

**AGENDA**  
**ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA & ROOM 313**  
**MARCH 22, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Mrs. Christine Danielsen  
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President  
Ms. Laurie Merris  
Mr. Edward Potosnak III, President  
Dr. Julia M. Presley

Mr. Richard Seamon  
Ms. Patricia E. Stanley  
Mrs. Margaret E. Steele  
Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod

Student Liaisons  
Sophia Felix  
Karmen Normandia. Alt.

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

\_\_\_ Members of the Public

**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 and March 16, 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:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing a workers compensation settlement, Board goals for upcoming negotiations with the FTSSA, and an interview of the recommendation for Hillcrest Principal. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

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**Return to Open Session at 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**DISTRICT GOALS 2015-2016**

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

**I. Action to Adopt the Agenda**

Moved:

Seconded:

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**II. Student Recognition (20 minutes)**

- Somerset County Spelling Bee
- Model United Nations
- Future Business Leaders of America
- 2015-2016 Scholar Athletes
- Franklin High School Bowling
- Franklin High School Wrestling
- Franklin High School Winter Indoor Track

**III. Presentation (40 minutes)**

- **Presentation of the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget** ~ Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. James H. Strimple Jr., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary.

**IV. Board Discussion of Preliminary Budget****V. Superintendent's Report****VI. Board President's Report****VII. Comments From The Public** (5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)**VIII. Committee/Liaison Reports****IX. New Business**

## R-01 Monthly Reports

Moved:

Seconded:

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

- |                                |                   |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| a. Principals' Reports         | February          | Exhibit R-01.a |
| b. Attendance Officer's Report | February          | Exhibit R-01.b |
| c. Enrollment Report           | February          | Exhibit R-01.c |
| d. School Safety Drills        | February          | Exhibit R-01.d |
| e. Suspension Report           | February          | Exhibit R-01.e |
| f. HIB Report                  | Feb. 19 – March 9 | Exhibit R-01.f |

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## M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings

Moved:

Seconded:

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

- |    |                   |              |                |
|----|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| a. | February 25, 2016 | Action       | Exhibit M-01.a |
| b. | February 25, 2016 | Confidential | Exhibit M-01.b |

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## Administration

### A-01 Adoption of the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget

Moved:

Seconded:

Be it resolved, the Board of Education adopts the following preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

#### **Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement**

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.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive 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, 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); and

Whereas, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

Be It Further Resolved, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$225,000 for all staff and board members.

#### 1. Adoption of the Preliminary Budget

Be it Resolved, that the preliminary budget be approved for the 2016-2017 school year using the 2016-2017 state aid figures and the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Somerset County Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Appropriations	\$147,910,063	\$5,933,075	\$9,353,565	\$163,196,703
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$ 18,053,694</u>	<u>\$5,933,075</u>	<u>\$1,182,015</u>	<u>\$ 25,168,784</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$129,856,369	\$ 0	\$8,171,550	\$138,027,919

And to advertise said preliminary budget in the Courier News in the form recommended by the State Department of Education and according to Law; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a public hearing be held in the Cafeteria of the Franklin Township Middle School located at 415 Francis Street, Somerset, NJ on Thursday, April 28, 2014 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

#### 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 \$664,340.00 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 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, 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 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; and the need to provide additional parking at the Hillcrest School.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Board of Education hereby requests \$664,340 be transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the purposes previously stated.

**A-02 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement**

Moved:

Seconded:

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district, and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

Whereas, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

Whereas, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed school board members and district employees at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-02)

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**A-03 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has received and accepted HIB Investigation Reports at its regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on February 25, 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 February 25, 2016.

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#### **A-04 National Alcohol Awareness Month**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons' ages 10-21; and

Whereas, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

Whereas, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

Whereas, more than 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and

Whereas, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

Whereas, one in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

Whereas, more than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking; and

Whereas, 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and

Whereas, alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family-related problems.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education joins with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD), the Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and the Parents Who Host, Lost the Most campaign; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby proclaims April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Franklin Township and calls upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism.

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#### **A-05 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-05)

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**A-06 Approve “One Less Move” Transition Sub Committee Chairpersons**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve as “One Less Move” Transition Sub Committee Chairpersons:

Art Programs (Fine, Visual & Performing)	Roberta Mitchell and Terri Seggio
Communications and Public Engagement *	Mary Clark
Construction	John Haney
Larger Community	Dr. Thomas DiGanci
Middle School Program	Dr. Reginald Davenport and Evelyn Rutledge
Parents	Nicolas DiMeglio
Personnel	Brian Bonanno
Physical Education and Athletics	Rebekah Solomon and Mario Diaz
Pre-K – 5th Grade Program	Nicole Sury Scott
Science/STEM	Dr. John Roberts
Student Representatives	Ammon Barksdale and Frank Chmiel
Transportation/Re-Zoning	Gary Peatick

( \* Includes Social Media/Website/Newsletter – Special Events/Tours/Orientation )

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**A-07 New Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

- Policy 2131.1 Board-Superintendent Relations (Exhibit A-07.a)
- Policy 2131.2 Employment of Chief School Administrator (Exhibit A-07.b)
- Policy 2131.3 Superintendent Duties (Exhibit A-07.c)
- Policy 2131.4 Evaluation of Superintendent (Exhibit A-07.d)

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**A-08 Revised Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

- Policy 5111 Admission (Exhibit A-08.a)
- Policy 6178 Early Childhood Education (Exhibit A-08.b)
- Policy 2131 Superintendent of Schools (Exhibit A-08.c)

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**A-09    Comprehensive Equity Plan**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan and Statement of Assurance for school years 2016-17 through 2018-19 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-09)

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**A-10    Revised School Calendar for 2015-16**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve amended School Calendars for 2015-2016; 2016-2017; and 2017-2018 as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-10.a; Exhibit A-10.b; Exhibit A-10.c)

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<b>Business</b>
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**B-01    Warrants & Payrolls**

Moved:

Seconded:

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 \$15,090,297.52 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$305,777.14 for the month of February, 2016. (Exhibit B-01.b)

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**B-02    Transfer of Funds**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve Account Transfers No.8 for the 2015-2016 school year as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-02)

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**B-03    Financial Reports**

Moved:

Seconded:

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) (February)



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

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#### **B-04 Board of Education Monthly Certification**

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) we certify that as of February 29, 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.

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

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following:

- a. Ratify a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ for auditing services in connection with the refunding of a bond in accordance with their proposal, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-5.a)

Audit Services -	\$15,000
Verification Services -	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
	\$17,500 (plus reimbursable expenses)

- b. Amend agreements with Middlesex Regional Educational Services (previously approved at the 8/20/15 meeting) to provide the following services to nonpublic schools for the 2015-2016 **(amend to 2015-2020)** school year, all grant funded.

- Instructional Services – Chapters 192-193
- Nursing Services
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – B Initiative
- School Textbook Program
- School Technology Initiative Program

- c. The purchase of technology supplies from CDW-G for Rutgers Preparatory School in the amount of \$959.68, 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)

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**B-06    Receipt of Bids – Roof Replacement – Middlebush Administration Building**

Moved:

Seconded:

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for the Roof Replacement Project at the Middlebush Administration Building opened on March 8, 2016 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc.	\$476,000
Build Rite, LLC	\$260,000
Chris Anderson Roofing	\$348,000
E.R. Barrett, Inc.	\$502,000
Hygrade Insulators, Inc.	\$391,900
Integrity Roofing, Inc.	\$318,340
JDS General Contracting, Inc.	\$322,000
Laurant Construction Co., Inc.	\$258,913
MAK Group, LLC	\$366,000
More Consulting Corp.	\$291,600
MTB, LLC	\$307,000
Pravco, Inc.	\$296,380
Roof Management, Inc.	\$555,000
VMG Group	\$252,329

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**B-07    Award of Bid – Roof Replacement – Middlebush Administration Building**

Moved:

Seconded:

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 \$252,329 in accordance with their bid of March 8, 2016 for the roof replacement at the Middlebush Administration Building.

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**B-08    Transfer from Capital Reserve for Roof Replacement Project at the Middlebush Administration Building**

Moved:

Seconded:

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(h)3., it is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$255,000 from the district's Capital Reserve Fund to Fund 30 Capital Projects for the Roof Replacement Project at the Middlebush Administration Building.

Revenue – Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
Adm. Bldg. Roof Construction 30-000-400-450-15-2016	\$0	\$255,000	\$255,000

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**B-09 Receipt of Quotations for the Relocation of Playground Equipment at the Elizabeth Avenue School**

Moved:

Seconded:

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive the quotations for the relocation of the playground equipment at the Elizabeth Avenue School as follows:

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|----------------------|----------|
| a. Corby Associates  | \$30,100 |
| b. Safety Down Under | \$46,000 |

Exhibits are attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-09a and Exhibit B-09.b)

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**B-10 Relocation of Playground Equipment at the Elizabeth Avenue School**

Moved:

Seconded:

Award a contract to Corby Associates, Ridgefield, NJ, based on their low quote submitted on January 28, 2016 in the amount of \$30,100 for the relocation of the playground equipment at the Elizabeth Avenue School. This work is done in connection with the referendum project for additions and renovation work at the school.

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**B-11 Award of Contract – Asbestos Removal at Sampson G. Smith**

Moved:

Seconded:

Award a contract to GL Group, Inc., Bloomingdale, NJ for the removal and disposal of asbestos floor tile and mastic and asbestos containing fittings at Sampson G. Smith School in accordance with their proposal dated March 4, 2016 based on the bid to Educational Data #6857 and Vendor #X119 in the amount of \$5,200, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-11)

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**B-12 Receipt of Bids – Toilet Room Alterations – Sampson G. Smith School**

Moved:

Seconded:

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for Toilet Room Alterations at the Sampson G. Smith School opened on March 18, 2016 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Academy Construction, Inc.	\$557,000
Aero Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc.	\$468,435
Cypreco Industries, Inc.	\$548,823
Echelon Services, LLC	\$657,000
Falak Construction, Inc.	\$453,000
K&D Contractors, LLC	\$562,200
Paley Construction Company, Inc.	\$527,107

Salazar & Associates, Inc.  
V&K Construction

\$499,000  
\$663,000

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**B-13 Rejection of Bids for Toilet Renovation Work at the Sampson G. Smith School**

Moved:

Seconded:

In accordance with the recommendation of the district's architect and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A – 22a, reject the bids for toilet room renovation work, received on March 18, 2016, as the lowest bid substantially exceeds the budget for the project.

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**B-14 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**

Moved:

Seconded:

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.

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

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**B-15 E2 Project Management, LLC – Civil Engineers – Hillcrest School**

Moved:

Seconded:

Appoint E2 Project Management, Rockaway, NJ as civil engineers to provide design services for proposed parking lot at the Hillcrest Elementary School at the fee of \$4,000 and in accordance with their proposal dated March 14, 2016, attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-15)

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<b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>
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**C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2015-2016**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

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**C-02 FHS and FMS Athletic Schedules**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve Franklin High School and Franklin Middle School spring interscholastic athletic schedules for 2016 as detailed in in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-02)

*(Please note that all schedules are subject to change.)*

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-03 Field Trip Destinations**

Moved:

Seconded:

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-03)

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-04 Field Trip Applications** *(Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)*

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following field trip application:

Franklin High School JROTC LET 4 (Leadership, Education & Training) Cadets to tour the Pentagon, United States Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and other historical monuments in the Washington DC area, April 27 – 29, 2016, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-04)

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-05 Summer School Offerings for Grades 7-8 and 9-12**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following summer school offerings:

- a. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Summer School for grades 7-8 to be held June 29, 2016 through July 27, 2016 at Franklin Middle School. Tuition-based program.
- b. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Summer School for grades 9-12 to be held June 29, 2016 through July 27, 2016 at Franklin Middle School. Tuition-based program.

*(The Board's obligation not to exceed 50 students @ \$700 per student, up to \$35,000.00)*

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-06 Title III Summer Enrichment for ESL Students**

Moved:

Seconded:

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 grades K-8 ESL students for four (4) weeks, July 5, 2016 – July 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The students will be instructed at Elizabeth Avenue School. Funded by Title III Federal Funds.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-07 Summer Reading/Math Support Extended School Year Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year Summer Reading/Math Support for grades 5-8 special education, July 5 – July 30, 2016, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 12:00 noon, to be conducted at Franklin Park School. IDEA funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-08 Preschool Disabled Extended School Year Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year program for children who are identified as Preschool Children with Disabilities, July 5 – July 30, 2016, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, to be conducted at Franklin Park School Early Childhood Development Center. IDEA funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-09 Special Education Extended School Year Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year program for grade K-4 special education students, July 5 – July 30, 2016, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. to be conducted at Franklin Park School. IDEA funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-10 Cognitively Impaired Extended School Year Program- Grades 6-8 SE Students**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve an extended school year program for grades 6-8 special education students who are identified as cognitively impaired, July 5 – July 30, 2016, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to be conducted at Franklin High School. IDEA funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-11 Cognitively Impaired Extended School Year Program – Grades 9-12 SE Students**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve extended school year program for grades 9-12 special education students who are identified as cognitively impaired, July 5 – July 30, 2016, Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to be conducted at Franklin High School. IDEA funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-12 Title I Summer Academy**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the Title I summer Academy to provide additional support in Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. Students entering grades 5 and 6 will receive instruction for 16 days (Monday through Thursday) beginning July 5, 2016 through July 31, 2016 from 8 am to 11 am. Students entering grades 7 and 8 will receive instruction for 25 days (Monday through Thursday) beginning July 5, 2016 through August 8, 2016 from 8 – 11 a.m. at Franklin Middle School. Students are nominated by their teachers. Funded by Title I Federal Grant.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-13 Title I Extended Day Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve 2016-2017 Title I Extended Day Tutorial Program to provide supplemental support in Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. Students entering 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will receive instruction at Sampson G. Smith School for 26 weeks (Tuesday-Thursday), beginning October 2016 through May 2017. Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will receive instruction at Franklin Middle School for 28 weeks (Tuesday through Thursday) beginning October 2016 through April 2017. Students are nominated by their teachers. Funded by Title I Federal Grant.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-14 Algebra Recovery Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the Algebra Recovery Program, a summer course for high school students who have been unsuccessful in passing Algebra I twice. Program runs July 5 through July 31, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will be conducted at Franklin High School. LEA Funded.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-15 Expand RVCC Concurrent Enrollment Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve expanding participation in a joint program with Raritan Valley Community College to develop an Associates Degree program in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). Students in grades 9-12 would receive college credit for courses taken at Franklin High School (STEM and Humanities) taught by RVCC approved certified teachers (our staff). The fee for courses taken for credit is \$170 per course. Students that complete the program would graduate with an Associates Degree from RVCC and a high school diploma at the end of their senior year.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak



**C-16 Kean STEM New Jersey Math and Science Partnership**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve partnering for a grant in a Math-Science Partnership with Kean University. The program would train 10 secondary science teachers from Franklin who could earn approximately 100 hours of professional development for the 2016-17 school year. The grant seeks to increase the content knowledge of teachers through the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). No cost to the district.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-17 Rutgers STEM New Jersey Math and Science Partnership**

Moved:

Seconded:

Authorize the district to submit a letter of intent to participate with Rutgers University in a Math and Science Partnership to promote math/science evidence-based reasoning.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-18 Road to Success Summer Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the Road to Success (RTS) summer program that would provide students extended time during the summer to continue credit recovery and skill acquisition in English, Algebra I, and Life Skills. The program runs for four weeks, June 27 through July 25, 2016, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm at Franklin Middle School. Funded by LEA.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-19 Integrated Math 1 and 2 at FHS**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the implementation of Integrated Math 1 and 2 at Franklin High School to commence with the 2016-2017 school year..

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-20 Manhattan Youth Outcome Survey**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve Franklin High School seniors' participation in a survey by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research administered by Virginia Commonwealth University, which is seeking to measure the effectiveness of the NJ Orators program in which a number of our students participate. The survey would involve all seniors in high school English class. Two focus groups would be conducted afterschool to group-interview students. Parent permission is required and students can refuse to participate. No cost to the district.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**C-21 Mock Presidential Election**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve participation in ***Every Kid Votes***, a mock election on November 1, 2016 for elementary school students. This will enable students to track national participation of their peers in this election and gain insight into the election process. No cost to the district.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

<b>Personnel</b>
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**P-01 Workers' Compensation**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

Employee No. 7607 for a settlement of \$10,000 under Section 20 or up to \$7,590 standard settlement.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**P-02 Personnel Report No. 11, dated March 22, 2016**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 11, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-02)

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

**X. Good of The Order****XI. Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – any topic)**

**Note:** Any matters which arise after this agenda is posted which are so urgent that their omission would seriously affect the operation of the district will be considered at this point in the agenda.

**Alternate Location****Confidential Session (if deemed necessary)**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters. Minutes of the confidential session meeting will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak

Returned to open session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Danielsen LaCorte Merris Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Potosnak