

MINUTES
ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA and ROOM 313
APRIL 28, 2016 – 6:34 PM

CALL OF ROLL

Ms. Christine Danielsen
Ms. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President
Ms. Laurie Merris - arrived at 7:00 PM
Mr. Edward Potosnak III, President
Dr. Julia M. Presley

Mr. Richard Seamon – arrived at 6:37 PM
Ms. Patricia E. Stanley
Ms. Margaret E. Steele
Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod – arrived at 7:33 PM

Student Liaison
Sophia Felix

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 - absent
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Manager of Human Resources & Personnel Services
Ms. Mary Clark, Coordinator of Policies, Regulations & Communications

And 15 Members of the Public

Mr. Strimple read the following statement:

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 7, 2016, April 13, 2016 and April 22, 2016. 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.

Confidential Session (Room 313)

Moved: Ms. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Danielsen

Motion to adjourn to Confidential Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of High School Principal; to review a Workers' Compensation case; discuss a Special Education Settlement; and to discuss personnel matters. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

Returned to open session at 7:50 PM in the Cafeteria.
Reconvening roll call – All board members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Ms. Walton-McCleod led the Board in the pledge.

Mr. Potosnak 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 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 and include Addendums #1 and #2 (Resolutions B-26 and B-27)

Moved: Dr. Presley

Seconded: Ms. LaCorte

Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

II. Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Dr. John A. Ravally and Mr. James H. Strimple, Jr. spoke about the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

III. Board Discussion of 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

Members of the Board made comments about the budget and the impact of charter schools on the budget.

IV. Comments From The Public (3 minutes per speaker – Proposed Budget only)

The meeting was opened for public comments at 8:47 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Ms. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement. Public comments were heard by the Board of Education. The following is a brief synopsis of comments made by the public:

John Felix requested to know what percentage of the 711 students at the charter schools are Franklin Township residents.

Mayor Kramer expressed concern over the increase in charter school spending.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 8:58 PM by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Ms. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement.

MOTION

Moved: Ms. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Daniels

Motion to adopt the 2016-17 proposed budget.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
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Adoption of the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

Be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education adopt the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Expense	\$137,375,166			
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,491,450			
Charter School Payments	<u>\$ 9,043,447</u>			
Total Appropriations	\$148,410,063	\$5,933,075	\$9,353,565	\$163,696,703
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 18,553,694</u>	<u>\$5,933,075</u>	<u>\$1,182,015</u>	<u>\$ 25,668,784</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$129,856,369	\$ 0	\$8,171,550	\$138,027,919

2. Transfer Funds from Capital Reserve Fund to Capital Projects Fund

Whereas, the Franklin Township School District Board of Education has included in the general fund budget \$1,164,340.00 to be withdrawn from the board of education's approved Capital Reserve Fund to supplement the approved December 9, 2014 Referendum of \$81,480,257 as (1) the local share for approved ROD Grant Funded Projects consisting of various renovations, alternations and improvements to the Conerly Road Elementary School, Elizabeth Avenue Elementary School, Franklin Middle School, Franklin Park Elementary School, MacAfee Elementary School, Pine Grove Elementary School and Sampson G. Smith School; and various renovations, alterations and improvements and a classroom addition to Hillcrest Elementary School, including acquisition and installation of furniture and equipment and site work; and, (2) to provide for Debt Service Aid Funded Projects consisting of additional renovations, alternations and improvements to Conerly Road Elementary School, Franklin Middle School, Franklin Park Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School and MacAfee Elementary School, and renovations, alterations and improvements and additions to Elizabeth Avenue Elementary School, Pine Grove Manor Elementary School and Sampson G. Smith School and construction of the new Claremont School, including acquisition and installation of furniture and equipment and site work. The additional Capital Reserve funds are needed in addition to the approved \$81,480,257, the amount of local share in the approved referendum, for the capital projects because of the need to fund the removal of asbestos containing materials at the various schools prior to the renovation work; the need to provide funds for the removal and installation of playground equipment at the Elizabeth Avenue School, prior to the construction; the need to provide additional funds for parking lot construction at the Elizabeth Avenue School to provide sufficient parking for the site; the need to make improvements to the kitchen and cafeteria at Elizabeth Avenue School; the need to provide funds for the construction of the Claremont Road Elementary School due to site drainage issues; and the need to provide additional parking at the Hillcrest School.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Education hereby requests \$1,164,340 be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the purposes previously stated.

3. Amount to be Raised for Taxes – General Fund

Be it Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education acknowledge that \$129,856,369 be raised for the General Fund Current Expense for the ensuing school year (2016 – 2017).

4. Amount to be Raised for Taxes – Debt Service

Be it Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education acknowledge that \$8,171,550 be raised to support the Debt Service budget for the ensuing school year (2016 – 2017).

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
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Sophia Felix, Student Liaison, spoke about PARCC tests, the National French, Latin and Spanish Honor Society inductions, the wrestling banquet, the show “Unleashed” hosted by the Asian Awareness Club, AP exams, the prom and the Student Government fundraiser for ALS. On behalf of the entire student body, Ms. Felix thanked Dr. DiGanci for his two years of service as FHS Principal and welcomed Mrs. Clark, the newly-appointed Principal.

V. Public Hearing on the Bond Refunding

Mr. James H. Strimple, Jr. spoke about the Bond Refunding

VI. Board Discussion of 2016-2017 Bond Refunding

The Board briefly discussed the proposed refunding.

VII. Comments From The Public (3 minutes per speaker – Bond Refunding only)

The meeting was opened for public comments at 9:05 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Ms. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement. There were no public comments at this time.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:06 PM by Ms. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Seamon. All board members were in agreement.

MOTION

Moved: Ms. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Danielsen

Motion to approve Resolutions VIII and IX.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

The Board then voted on Resolutions VIII and IX.

VIII. 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 June 29, 2006, Issued in the Original Principal Amount of \$10,000,000, Appropriating Not To Exceed \$9,645,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of Not To Exceed \$9,645,000 Refunding School Bonds to Provide for Such Refunding

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NJ (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, New Jersey (the “School District”) is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the School District originally issued in the principal amount of \$10,000,000 and dated June 29, 2006 (the “Prior Bonds”).

The Prior Bonds maturing on or after August 15, 2017 (the “Refunded Bonds”) may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after August 15, 2016 (the “Redemption Date”) at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the Refunded 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 \$9,645,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 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 is not required for this issuance as the school debt of the School District will not be increased.

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 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/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 Prior Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

IX. Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of Not To Exceed \$9,645,000 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

Be it Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, NJ (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, New Jersey (referred herein as the "Board of Education" or "Board") hereby authorizes the sale, in one or more series, of an amount not to exceed \$9,645,000 Refunding School Bonds (the "Bonds") by virtue of its final adoption by a two-thirds majority of its full membership on April 28, 2016 of a bond ordinance entitled, "Refunding Bond Ordinance of The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of All or a Portion of the Outstanding Callable School Bonds of the School District, Dated June 29, 2006, Issued in the Original Principal Amount of \$10,000,000, Appropriating Not to Exceed \$9,645,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$9,645,000 Refunding Bonds to Provide for Such Refunding" (the "Bond Ordinance").

