

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA/LIBRARY
DECEMBER 4, 2013 – 6:35 PM**

Mr. Richard E. Arline – arrived at 8:27 PM
Mr. Delvin Burton – arrived at 8:00 PM
Mr. Thomas J. Lewis
Mrs. Eva M. Nagy, Vice President
Dr. Julia M. Presley, President

Mr. Richard Seamon
Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington
Mr. Robert T. Trautmann
Mrs. Betty Whalen – arrived at 7:08 PM

Mr. Edward Q. Seto, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Gail Reichg, Director of Personnel - absent
Ms. Lynne Crawford, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management

And 15 Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Lewis led the Board in the pledge.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mr. Calavano read the following statement:

In accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), the schedule and notification of this meeting have been provided for on November 13, 2013 and December 2, 2013. Copies of this notice were faxed to the **Courier News**, the **Home News Tribune**, **The Star-Ledger**, **The Times of Trenton**, Franklin Township Clerk/Manager, WCTC Radio, District Schools, Offices and Associations, PTO Presidents, and posted on the Central Administration Building notice board.

Mr. Seamon read the following statement:

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Mission of the Franklin Township Public Schools is to provide excellent educational opportunities that meet or exceed New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for every student; maintain an environment that engenders an appreciation of the value of every student; develop every student to his/her highest potential; and instill the attitudes, skills, and knowledge necessary to become independent, contributing members of a democratic, multi-cultural society.

DISTRICT GOALS

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

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

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

FACILITIES: *Utilizing the District's 2011-2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan, finalize a building program (including application for state grants and outside funding sources) that will enhance and improve the District's delivery of education to all students; provide additional classroom space to address the projected enrollment growth over the next several years; address critical maintenance issues in all existing facilities and consider potential changes to the delivery of education.*

PURPOSE: 2012-2013 State Assessment Presentation

I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved: Mr. Seamon Seconded: Mrs. Nagy

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Lewis	Nagy	Seamon	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

II. 2012-2013 State Assessment Presentation

Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, conducted the presentation with the assistance of the following individuals:

Ms. Carolyn Armstrong, Supervisor of Secondary Language Arts Literacy
 Dr. Karen Schubert-Ramirez, Supervisor of Elementary Language Arts Literacy
 Ms. Nubeja Allen, Supervisor of Mathematics
 Ms. Iris Blay, Supervisor of Mathematics (K-5)
 Ms. Eileen Brett, Principal, Sampson G. Smith School
 Mr. Rashawn Adams, Principal, Franklin Middle School
 Ms. Dana Karas, Director of Guidance, Franklin High School
 Mr. James Bevere, Principal, Franklin High School

These administrators reviewed the state test results as well as results from district-based common assessments. Details were provided about the successes the district has had this past year as well as the challenges we continue to face.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (*State Assessment Presentation only*)

The meeting was opened for public comment at 8:57 PM on a motion by Mr. Trautmann, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement. There were no public comments regarding the State Assessment Presentation.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting at 8:57 PM by Mr. Trautmann, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (*5 minutes per speaker - Any topic*)

The meeting was opened for public comment on any topic at 8:58 PM on a motion by Mr. Trautmann, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement.

Myra Mitchell spoke about why she comes to the microphone and that she is not afraid of retaliation. She spoke about comments made at the last board meeting and read a letter from Mr. Seto regarding an investigation and her response to him. Ms. Mitchell indicated that when you speak at the microphone that retaliation is alive and well in Franklin Township Public Schools.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting at 9:04 PM by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Mr. Trautmann. All board members were in agreement.

Confidential Session – Library

Moved: Mr. Seamon

Seconded: Mr. Burton

Motion to adjourn to confidential session at 9:05 PM to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege.
Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

<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>
Arline	Burton	Lewis	Nagy	Seamon	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

Returned to open session at 9:56 PM.

Reconvening roll call – All board members were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mrs. Whalen

Seconded: Mr. Seamon

Action to adjourn at 9:57 PM.

<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>
Arline	Burton	Lewis	Nagy	Seamon	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

Respectfully submitted,

John Calavano