

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
MAY 6, 2014 – 7:34 PM**

Mr. Richard E. Arline
Mr. Delvin Burton – arrived at 7:37 PM
Mrs. Christine Danielsen
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte
Mrs. Eva M. Nagy, Vice President

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

Dr. LeRoy E. Seitz, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Ms. Lynne Crawford, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management
Mrs. Maureen Manning, Assistant Business Administrator
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Manager of Administrative Services

And 5 Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mrs. Whalen 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 April 11, 2014. Copies of this notice were faxed to the **Courier News**, the **Home News Tribune**, **The Star-Ledger**, **The Times of Trenton**, Franklin Township Clerk/Manager, WCTC Radio, District Schools, Offices and Associations, PTO Presidents, and posted on the Central Administration Building notice board.

Mrs. Danielsen read the following statement:

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

DISTRICT GOALS

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

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

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

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

PURPOSE: Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget

Approve the 2014-2015 Budget

Approve the Second Reading of Policy No. 6173 - Home Instruction

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014-2015 FINAL BUDGET

I. Presentation of the 2014-2015 Final Budget by Dr. LeRoy Seitz, Interim Superintendent of Schools and John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary

II. **Comments From the Public** (3 minutes per speaker)

The meeting was opened for public comments at 7:51 PM on a motion by Mrs. Whalen, seconded by Mr. Burton. 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 by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement.

III. **Board Discussion of Final Budget**

Board members asked various questions regarding the 2014-15 budget.

A-1 Adoption of the 2014-2015 Final Budget

Moved: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mr. Burton

Be It Resolved, that the budget be approved for the 2014-2015 School Year using the 2014-2015 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following budget to the 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>
2014-15 Total Expenditures	\$141,768,541	\$4,374,227	\$4,657,125	\$150,799,893
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>16,993,861</u>	<u>4,374,227</u>	<u>30,374</u>	<u>21,398,462</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$124,774,680</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$4,626,751</u>	<u>\$129,401,431</u>

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

A-02 Revised Policy – 2nd Reading & Adoption

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mr. Burton

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

Policy No.6173 Home Instruction (Exhibit A-02)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mr. Burton

Action to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Calavano
Board Secretary