Section 2. The Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to RBC Capital Markets (the "Underwriter") in accordance with the purchase contract to be entered into by and between the Underwriter and the Board (the "Purchase Contract") pursuant to this resolution. The purchase price for the Bonds shall be as set forth in the Purchase Contract, plus unpaid accrued interest, if any, from the dated date of the Bonds to, but not including, the delivery date of the Bonds. The Board President, Superintendent and/or Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into the Purchase Contract on behalf of the Board with the Underwriter in a form satisfactory to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Bond Counsel for the Board ("Bond Counsel") for the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. The signature of the Board President, Superintendent or Business Administrator/Board Secretary on the Purchase Contract shall be conclusively presumed to evidence any necessary approvals.

Section 3. The Bonds are being issued to incur interest cost savings by redeeming all or a portion of the callable outstanding school bonds of the Board originally issued in the principal amount of \$10,000,000 dated June 29, 2006, which bonds maturing on or after August 15, 2017 (the "Refunded Bonds") are redeemable at the option of the Board in whole or in part on any date on or after August 15, 2016 (the "Redemption Date") at par (the "Redemption Price"), plus in each case accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be issued in accordance with the terms and the conditions set forth in the Purchase Contract within the parameters set forth herein:

(A) The Bonds shall be issued in a par amount determined to be necessary to pay costs of issuance and to provide for payment of the Redemption Price of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date, and the interest due on the Refunded Bonds through the Redemption Date;

(B) The Bonds shall be dated such date as established in the Purchase Contract;

(C) The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on or about August 15 of each year, commencing on or about August 15, 2016 and thereafter or as otherwise set forth in the Purchase Contract and shall bear interest at interest rates per annum on the unpaid principal balance on each February 15 and August 15 until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on or about August 15, 2016 or as otherwise set forth in the Purchase Contract;

(D) The Bonds shall be issued in the form of one bond for each maturity except if all or any portion of the Bonds are issued as term bonds;

(E) The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively from RSB-1 upward and shall mature in such principal amounts with such mandatory call features and with such mandatory sinking fund payments as set forth below and as determined in the Purchase Contract;

(F) The Bonds may be subject to optional redemption or not as set forth in the Purchase Contract;

(G) Depending on market conditions at the time of the sale, the Bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and Phoenix Advisors, LLC (the "Financial Advisor").

Section 5. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to conform the Bonds to the requirements of the Purchase Contract:

**SAMPLE BOND FORM FOR INFORMATION
ONLY – DO NOT COMPLETE**

REGISTERED REGISTERED
NUMBER RSB- ____ \$_____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND

DATED DATE:	MATURITY DATE:	RATE OF INTEREST	CUSIP:
		PER ANNUM:	
___/___/2016	08/15/20__	_____%	_____

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to CEDE & CO., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, which will act as Securities Depository, on the Maturity Date specified above, the principal sum of _____ DOLLARS (\$_____) and to pay interest on such sum from the Dated Date set forth above at the Rate of Interest Per Annum specified above semiannually on the

fifteenth days of February and August in each year until maturity or earlier redemption commencing on August 15, 2016. Interest on this bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board of Education and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company as listed on the records of The Depository Trust Company as of the February 1 and August 1 next preceding the date of such payments (the "Record Dates" for such payments). Principal of this bond, upon presentation and surrender to the Board of Education, will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board of Education and will be credited to the participants of The Depository Trust Company.

This bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of The Depository Trust Company. The Depository Trust Company shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

[The bonds of this issue maturing prior to August 15, 20__ are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds of this issue maturing on or after August 15, 20__ are redeemable at the option of the Board of Education in whole or in part on any date on or after August 15, 20__ upon notice as required herein at par, plus in each case unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.]

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Board of Education or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any notice of redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Board of Education determines to redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, the bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board of Education. The bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If notice of redemption has been given as provided herein, the bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with unpaid accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the bonds after the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the bonds redeemed.]

This bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds and is issued pursuant to Title 18A, Education, Chapter 24, of the New Jersey Statutes and the refunding bond ordinance finally adopted by the Board of Education on April 28, 2016, in all respects duly approved. Payment of this obligation is secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, P.L. 1980, c. 72, approved July 16, 1980, as amended by P.L. 2003, c.118, approved July 1, 2003, in accordance with which an amount equal to 1% of the aggregate outstanding bonded indebtedness (but not to exceed the moneys available in the fund) of New Jersey counties, municipalities and school districts for school purposes as of September 15 of each year, is held within the State Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools as a school bond reserve pledged by law to secure payments of principal and interest due on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make payment.

The full faith and credit of the Board of Education are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the constitution or the statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the Board of Education, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY has caused this bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its President, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Secretary, and this bond to be dated the Dated Date as specified above.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET,
NEW JERSEY
[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By: _____ (Facsimile)
President

By: _____
Secretary
[END OF SAMPLE BOND FORM]

Section 6. The Bonds shall have printed thereon a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel, complete except for omission of its date. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's office. Alternatively, each Bond may be accompanied by the signed legal opinion or copy thereof.

Section 7. Bond Counsel and Financial Advisor are authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds. The proper officials of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Bonds and to deliver them to the Purchaser in exchange for payment, including accrued interest from their date to the date of delivery, if any.

Section 8. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

Section 9. In the event that The Depository Trust Company may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Board of Education and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to Registered Bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple thereof, except that an amount maturing in any one year in excess of the largest principal amount thereof equaling a multiple of \$5,000 will be in denominations of \$1,000, or any integral multiple thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of such Registered Bonds. The Board shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certificate form.

Section 10. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, and that it will refrain from taking any action that would adversely affect the tax exemption of the Bonds under the Code. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to act and determine on behalf of the Board whether the Bonds will be designated as "bank qualified" within the meaning of Section 265 of the Code.

Section 11. Solely for purposes of complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended and interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the Rule and provided that the Bonds are not exempt from the following requirements in accordance with paragraph (d) of the Rule, for so long as the Bonds remain outstanding (unless the Bonds have been wholly defeased), the Board of Education shall provide for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

(a) On or prior to February 1 of each year, beginning February 1, 2017, electronically to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system or such other repository designated by the SEC to be an authorized repository for filing secondary market disclosure information, if any, annual financial information with respect to the Board of Education consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Board of

Education and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (1) Board of Education and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Board of Education; (2) property valuation information; and (3) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law;

(b) if any of the following material events occur regarding the Bonds, a timely notice not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event sent to EMMA:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

(c) Notice of failure of the Board of Education to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in this resolution shall be sent in a timely manner to EMMA.

(d) If all or any part of the Rule ceases to be in effect for any reason, then the information required to be provided under this resolution, insofar as the provision of the Rule no longer in effect required the provision of such information, shall no longer be required to be provided.

(e) The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall determine, in consultation with Bond Counsel, the application of the Rule or the exemption from the Rule for each issue of obligations of the Board of Education prior to their offering. Such officer is hereby authorized to enter into additional written contracts or undertakings to implement the Rule and is further authorized to amend such contracts or undertakings or the undertakings set forth in this resolution, provided such amendment is, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, in compliance with the Rule.

- (f) In the event that the Board of Education fails to comply with the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings specified in this resolution, the Board of Education shall not be liable for monetary damages, remedy being hereby specifically limited to specific performance of the Rule requirements or the written contracts or undertakings therefor.

Section 12. The Board hereby approves the preparation and the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement in the form to be approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Such Official Statement may be distributed in preliminary form and deemed final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of the Board by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The Preliminary Official Statement shall be prepared in final form in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to execute any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Final Official Statements shall be delivered to the Purchaser within the earliest of seven business days following the sale of the Bonds or to accompany the Purchaser's confirmations that request payment for the Bonds. Bond Counsel and/or the Financial Advisor are further authorized to arrange on behalf of the Board of Education for a rating for the Bonds from Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's Investors Service, and all such actions taken to date are hereby ratified.

Section 13. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, with the advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, is authorized to arrange for bond insurance if advantageous based on the advice of the Financial Advisor to be provided at a premium not to exceed 75 basis points of the amount of principal and interest payable in order to obtain the best possible rates and the most cost effective financing and is authorized to take all steps on behalf of the Board necessary to do so.

Section 14. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, with the advice of the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, shall arrange for paying agent services or redemption agent services with a banking institution if any portion of the Bonds are term bonds requiring a sinking fund.

Section 15. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is also authorized and directed to pay the costs of issuance in connection with the sale of the Bonds pursuant to a certificate of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to be executed upon delivery of the Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount outlined in the Bond Ordinance.

Section 16. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall take all steps necessary to call the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date, at par, plus any unpaid accrued interest thereon and to take all steps necessary for the investment of the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds necessary to arrange for such redemption. The Financial Advisor and/or Underwriter on behalf of the Board of Education are authorized to reserve and purchase open market treasury securities and/or United State Treasury—State and Local Government Series (SLGs) for deposit with the escrow agent, if required. All of the principal amount and interest earnings on the open market treasury securities and/or SLGs, as well as cash, if necessary, will be used to pay the interest due on the Refunded Bonds through the Redemption Date and pay the Redemption Price on the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date. The Board hereby hereby authorizes The Bank of New York Mellon to serve as escrow agent and authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or Board President to enter into an Escrow Deposit Agreement with such escrow agent in order to provide instructions regarding the deposit of the open market treasury securities and/or SLGs and cash, if any.

Section 17. The Board hereby authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLC, if required, to serve as verification agent to confirm the accuracy of the arithmetical and mathematical computations supporting (i) the accuracy of the interest cost savings and the sufficiency of the amount in the escrow account to pay the interest due on the Refunded Bonds through the Redemption Date and pay the Redemption Prices on the Redemption Date; and (ii) the calculations of yield supporting the conclusion of Bond Counsel that the Bonds are not "arbitrage bonds" as such meaning is set forth in the Code.

Section 18. The Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to provide for the issuance of the Bonds and the redemption of the Refunded Bonds, including preparing and executing

such agreements and documents on behalf of the Board and taking all steps necessary or desirable to implement the requirements of this resolution, such agreements, and documents as may be necessary and appropriate and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Section 19. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATE

I, James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business of The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education duly called and held April 28, 2016 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the minute book of the Board of Education and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to in the extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Board of Education this ____ day of _____, 2016.

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

X. Superintendent's Report

Model Program ESL

I am very pleased to report that our ESL and Bilingual program has been designated as a model program by the NJ DOE. I received a letter dated April 18, 2016, from Karen L. Campbell, Director Office of Supplemental Education Programs, New Jersey Department of Education, which says in part:

"Dear Dr. Ravally,

Congratulations! On behalf of the *New Jersey Department of Education Model Programs Initiative*, I am pleased to inform you that the Franklin Township's ESL Program Grade K-4, 9-12 and Bilingual Program Grades K-4 has been designated as a model program for the 2016-2018 award period.

As a model program district, your program will serve as a resource for other districts in the central region and neighboring areas and enable educators to witness firsthand exemplary practices for newcomer students"

Next month, our Supervisor of ESL/Bilingual Programs, Ms. Julie Ochoa will be attending an award ceremony featuring those districts with model programs. Congratulations and thank you for your hard work, Ms. Ochoa, and congratulations to your ESL/Bilingual Program staff!

If you haven't already viewed the video, our last episode of Focus on Franklin, the Elizabeth Avenue edition had a segment on the ESL program at that school.

Title One School-Wide Status

I am also happy to report that Elizabeth Ave and Pine Grove Manor Schools were successful in their quest to become designated as "school wide" Title I programs. We were notified of this designation by the NJDOE this week. This will allow more flexibility in the use of Title I funds in these schools and will help enrich the learning experiences for all at both EAS and PGM. The application process was long and arduous so congratulations to both Principal Haney and Principal Rivera. Also congratulations to Ms. Ana Washington, our Director of Planning, Research, Assessment and Accountability and all others involved in making this happen!

Teacher of the Year Breakfast

On Friday, May 13, 2016 we will hold our first Annual Teacher and Educational Support Professional of the Year Breakfast at Trade Wins Restaurant, located in the Somerset Technical and Vocational High School. We will be joined not only by this dedicated group of teachers, school counselors, library media specialist, school nurse, paraprofessionals and their principals, but by Mr. Juan Torres, Interim Executive County Superintendent and Franklin Township Mayor Philip Kramer will be in attendance as well. I look forward to an enjoyable morning.

Special thanks to the law firm of Parker McCay; our PTO/PTSO Organizations; the Franklin Township Educators Association and the Franklin Township School Administrators Association for their support in putting together this event.

Pre-K Application Update

Some of you may have seen our Board President's Letter to the Editor in the Franklin Reporter and Advocate recently. Mr. Potosnak wrote about our preschool program. He stressed that our district is in the best position to provide the highest quality full-day Pre-K Program for our residents who will be 4 years old on or before October 31st. He noted that in order to service as many students as possible and provide transportation to and from full-day program, a tuition charge comparable to other local facilities is necessary to augment the Board's commitment of general fund dollars to the program.

However, not every child who is accepted into the program will be required to pay tuition. Many, including those who qualify for free and reduced meals or other governmental benefits, qualify for a tuition waiver.

We are still accepting applications and have added one last evening drop off session. That will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 3:30-6:30 pm. More information is available on our website.

XI. Board President's Report

Congratulations to MacAfee Road School on the opening of their new playground. Thanks to everyone involved in this project for their help.

Lead testing in our water has taken place in our school buildings. We will communicate the results as soon as we have them.

The municipal alliance between the Police Dept., the Township and the School District hosted a presentation entitled "Parents Who Host Lose the Most", which will help parent understand their responsibilities.

Congratulations to Sampson G. Smith School sixth grade student and band member Lea Renwick. Lea was recently accepted to the Eastman School of Music Summer Music Camp. Eastman School of Music is one of the most prestigious music schools in the country, so this is indeed a great honor and wonderful opportunity for Lea.

Stacy Hale, Student Assistance Counselor, co-authored an article in the April 2016 issue of Principal Leadership Magazine entitled "How Principals and SAC's Can Work Together to Address Student Mental Health Issues".

Upcoming Events:

Franklin Middle School Presents Shrek Jr. on May 6th and 7th at 7:00 PM and May 14th at 7:00 PM and May 15 at 2:00 PM.

Sampson G. Smith Book Drive – We're looking for gently used chapter books to support summer reading. Drop-off will be during the month of May at SGS.

Project Graduation Used Clothing Drive - Drop off your gently used clothing, shoes, handbags, stuffed animals, blankets and curtains in plastic bags at Sampson G. Smith School, between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2016.

XII. Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)*

The meeting was opened for public comments at 9:18 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Mrs. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement. Public comments were heard by the Board of Education. The following is a brief synopsis of comments made by the public:

Karen Trautmann spoke about the drastic reduction in funding for Project Graduation and that students will now be required to pay a fee to attend. She requested to know if the board members have considered changing the policy on board member attendance at board meetings with the recent change to holding one meeting per month.

Lorrie Mountainland, FTEA President, spoke about the new charter school application and the allocation of money to fund the school. She pointed out many of the possible negative effects this charter to school would bring to our school district.

Bill Connell thanked the parents for all of their support and help and hopes that Project Graduation will be supported as well. He believes that the word “democratic” should be changed to “republic” in the Board’s Mission Statement. Mr. Connell requested to know the difference in what a charter school can accept and what the public school has to accept.

Mayor Phil Kramer agreed with Mr. Connell’s comment about the Mission Statement. He spoke about the importance of Project Graduation and urged people to donate or volunteer their time. Mr. Kramer expressed his support of the resolution opposing the charter school.

Barbara Upshaw requested to know the discipline policy at our schools. She believes nothing is being done when students have no respect for anything or anyone. Ms. Upshaw spoke in support of Project Graduation and volunteered to help.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:37 PM by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Ms. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement.

XIII. Committee/Liaison Reports

Ms. LaCorte, Finance Committee Chair, reported on the April 26th meeting.

Ms. Danielsen, Personnel Committee Chair, reported on the April 19th meeting.

Ms. Danielsen, Facilities Committee Chair, reported on the April 26th meeting.

Ms. Steele, Curriculum Committee Chair, reported on the April 11th meeting.

Ms. Walton-McCleod, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the April 19th meeting.

XIV. New Business

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- B-19 Appointment of Architect – Franklin High School Paving Project – Summer 2016
- B-20 Appointment of SSP Architectural Group – Renovation of Girl's Locker Room Sampson G. Smith School
- B-21 Submission of Plans to the Department of Education for Alterations to the Girl's Locker Room at Sampson G. Smith School – Project #1610-150-16-1000
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- B-23 Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- B-24 Authorization to Sell School Property
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- C-02 Field Trip Destinations
- C-06 Title III Summer Enrichment for ESL Students – Revised Dates and Location
- C-07 Summer Books in the Park
- C-08 Course Approval: Spanish for Heritage Speakers
- C-09 Settlement Agreement With Caldwell University Center for Autism
- P-01 Workers' Compensation
- P-02 Increment Withholding
- P-03 Increment Withholding
- P-04 Increment Withholding
- P-05 Create New Position
- P-06 New Job Description
- P-07 Personnel Report No. 12, dated April 28, 2016

Moved: Ms. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Danielsen

R-01 Monthly Reports

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

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| a. Principals' Reports | March | Exhibit R-01.a |
| b. Attendance Officer's Report | March | Exhibit R-01.b |
| c. Enrollment Report | March | Exhibit R-01.c |
| d. School Safety Drills | March | Exhibit R-01.d |
| e. Suspension Report | March | Exhibit R-01.e |
| f. HIB Report | Mar. 10 – Apr. 15 | Exhibit R-01.f |

M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings

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

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| a. | March 22, 2016 | Action | Exhibit M-01.a |
| b. | March 22, 2016 | Confidential | Exhibit M-01.b |

Administration**A-01 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement**

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)

A-02 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has received and accepted HIB Investigation Reports at its regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on March 22, 2016; 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 meeting on March 22, 2016.

A-04 New Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following new Policies as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

- a. Policy 2131.1 Board-Superintendent Relations (Exhibit A-04.a)
- b. Policy 2131.2 Employment of Chief School Administrator (Exhibit A-04.b)
- c. Policy 2131.3 Superintendent Duties (Exhibit A-04.c)
- d. Policy 2131.4 Evaluation of Superintendent (Exhibit A-04.d)

A-05 Revised Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised Policies as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

- a. Policy 5111 Admission (Exhibit A-05.a)
- b. Policy 6178 Early Childhood Education (Exhibit A-05.b)
- c. Policy 2131 Superintendent of Schools (Exhibit A-05.c)

A-06 New Policy – 1st Reading

Approve the first reading of the following new Policy as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

Policy 5141.22 Diabetes Management (Exhibit A-06)

A-07 New Regulation – Reading and Adoption

Approve the reading and adoption of the following new Regulation as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

Regulation 6178 Early Childhood Education Preschool General Education Preschool Program
(Exhibit A-07)

A-08 School Bus Emergency Exit Drill Report

Acknowledge receipt of the School Bus Emergency Exit Drill Report dated April 15, 2016 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-08)

Business

B-01 Warrants & Payrolls

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 \$15,038,451.85 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$369,522.52 for the month of March, 2016 (Exhibit B-01.b)

B-02 Transfer of Funds

Approve Account Transfers No.9 for the 2015-2016 school year, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-02)

B-03 Financial Reports

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

- a. Report of the Board Secretary (A-148) (Exhibit B-03.a) (March)
- b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-03.b) (March)
- c. Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-03.c) (March)
- d. Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (Exhibit B-03.d) (March)
- e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-03.e) (March)

B-04 Board of Education Monthly Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) we certify that as of March 31, 2016 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:23A-16.10(c)(3) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year.

B-05 Contract Approval *(All contracts are LEA-funded, unless otherwise noted.)*

Approve the following:

- a. An agreement with the accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ to perform the annual audit for the 2015-2016 school year for a fee of \$56,300 plus fees for additional services, if necessary, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.a)
- b. The purchase of security supplies from Maffey's Security Group for Cedar Hill Prep in the amount of \$6,558.24, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.b)
- c. The purchase of security supplies from Blinds to Go for St. Matthias School in the amount of \$3,021.31, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.c)

- d. A transportation receivable jointure with Piscataway Board of Education from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, identified as Contract PSTEC-16R F YR, in the amount of \$884.00, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.d)
- e. A transportation receivable jointure with South Brunswick Board of Education from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, identified as Contract SBSMS-16P F YR, in the amount of \$884.00, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.e)
- f. A professional services agreement with New Hope Foundation, Marlboro, NJ to provide educational instruction for students while in treatment at their facility from September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for a fee of \$550 per week, not to exceed \$30,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.f)
- g. The purchase of security supplies from Open Systems Integrators, Inc. for Elite Preparatory School in the amount of \$1,800, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.g)
- h. The purchase of security supplies from Mar-Nic General Contractors and Two Way Direct for St. Matthias School in the amount of \$10,145, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.h)
- i. A tuition contract with Somerset County Vocational & Technical School for a student (DB) attending the Technical Occupation Preparation for Success (TOPS) program from February 2016 to June 2016 for a fee of \$10,075.
- j. Revised 2015-16 contracts to reflect additional fees:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Revised Not-to-Exceed Amount</u>	<u>Previous Approval Date</u>
Maxim Healthcare Services	\$ 60,000	June 25, 2015
Martha Gomez-Bryan	\$ 7,650	September 24, 2015
Bayada Pediatrics, Inc.	\$210,000	July 23, 2015
Children's Therapy Source	\$120,000	June 25, 2015
Occupational Therapy Consultants, Inc.	\$615,000	June 25, 2015

- k. The purchase of security supplies from Maffey's Security Group for Cedar Hill Prep in the amount of \$5,450, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.k)
- l. A transportation receivable jointure with South Brunswick Board of Education from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, identified as Contract SBIH-16P F YR, in the amount of \$1,768.00, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.l)
- m. A transportation receivable jointure with South Brunswick Board of Education from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, identified as Contract SBCJCP-16P F YR, in the amount of \$884.00, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.m)
- n. Amend the agreement with Eden Institute/Autism Services, Princeton, NJ (*previously approved on June 25, 2015*) to include educational, speech/language and occupational independent evaluations for the 2015-16 school year, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.n)

- o. A proposal with Accu Scan Digital Archival Solutions, Edgewater Park, NJ for special education document scanning and microfilming services for the 2015-16 school year for a fee not to exceed \$30,000, IDEA funded, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.o)
- p. A purchase of writing licenses from Learning A-Z, Tucson, AZ to provide special education teachers access to this supplemental resource for reading and writing, it allows for differentiation of instruction to meet the various needs of our special education population, for a fee of \$949.80, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.p)
- q. A purchase of reading licenses from Learning A-Z, Tucson, AZ to provide special education teachers access to this supplemental resource for reading and writing, it allows for differentiation of instruction to meet the various needs of our special education population, for a fee of \$1,687.49, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.q)

B-06 Void Outstanding Check

As recommended by the district auditors, authorize the School Business Administrator to void the following outstanding check in the District Payroll Account:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
523267	\$271.63

B-07 Receipt of Bids – Replacement of Unit Ventilators – Sampson G. Smith School

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for the Unit Ventilator Replacement Project at the Sampson G. Smith School opened on April 13, 2016 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid No. 1</u>	<u>Base Bid No. 2</u>
Aero Plumbing & Heating	\$594,900	\$1,257,448
Amco Enterprises, Inc.	\$584,000	\$1,213,000
DuMont Mechanical	\$555,800	\$1,112,785
EACM Corporation	\$474,912	\$1,223,000
Gabe Sganga, Inc.	\$467,600	\$1,203,400
H&S Construction & Mechanical, Inc.	\$415,000	\$1,025,000
Thassian Mechanical Contracting, Inc.	\$503,000	\$1,073,000
Unitemp, Inc.	\$528,580	\$1,203,268

B-08 Award of Bid – Replacement of Unit Ventilators – Sampson G. Smith School

Based on the advice of board counsel and the architect, it is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education award a contract to H&S Construction & Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ in the amount of \$415,000 in accordance with their bid of April 13, 2016 for the unit ventilator replacement project at the Sampson G. Smith School.

B-09 Receipt of Bids – Additions and Alterations – Sampson G. Smith School

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for the Additions and Alterations at the Sampson G. Smith School opened on April 21, 2016 as follows:

	Bennett Company	H&S Construction	Niram	Vanas Construction
Base Bid No. 1 Single Overall Lump Sum Bid	\$10,240,000	\$10,972,000	\$11,197,000	\$10,162,000
Alt. Bid A-1 - Girls Locker Room ADD	\$100,000	\$214,000	\$270,000	\$290,000
Alt. Bid A-2 - Shed A ADD	\$80,000	\$36,000	\$46,000	\$36,300
Alt. Bid A-3 - Greenhouse Slab & Utilities - ADD	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$26,500
Alt. Bid A-4 - Greenhouse Kit ADD	\$22,000	\$38,000	\$150,000	\$46,500
Alt. Bid A-5 - Repaving Front Driveway - ADD	\$275,000	\$272,000	\$420,000	\$440,000
Alt Bid A-6 - Repaving Service Area by Boiler Room - ADD	\$250,000	\$216,000	\$300,000	\$340,000
Alt. Bid A-7 - Partial Re-Roof Existing Gymnasium - ADD	\$220,000	\$297,000	\$300,000	\$220,000
Alt Bid A-8 - Reduction of Flooring Material - Epoxy - DEDUCT	(\$20,000)	(\$54,000)	(\$31,000)	(\$29,000)
Alt Bid A-9 - Reduction of Flooring Material-Epoxy Terrazzo - DEDUCT	(\$30,000)	(\$118,000)	(\$102,000)	(\$100,000)
Alt. Bid A-10 - Reduction - Stem Classroom - DEDUCT	(\$200,000)	(\$251,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$320,000)
Alt. Bid A-11 - Water Booster Pump DEDUCT	(\$10,000)	(\$13,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$22,000)
Alt. Bid A-12 - Water Booster Pump Damper - ADD	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$12,000	\$51,000
Alt. Bid A-13 - Classroom Fire Dampers - ADD	\$75,000	\$51,000	\$36,000	\$110,000

Alt. Bid A-14 - Classroom Fire Dampers - ADD	\$100,000	\$64,000	\$53,200	\$143,000
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B-10 Award of Contract – Additions and Alterations – Sampson G. Smith School*This resolution was approved as Resolution B-27.***B-11 Receipt of Bids – Roof Replacements – Conerly Road School & Pine Grove Manor School**

