CALL OF ROLL

Mr. Richard E. Arline  Ms. Patricia E. Stanley  Student Liaison
Mrs. Christine Danielsen  Mrs. Margaret E. Steele  Michael Madden
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President  Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod
Mr. Edward Potosnak III, President  Mrs. