

MINUTES
ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA & ROOM 313
JANUARY 28, 2016 – 6:35 PM

CALL OF ROLL

Mrs. Christine Danielsen	Mr. Richard Seamon
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President	Ms. Patricia E. Stanley – arrived at 6:39 PM
Ms. Laurie Merris	Mrs. Margaret E. Steele
Mr. Edward Potosnak III, President - arrived at 6:44 PM	Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod – arrived at 7:33 PM
Dr. Julia M. Presley - absent	

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Dr. Jeffrey Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services - absent
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Manager of Human Resources & Personnel Services
Mrs. Mary Clark, Coordinator of Policies, Regulations & Communications

And 20 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 January 21, 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: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mr. Seamon

Motion to adjourn to confidential session at 6:37 PM for the purpose of discussing a legal settlement with Board Counsel. 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>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
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Returned to open session at 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria.

Reconvening roll call – All board members were present with the exception of Dr. Presley and Ms. Latee Walton-McCleod.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mrs. LaCorte led the Board in the pledge.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

DISTRICT GOALS 2015-2016

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

I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

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

II. Presentations

Ms. Donna L. Japhet, CPA, PSA, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, spoke about the 2014-2015 Audit

Dr. Thomas DiGanci, Interim Principal, Franklin High School spoke about the site for Franklin High School Graduation on June 23, 2016

Dr. Jeffrey Charney, Interim Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction spoke about the 2014-2015 State Assessment

Mr. David Heras, Supervisor, K-4 Language Arts Literacy, Academic Support and Enrichment spoke about the Gifted and Talented Program

At this time, Mr. Potosnak requested a change to the agenda to read Resolution A-01, Resolution of Appreciation for Betty Whalen. Ms. Stanley read the following:

A-01 Resolution of Appreciation for Betty Whalen

Whereas, Betty Whalen served as a member of the Franklin Township Board of Education from January 2013 through December 2015; and

Whereas, during this time, Betty Whalen served the Board and her community faithfully and with distinction; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby expresses its appreciation for Betty Whalen's leadership, dedication, commitment and service to the Board, to the Franklin Township Public School District, and to the Franklin Township Community.

III. Board President's Report

Blizzard Jonas

Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly through Blizzard Jonas to clear our school buildings. Their work was outstanding. We also wanted to thank the Township for cooperatively working with us, including public works, police and other personnel.

Pre – K

We are thrilled to have expanded Pre-K this year and to have so many families choosing our high quality Pre-K program.

The early years are critical to ensuring academic success in the later years and improve career opportunities. Franklin Township Public Schools Pre-K teachers are highly qualified, our curriculum is aligned with the common core standards, each student is assessed and their individual needs are identified and supported. And one feature parents and guardians have really appreciated is the bus transportation. Additionally, it is important to note that our Pre-K teachers receive good wages, health and other benefits.

Franklin Township Public Schools is committed to early childhood education and believes strongly in the positive effects that a quality pre-school program can have on the social and academic future of a child. This past year alone the Board allocated \$1.3 million dollars toward the Pre-K Program.

In addition to providing a full-day kindergarten program for our Franklin children, the district has also provided a general education Pre-K program for the past 15 years. This program, for district children who turn 4 years old on or before October 31st, has evolved over the years from a half-day program to a full-day program offered at all of our elementary schools. In fact, this year we were able to expand the program to include one class housed at Franklin High School.

Over the years, we have been able to grow and sustain our Pre-K Program using State grant money, as well as contributions from our district budget. However, as many of you know, we have had to place students on a waiting list and offer others seats in schools outside of their attendance areas with no transportation.

We would like to expand the Pre-K Program next year to provide this valuable learning opportunity to even more of our young children and increase our ability to provide transportation to the students in the Program. We anticipate housing four additional Pre-K classrooms in our current facilities next year, largely by re-furbishing classrooms currently serving other grades. This would allow us to offer seats to approximately 64 additional general education students.

Recognizing the importance of Pre-K, this Board set a budget goal of expanding Pre-K. With the 2% budget cap to service a majority of those eligible in our community, additional funds will be necessary. Tonight the Board, in addition to committing the same level of funding for 2016-2017, \$1.3 million, will be asked to consider charging tuition to those who are eligible to attend a tuition-based program at a set rate of \$590 per month.

The rate of \$590 per month is almost \$100 less than full-day programs offered in neighboring districts and would also include transportation. Other neighboring districts that offer partial day programs for only two-and-one-half hours, charge on average between \$220 and \$355 per month.

It is important to note that pre-school programs for 4-year old children are also offered in town through daycare centers. The cost of these programs vary depending upon the hours needed. Charges for these programs range from \$660 - 720 per month. One facility charges over \$1,035 per month for hours comparable to the district Pre-K Program. Transportation to and from these daycare programs is rarely included.

We strongly believe that the Franklin Township Public School District is in the best position to provide the highest quality full-day Pre-K Program. We also believe that in order to service as many students as possible and provide transportation to and from that full-day program, a tuition charge comparable to other local facilities is necessary to augment the Board's commitment of \$1.3 million dollars of operating budget.

Given the economic diversity of our town, I want to be clear that families qualifying for free and reduced lunch and families with special needs children will receive Pre-K at no cost. We are confident this Pre-K expansion will allow this very important academic program to provide each preschooler with a strong start to their academic endeavors.

Again, this expansion will allow more youngsters to attend our Pre-K Program with:

- Highly qualified Pre-K teachers, earning living wages, health and other benefits
- A rigorous curriculum aligned with the common core standards
- Individual needs assessments, support and bus transportation

Construction

We want to express our appreciation to Bob Vornlocker, Vince Dominach and Vince Lupo for their continued support of our construction projects, working with Mr. Strimple and Dr. Ravally to ensure the plan review is moving and the projects will be positioned to keep on schedule.

HIB Scores

Our district has recently received our NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights - District and School Grade Report for the 2014-2015 School Year. In compliance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, this information is posted on the district and each school's website.

Each school performs a self-assessment after the completion of the school year in several areas pertaining to HIB. Those areas are HIB Programs, Approaches and Other Initiatives, Training on the Board of Education Approved HIB Policy, Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs, Curriculum and Instruction on HIB Related Information and Skills, HIB Personnel, School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedures, HIB Investigative Procedures, and HIB Reporting.

The self-assessment scores are submitted to the Department of Education who officially releases the school grades as well as the district average. The maximum total score is 78 points. For the 2014-2015 school year the District earned an average score of 73 points. This was 3 points higher than our grade for the 2013-2014 school year. Visit the website for more details.

Alumni News

Zalenda Cyrille, a 1997 graduate of Franklin High School, has been selected to receive the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) 2016 Edwin J. Land Industry Award. She will be the first African American and first woman to be so honored.

INSA is a non-profit, non-partisan, public-private organization that works to promote and recognize the highest standards within the national security and intelligence communities. In 2010, the INSA Board of Directors established the INSA Achievement Awards to recognize the accomplishments of young professionals in intelligence and national security.

Ms. Cyrille is a Senior Program Manager with Vencore. She manages over 30 engineers and a multimillion-dollar contract portfolio. She adapts, teaches and implements industry best practices for software development across the Intelligence Community. As a certified program consultant she is instrumental in educating both government and industry development teams and leaders. In addition to teaching the certification courses, Ms. Cyrille works closely with development teams to stand up and instill tailored processes to meet specific team needs. She will receive her award early next month. We join her family in recognizing her accomplishment with great pride.

Upcoming Events**Franklin Booster Club**

On Saturday, January 30th, Franklin Booster Club will host its inaugural Hoops for Troops Basketball Tournament where boys' basketball teams from several schools will compete. Our Franklin Warriors will verse Piscataway at 7:07 PM following a presentation by our JROTC. Admission is \$8.00 with a \$1.00 discount if you bring a non-perishable food item for the Franklin Food Bank. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to US Veterans. Games begin at 1:00 PM. Please check the Franklin High School website for the full day's schedule.

SGS Players

The SGS Players will present the Lion King Jr. beginning this weekend. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, January 29th and 30th and February 5th and 6th at 7:00 PM. Matinee performances at 2:00 PM will be held on Sunday, January 31st and February 7th. More information is available on the SGS website.

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

Moved: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion to change public comment from 5 minutes per speaker to 3 minutes per speaker. The second round of public comments will return to allow 5 minutes per speaker.

Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The meeting was opened for public comments at 8:55 PM on a motion by Mrs. Danielsen, 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:

Christopher Wenger spoke about the possibility of holding the graduation ceremony at Franklin High School and suggested that the district confer with the fire marshal about the event.

Students, Marie Savage and Taema Reid, expressed their concerns about the amount of people attending graduation and streaming the ceremony into the building. They thanked Dr. DiGanci for his work and spoke about the timing and weather concerns.

Kayla Packwood spoke about having a large family, and they would all attend graduation.

Daniel John agreed with the previous speaker and doesn't like the idea of streaming the ceremony.

Jamyr Greene expressed concern with holding graduation at Franklin High School.

Serena Brown stated that she believes it is unfair to have graduation at Franklin High School and requested to keep it at Sun Center.

Kaiya Davis spoke in favor of holding graduation at Sun Center.

Camern Hannah requested that graduation remain at Sun Center.

Zoya Ali and Alexis Gidson also spoke about lots of family members attending the ceremony.

Joshua Davis and Anthony Soloman requested to keep graduation at Sun Center because so many family members are attending.