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for the Roof Replacement Projects at the Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor School opened on April 21, 2016 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Pine Grove</u>	<u>Conerly</u>
Arch Concept Construction	\$1,229,000	\$498,700	\$ 730,000
D.A. Nolt, Inc.	\$1,667,540	\$587,168	\$1,080,372
G.C. Dynatech Construction	---	\$493,000	\$ 692,000
Integrity Roofing, Inc.	\$1,128,340	\$439,000	\$ 689,340
More Consulting Corp.	\$1,195,000	\$470,000	\$ 725,000
MTB, LLC	\$1,415,500	\$449,000	\$ 936,500
Northeast Roof Maintenance	\$1,242,000	\$391,000	\$ 851,000
Roof Management, Inc.	\$1,301,000	\$445,000	\$ 856,000
VMG Group	\$ 972,000	\$323,000	\$ 649,000

B-12 Award of Bid – Roof Replacements – Conerly Road School & Pine Grove Manor School

Based on the advice of board counsel and the architect, it is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education award a contract to VMG Group, Roselle, NJ in the amount of \$972,000.00 in accordance with their bid of April 21, 2016 for the roof replacement projects at Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor School.

B-13 Change Order - Hillcrest School – Fire Alarm System Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 as a credit to the contract to Systems Electronic, Inc. for a reduction in the unused allowance as follows:

Original Contract	\$93,050.00
Less Change Order #01	<u>(8,000.00)</u>
Revised Contract	\$85,050.00

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-13)

B-14 Change Order – MacAfee Road School – Fire Alarm System Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 as a credit to the contract to Systems Electronic, Inc. for a reduction in the unused allowance as follows:

Original Contract	\$144,485.00
Less Change Order #01	<u>(8,000.00)</u>
Revised Contract	\$136,485.00

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-14)

B-15 Change Order – Franklin Park Annex – Fire Alarm System Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 as a credit to the contract to Systems Electronic, Inc. for a reduction in the unused allowance as follows:

Original Contract	\$ 70,862.00
Less Change Order #01	<u>(5,273.35)</u>
Revised Contract	\$ 65,588.65

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-15)

B-16 Change Order – Pine Grove Manor – Fire Alarm System Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 as a credit to the contract to Systems Electronic, Inc. for a reduction in the unused allowance as follows:

Original Contract	\$103,445.00
Less Change Order #01	<u>(8,000.00)</u>
Revised Contract	\$95,445.00

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-16)

B-17 Change Order – Conerly Road School – Fire Alarm System Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 as a credit to the contract to Systems Electronic, Inc. for a reduction in the unused allowance as follows:

Original Contract	\$138,545.00
Less Change Order #01	<u>(4,328.05)</u>
Revised Contract	\$134,216.95

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-17)

B-18 Change Order – Sampson G. Smith School – Roof Replacement

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #03 to VMG Group as an increase to the contract for repair to the existing roof not included in the original contract as follows:

Original Contract	\$459,000.00
Previously Approved Change Orders	<u>(3,491.36)</u>
Revised Contract Sum	\$455,508.64
Change Order #03	<u>5,449.30</u>
New Contract Total	\$460,957.94

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-18)

B-19 Appointment of Architect – Franklin High School Paving Project – Summer 2016

Appoint the district's architect of record, Design Resource Group Architects, of Somerset, NJ to provide architectural services for the 2016 Summer Paving Project at Franklin High School as follows:

Design and Construction Administration	\$24,500
Surveying	\$ 4,840

Reimbursable costs (postage, reproduction, etc.,) to be billed at 1.10 of actual costs. Specialty Consultants billed at 1.25 of actual costs.

The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-19)

B-20 Appointment of SSP Architectural Group – Renovation of Girl's Locker Room Sampson G. Smith School

Appoint SSP Architectural Group, Bridgewater, NJ to provide architectural services associated with the Renovation of the Girl's Locker Room at the Sampson G. Smith School in accordance with their proposal dated April 12, 2016 at a fee of 7.75% of the construction cost. With a construction cost of \$450,000 the fee will be \$34,875. The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-20)

B-21 Submission of Plans to the Department of Education for Alterations to the Girl's Locker Room at Sampson G. Smith School – Project #1610-150-16-1000

Authorize submission of plans to the New Jersey Department of Education for review of the project for Alterations to the Girl's Locker Room at the Sampson G. Smith School, Project #1610-150-16-1000.

B-22 Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund for the Alterations to the Girl's Locker Room Project at Sampson G. Smith School – State Project 1610-150-16-1000

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14 it is recommended that the Board of Education transfer \$567,375 from Capital Reserve to fund Alterations to the Girl's Locker Room at the Samson G. Smith School.

Revenue – Transfer from Capital Reserve	\$567,375
30-000-400-334-02-2016 – Architect's Fees	\$34,875
30-000-400-390-02-0216 – Environmental Consultants	\$15,000
30-000-400-450-02-2016 – Construction Costs	\$450,000
30-000-400-490-02-2016 – Contingency	<u>\$67,500</u>
Total Appropriations	\$567,375

B-23 Energy Generation Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has determined that there is a strong possibility that it can procure electric service at a rate lower than it is presently being charged; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order to procure electricity for the Franklin Township Board of Education; and

Whereas, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the 'Act') authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

Whereas, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

Whereas, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act, and

Whereas, if the auction achieves an 18 or 24 month term price of \$0.058/kWh for the BPL Lighting Meters; a \$.10173/kWh for the GLP/LPLS Meters; the Franklin Township Board of Education may award a contract to the winning supplier for the specified term.

B-24 Authorization to Sell School Property

In accordance with 18A:18A-45 it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the sale of the following obsolete equipment:

Buildings & Grounds Dept.

2007, Dodge Caravan, VIN #1D4GP25E27B239805

2001, Dodge Dump Truck, VIN #3B6MF36501M544506

2001, Ford E-150 Van, VIN #1FTRE142X1HB36598

Transportation Dept.

2009, Chevy 16-Passenger, VIN #1GBHG31C181181578

2008, Chevy 16-Passenger, VIN #1GBJG31U171197093

2009, Chevy 16-Passenger, VIN #1GBHG31C081181653

2004, Chevy Wheelchair, VIN #1GBJG31U531230056

Food Services

US Range Deep Fryers, Model #836-1-1414 with cabinet (4)

B-25 Vendors Exceeding Bid Threshold

Approve 2015-2016 vendors that exceeded the bid threshold of \$40,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-25)

B-26 Disqualification of Vanas Construction Company Bid – Sampson G. Smith Additions

On July 1, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, which expressly authorizes state and local governments to prevent investments in, including prohibiting entry into or renewing contracts with, companies operating in Iran. N.J.S.A. 52:32-55(d). Failure to submit the Investment Activities in Iran Disclosure Statement is a fatal and material defect that cannot be waived by the Board pursuant to the clear language of N.J.S.A. 52:32-55(d):

“A State agency shall require a person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract to certify, at the time the bid is submitted or the contract is renewed, that the person or entity is not identified on a list created pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 [C.52:32-57] of this act as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran described in subsection f. of section 2 [C.52:32-56] of this act.”

