsen, LaCorte, Presley*) and John Kinghorn received 2 votes (*Nagy, Whalen*), making Edward Potosnak the candidate to run against Alex Kharazi.

At this point, Dr. Presley requested a show of hands for a vote for either Alex Kharazi or Edward Potosnak to serve as a board member. Mr. Calavano reminded the board that the successful candidate must receive 5 votes. Alex Kharazi received 3 votes (*Nagy, Presley, Whalen*) and Edward Potosnak received 4 votes (*Arline, Burton, Danielsen, LaCorte*).

Each board member commented on the candidate of their choice. Dr. Presley requested another show of hands for Edward Potosnak, who received the same 4 votes.

Board President, Dr. Presley, complimented Dr. Kharazi on his background and changed her vote to Edward Potosnak, allowing him the 5 votes needed to become the new board member.

A-1 Appoint New Board Member

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mrs. Danielsen

Appoint Edward Potosnak III as a member of the Franklin Township Board of Education effective immediately through the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Potosnak must undergo a criminal record check within 30 days of his appointment as per 18A:12-1.2(a). *This vacancy is due to the resignation of former Board member, Robert Trautmann.*

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Whalen	Dr. Presley

Mr. Calavano administered the Oath of Office to Edward Potosnak III.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mr. Potosnak

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Action to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Whalen	Dr. Presley

Respectfully submitted,

John Calavano
Board Secretary