Sterling Wright and Alexis Harvin requested that administration find another location that could accommodate a lot of people and that older family members would have a difficult time sitting on the bleachers.

Freda Russo indicated that she has a graduating senior and would love to see graduation at Franklin High School.

Myra Mitchell expressed her surprise that the students have no sense of tradition in having graduation at Franklin High School. She spoke about the graduation history at the high school.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:22 PM by Ms. Walton-McCleod, seconded by Mr. Seamon. All board members were in agreement.

V. Committee/Liaison Reports

Mrs. Merris, Communications & Public Engagement Ad Hoc Committee Chair, reported on the January 11th meeting.

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

Ms. Latee Walton-McCleod, Policy Committee Chair, reported on the January 11th meeting.

Mrs. Danielsen, Personnel Committee Chair, reported on the January 20th meeting.

Mrs. Danielsen, Facilities Committee Chair, reported on the January 26th meeting.

Mrs. LaCorte, Finance Committee Chair, reported on the January 26th meeting.

VI. New Business

R-01 Monthly Reports

M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings

A-01 Resolution of Appreciation for Betty Whalen *(moved to beginning of the meeting)*

A-02 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement

A-03 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions

A-04 Revised Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

A-05 New Policies – 1st Reading

A-06 Accept a Donation

A-07 School Board Recognition Month

A-08 Student's Participation in SGS Musical

A-09 Facilities Use

B-01 Warrants & Payrolls

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B-05 Contract Approval

B-06 Use of Competitive Contract

B-07 Acceptance and Adoption of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

B-08 Approval of the Corrective Action Plans for the Findings Contained in the Auditor's Management Report for June 30, 2015

B-09 Adoption of Pre-School Tuition Rate for the 2016-2017 School Year

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

C-02 Field Trip Destinations

- C-03** Field Trip Applications
- C-04** Pre-School Program Plan Update for 2016-2017
- C-05** Pilot Program at Elizabeth Avenue School
- C-06** Letter of Interest
- C-07** Revised Funding for Achieve 3000
- P-01** Abolish Positions
- P-02** F.T.E.A. Settlement Agreement
- P-03** Personnel Report No. 8, dated January 28, 2016

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Walton-McCleod

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 | December | Exhibit R-01.a |
| b. Attendance Officer's Report | December | Exhibit R-01.b |
| c. Enrollment Report | December | Exhibit R-01.c |
| d. School Safety Drills | December | Exhibit R-01.d |
| e. Suspension Report | December | Exhibit R-01.e |
| f. HIB Report | Dec. 18 – Jan. 21 | 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. December 22, 2015 | Action | Exhibit M-01.a |
| b. December 22, 2015 | Confidential | Exhibit M-01.b |
| c. January 7, 2016 | Reorganization | Exhibit M-01.c |

Administration

A-02 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-02)

A-03 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 December 22, 2015; 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 meetings on December 22, 2015.

A-04 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:

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| a. | Policy 4116 | Evaluation of Instructional Staff | (Exhibit A-04.a) |
| b. | Policy 5118 | Non Residents | (Exhibit A-04.b) |

A-05 New Policies – 1st Reading

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

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| a. | Policy 5853 | C.A.R.E. Program (Extended School Day Child Care Program) | (Exhibit A-05.a) |
| b. | Policy 6171.31 | Title I District Wide Parent Involvement | (Exhibit A-05.b) |

A-06 Accept a Donation

Accept, with appreciation, a donation in the amount of \$650 from the law firm of Parker McCay to sponsor the 2016 Educator-of-the-Year Breakfast.

A-07 School Board Recognition Month

Whereas, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and over sees operations for public school districts; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

Whereas, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

Whereas, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

Whereas, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

Whereas, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

Whereas, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month; and be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

A-08 Student's Participation in SGS Musical

Approve, retroactively, student #208943 to participate in the Sampson G. Smith School musical from January 8, 2016 to February 7, 2016.

A-09 Facilities Use

The Board of Education believes that the prudent use and management of school facilities by organizations outside of the curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities of the district is important and beneficial to the community. The Board of Education also believes use of these facilities outside of the school day must be granted in a fiscally sound manner.

Therefore, in accordance with Policy 1330 and Regulation 1330R, Use of School Facilities, the Board of Education will allow use of the following district facilities by organizations other than the Board of Education and the school District on weekdays: Conerly Road School; MacAfee Road School; Franklin Park School; Sampson G. Smith School; Franklin Middle School and Franklin High School.

Additionally, in accordance with Policy 1330 and Regulation 1330R the Board of Education will allow use of the following district facilities by organizations other than the Board of Education and the school District on Saturdays: Franklin High School; Franklin Middle School; Sampson G. Smith School and Franklin Park School.