Pursuant to the mandate of N.J.S.A. 53:32-55, et seq., New Jersey adopted N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4 (a) which directs that a board of education is required to implement and comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:32-55, et. seq..

Vanas Construction Company failed to include the mandatory Investment Activities in Iran Disclosure ("Iran Disclosure") statement with its bid. Therefore, based on the recommendation of Board Counsel it is recommended that the Board of Education disqualify Vanas Construction Company's bid for the material and fatal defect of failing to submit the Iran Disclosure with its bid.

B-27 Award of Contract – Sampson G. Smith Additions

The Board having reviewed the bid submission in conjunction with Board counsel and the Board Architect, have deemed The Bennett Company's bid submission to be fully compliant and it is recommended that the Board of Education award a contract to The Bennett Company, Inc. of Passaic, N.J. in accordance with their bid of April 21, 2016 as follows:

Base Bid:	\$10,240,000
Alt. #A-1 – Add - Girl's Locker Room	100,000
Alt. #A-2 – Add - Shed A	80,000
Alt. #A-8 – Reduction of Flooring Material Science Room	(20,000)
Alt. #A-9 – Reduction of Flooring Material Hallways	<u>(30,000)</u>
Total Award	\$10,370,000

Curriculum and Instruction

C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2015-2016

Approve out of district placements for students, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-01)

C-02 Field Trip Destinations

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 the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-02)

C-06 Title III Summer Enrichment for ESL Students – Revised Dates and Location

Approve the Summer Enrichment Program for ESL students to develop proficiency in English through content-based units and experiences with focused, academic language strategies to current grade K-8 ESL students for four (4) weeks, July 5, 2016 – July 28, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The students will be instructed at Franklin Middle School. Funded by Title III Federal Funds.

C-07 Summer Books in the Park

Approve the Summer Mobile Lending Library titled Books in the Park run by the ESL/Bilingual department which brings books to different areas of the Franklin community for the month of July. Teachers bring books, run literacy activities and involve high school students for community service. Funded by Title III Federal Funds.

C-08 Course Approval: Spanish for Heritage Speakers

Approve a Spanish for Heritage Speakers class at Franklin Middle School, where current course offerings are at the beginning or advanced levels only. This course is designed to address the needs of students who are at intermediate levels of Spanish and who typically have a disparity between their receptive skills and literacy skills. In order for this course to be a pathway into the current Native Speaker's classes, reading and writing skills will be a focus. The addition of this course will allow more appropriate placements once students enter the high school. No additional budgetary costs are anticipated.

C-09 Settlement Agreement With Caldwell University Center for Autism

Approve a Settlement Agreement and Release with Caldwell University Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis for services rendered to Student No. 1232792921 during the 2015-2016 school year. The Board President and Board Secretary are authorized and directed to execute said Agreement and take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of the same.

Personnel

P-01 Workers' Compensation

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve settlement of a Workers' Compensation claim in the matter of the following employee:

Employee No. 6691 for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

P-02 Increment Withholding

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following increment withholding:

WHEREAS, Employee No. 7798 is a tenured teaching staff member employed by the Township of Franklin School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed information from the Superintendent of Schools and other members of the administration concerning Employee No. 7798's performance and/or conduct as a teaching staff member within the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the employment and adjustment increment of Employee No. 7798 be withheld for the 2016 – 2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has carefully considered these recommendations and the supporting information received with respect to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin as follows:

1. The employment and adjustment increments of Employee No. 7798 shall be withheld for the 2016 - 2017 school year such that Employee No. 7798's salary for the 2016 -2017 school year is fixed at \$55,490 which is the same dollar figure as the 2015 - 2016 school year salary.

P-03 Increment Withholding

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following increment withholding:

WHEREAS, Employee No. 7740 is a tenured teaching staff member employed by the Township of Franklin School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed information from the Superintendent of Schools and other members of the administration concerning Employee No. 7740's performance and/or conduct as a teaching staff member within the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the employment and adjustment increment of Employee No. 7740 be withheld for the 2016 – 2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has carefully considered these recommendations and the supporting information received with respect to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin as follows:

1. The employment and adjustment increments of Employee No 7740 shall be withheld for the 2016 - 2017 school year such that Employee No.7740's salary for the 2016-2017 school year is fixed at \$63,084 which is the same dollar figure as the 2015-2016 school year salary.

P-04 Increment Withholding

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following increment withholding:

WHEREAS, Employee No. 7200 is a tenured teaching staff member employed by the Township of Franklin School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed information from the Superintendent of Schools and other members of the administration concerning Employee No. 7200's performance and/or conduct as a teaching staff member within the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the employment and adjustment increment of Employee No. 7200 be withheld for the 2016 – 2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has carefully considered these recommendations and the supporting information received with respect to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Franklin as follows:

1. The employment and adjustment increments of Employee No. 7798 shall be withheld for the 2016 - 2017 school year such that Employee No. 7200's salary for the 2016-2017 school year is fixed at \$75,374 which is the same dollar figure as the 2015-2016 school year salary.

P-05 Create New Position

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the creation of the following new position:

Supervisor of Science/Right to Know

P-06 New Job Description

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve a new job description as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

Supervisor of Science/Right to Know (Exhibit P-06)

P-07 Personnel Report No. 12, dated April 28, 2016

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No.12, including attachments A, B, C, and D, as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-07)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/Abs</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

Mr. Seamon abstained on Resolution A-01, Richard Seamon only, and on Resolution P-07 – Attachment A, Page 17, Line 3

A-03 Teacher Appreciation Week

Moved: Ms. Walton-McCleod

Seconded: Ms. Merris

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, America's greatest strength has always been Public Education; and

Whereas, education is a noble and life-changing profession, worthy to be honored and respected; and

Whereas, excellence in education begins in the classrooms of our nation's schools. Teachers are among the professional educators who are charged with the responsibility of helping to shape the destiny of our country by inspiring and guiding our children, youth, and adults; and

Whereas, teachers are, and will continue to be, a dynamic force in the educational process. They have demonstrated, through their sense of purpose and dedication to their profession, that they are the bedrock of our schools; and

Whereas, the teachers of Franklin Township Public Schools have consistently documented their professional competence and commitment to our students through their willingness to give of their time, energy, talents, and ideas; and

Whereas, our teachers should be deeply respected and highly recognized for the contributions they have made to our District, our State, and our Nation.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education joins the New Jersey School Boards Association to recognize and celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6, 2016.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