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 \$12,705,360.18 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$241,291.72 for the month of December 2015. (Exhibit B-01.b)

B-02 Transfer of Funds

Approve Account Transfers No.6 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) (December)
- b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-03.b) (December)
- c. Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-03.c) (December)
- d. Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (December)
- e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-03.e) (December)

B-04 Board of Education Monthly Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) we certify that as of December 31, 2015 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. The purchase of technology supplies from CDW-G for Elite Preparatory Academy in the amount of \$1,776.98, 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.a)
- b. An agreement with Achieve 3000, Lakewood, NJ, to pilot their online differentiated instruction platform at Franklin High School for an amount not to exceed \$2,300, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.b)
- c. A request for service with Island Photography, Port Washington, NY to provide photography services for the 2016 Franklin High School graduation, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by students. (Exhibit B-05.c)

B-06 Use of Competitive Contract

In accordance with Public School Contract Law Section 45 of Public Law 1999, C.440 (C.18A:18A-4.1), authorize the administration to utilize competitive contracting to select a training provider for a core group of staff members in the analysis of all our student intervention program data (I-Ready, ST Math, Achieve 3000, NWEA Maps and Read 180).

B-07 Acceptance and Adoption of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report for the Fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 as prepared by the firm Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, Fair Lawn, NJ. The audit synopsis, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto is to be made a part of the minutes. The complete Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report are on file in the office of the Secretary. (Exhibit B-07)

B-08 Approval of the Corrective Action Plans for the Findings Contained in the Auditor's Management Report for June 30, 2015

Approve the proposed corrective action plans as presented for the remediation of the recommendations included in the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings as of June 30, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-08)

B-09 Adoption of Pre-School Tuition Rate for the 2016-2017 School Year

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education adopt a tuition rate of \$5,900 per year for the Pre-School Program for the 2016-2017 School Year.

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-03 Field Trip Applications *(Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)*

Approve the following field trip applications:

- a. Franklin High School JROTC Cadets to attend the Cadet Leadership Challenge (Summer Camp) at the New York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, June 25-30, 2016 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA. (Exhibit C-03.a)
- b. Franklin High School Student Government to attend the Lead for Diversity 2016 Youth Leadership Institute, Pocono Environmental Center, Dingmans Ferry, PA, July 10-15, 2016 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA. (Exhibit C-03.b)

C-04 Pre-School Program Plan Update for 2016-2017

Approve submission to the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education a One-Year Pre-School Program Plan Update for 2016-2017 for former ECPA/ELLI School Districts. The purpose of the one-year pre-school program plan update is to provide the Division of Early Childhood Education with the district's implementation plan of the pre-school program and associated costs for serving pre-school children in the 2016-2017 school year using Pre-school Education Aid as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-04)

C-05 Pilot Program at Elizabeth Avenue School

Approve a pilot program titled First Tee to be implemented at Elizabeth Avenue School. This would be funded by a corporate sponsor and physical education teachers would be trained on-line by First Tee at no cost to the district.

C-06 Letter of Interest

Approve submission of a letter of interest to participate in a federal grant being submitted by The College of New Jersey. The grant would provide for certification of district teachers and paraprofessionals in ESL or Bilingual Education through courses offered by TCNJ at a Franklin Township School site at no cost to the district.

C-07 Revised Funding for Achieve 3000

Approve the use of LEA funding in support of the previously approved (*November 19, 2015*) pilot program titled Achieve 3000.

Personnel
P-01 Abolish Positions

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following positions be abolished, effective January 1, 2016:

- a. Manager of Administrative Services
- b. Assistant Director of Personnel Services

P-02 F.T.E.A. Settlement Agreement

Approve a Settlement Agreement for FTEA Grievance AR-2014-726 between the Board of Education and the Franklin Township Education Association as reviewed by the Board of Education as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Agreement shall remain confidential until approved by the Board. (Exhibit P-02)

P-03 Personnel Report No. 8, dated January 28, 2016

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 8, including Addendum A, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-03)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/Abs</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

Ms. Stanley voted no on Resolutions B-09 and C-04

Mr. Potosnak abstained on Resolution B-01.a, Edward Potosnak only.

VII. Good of The Order

Mrs. Merris spoke about the MacAfee Road School 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

Mr. Seamon thanked everyone for coming out and spoke about the Franklin High School graduation.

VIII. Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker – any topic)*

The meeting was opened for public comments at 9:50 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Mrs. Danielsen. 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:

Myra Mitchell spoke positively about the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast and about racial diversity in our schools, conditions in the buildings and too many interim positions.

Alex Kharazi described a story in the Franklin Reporter and Advocate where two Franklin High School students helped their neighbors. He thanked everyone for attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast.

Skip Schaeffer spoke about rebuilding the tradition of holding the graduation ceremony at the high school.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 10:06 PM by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mrs. Merris. All board members were in agreement.

X. Adjournment

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mrs. Danielsen

Action to adjourn at 10:10 PM.

Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Board Secretary