A-09 Charter School Application Opposition

Moved: Mr. Seamon

Seconded: Ms. Walton-McCleod

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, on March 29, 2016 the Franklin Township Public School District received a copy of an application submitted to the State Department of Education requesting that the Department of Education approve the creation of a new, additional charter school, named the Ailanthus Charter School, within the attendance boundaries of the Franklin Township Public Schools; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education believes the establishment of a third charter school with the Franklin Township Public School boundaries is not necessary; and

Whereas, the Ailanthus Charter School states its unique instructional approach “will be undergirded by Project-Based Learning and Universal Design for Learning”; and

Whereas, those instructional approaches are in fact, not unique instructional approaches, but are common in some form to most public schools including those in the Franklin Township Public School District; and

Whereas, the Ailanthus Charter School states in its mission they will work to “enable students to excel academically and socially, through a rigorous K-5 program that nurtures critical thinking”; and

Whereas, this mission is similar to the missions of the Franklin Township Public School District, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School in Somerset, NJ, and the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School in Somerset, NJ; and

Whereas, in its application Ailanthus claims it will “fill programmatic” gaps such as smaller class sizes, teacher efficacy, sports, diversity, character building, second language acquisition, and social development; and

Whereas, Franklin Township Public Schools have more highly qualified teachers per student than the State average; a diverse student population who report over 60 different languages as their home language; positive behavior programs; academic intervention programs; an ESL/Bi-lingual Program that was recently named as a Model Program by the NJ Department of Education; partnerships with institutions of higher learning such as Rutgers University; a state approved health and physical education program at the elementary level with additional interscholastic athletic opportunities at the secondary level; an art, music and creative movement program at the elementary level with theater arts opportunities, beginning in fifth grade, along with second language opportunities; and

Whereas, the Ailanthus application states that it will be a “data-driven school community with a focus on using multiple data sources to drive decisions inside and outside of the classroom.” They will use “summative and formative assessments” to drive the continuous improvement of their academic program; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Public School district currently utilizes multiple data sources to drive its differentiated student instruction, teacher practice and larger academic program. These data sources include benchmark assessments, state assessments, instructional rounds, and data provided by research supported on line platforms as such as I-Ready, ST Math and Ed Connect; and

Whereas, the only PARCC scores currently available are from the first year administration of the assessment, scores which the NJ Department of Education has urged districts not to use for comparison and further where the comparison of economically disadvantaged students from one district to non economically disadvantaged students state wide is an invalid comparison by all psychometric models; and

Whereas, according to district and state-level standards-based, criterion-referenced measurements, the Franklin Township Elementary Schools have demonstrated positive achievement growth in both Mathematics and Literacy meeting a majority of NJ State targets at the intermediate grade levels according to Regional Achievement Center 5 and State Department of Education Metrics; and

Whereas, the Ailanthus application states that parents, families and community stakeholders were actively engaged throughout each stage of the application process, it fails to provide details on how information was gathered from other stakeholders; over what period of time this took place and more importantly how many people actually participated; and

Whereas,, the Franklin Township Board of Education believes that the application submitted to the Department of Education is flawed in its lack of detail; and

Whereas,, the Ailanthus application states that its recruitment efforts are guided by its mission to serve a socioeconomically diverse population and that the use of a weighted lottery, if permission is granted, will help in this endeavor; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes this proposed effort, but notes it is not a comprehensive plan to meet the diversity model of the Franklin Township Public School District. Further, the Board of Education has concerns about charter schools increasing ethnic isolation in our Township schools; and

Whereas, the Ailanthus School will occupy the facility vacated by the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School, which according to a letter, dated February 29, 2016 to the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board of Directors, the Commissioner of Education expressed similar apprehension when stating, "Concerns have been raised by the lack of diversity in Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School's student population." Further, the location of the proposed charter school services a relatively homogeneous population that is not reflective of the township demographic; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Public School regular operating budget has been significantly burdened to meet the State Department of Education's approved Charter School payment of over nine million dollars in its 2016-2017 school budget; and

Whereas, if approval of the Ailanthus Charter School is granted it would create undo hardship to the tax paying members of the Franklin Township community in that this would be the third charter school within the Franklin Township Public Schools' boundaries drawing needed resources away from the more than 7,500 students enrolled in Franklin Township Public Schools;

Now Therefore be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education opposes the Ailanthus Charter School's application; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education urges the New Jersey Commissioner of Education to deny the application made by the Ailanthus Charter School submitted on March 31, 2016;

Be if Finally Resolved, that this resolution be certified and submitted to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and the Chief School Administrators of the surrounding school districts, as soon as possible following approval by the Franklin Township Board of Education.

<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

C-03 J&J Scientist in the Making Program**C-04 Central New Jersey Math Ambassadors Partnership Grant****C-05 STARTALK Hindi Language/Culture Summer Program**

Moved: Mr. Seamon

Seconded: Dr. Presley

C-03 J&J Scientist in the Making Program

Accept a grant from Johnson & Johnson that would allow up to 15 students to participate in the “Scientist in the Making Program”, July 11-15, 2016 for juniors at Franklin High School. Students will work along with Johnson and Johnson scientists at their Skillman facility and learn about topics such as microbiology, analytical chemistry, pharmacology, engineering product development and marketing. There is no cost to the district

C-04 Central New Jersey Math Ambassadors Partnership Grant

Motion to accept participation in a RVCC/Rutgers grant that seeks to create 40 “ambassador” math teachers from New Brunswick and Franklin Township schools, Grades 3-8. Teachers would gain pedagogical and content knowledge in math through graduate courses offered at RVCC and the Rutgers partnership. Researchers would observe these teachers in the classroom to track data. There is no district cost to this 2 year program.

C-05 STARTALK Hindi Language/Culture Summer Program

Motion to accept a two week language and culture program to be housed at Franklin High School, June 27- July 15, 2016, that would instruct 20 heritage and 20 non heritage students in Hindi Language and Culture. The fee to the organization is \$10,000 for the use of 4 classrooms, gym and cafeteria.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

P-07 Personnel Addendums A & B

Moved: Ms. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Danielsen

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Addendum A – Ms. Cheryl Clark, Franklin High School Principal and Addendum B – Edward Ward, Supervisor of Instructional Technology.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

XV. Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)

The meeting was opened for public comments at 10:31 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Ms. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement. There were no public comments at this time.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 10:32 PM by Ms. Walton-McCleod, seconded by Dr. Presley. All board members were in agreement.

XVI. Good of the Order

Ms. LaCorte congratulated Dr. Ravally on his induction into the Pt. Pleasant Beach Hall of Fame.

Mr. Seamon attended and spoke positively about the production of Mary Poppins. He spoke about the FHS Robotics program and that they achieved the final playoff tournament. Mr. Seamon hopes to see the program grow in the future.

Dr. Presley extended her congratulations and welcomed Ms. Clark to our district.

XVII. Adjournment

Action to adjourn at 10:35 PM.

Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Board Secretary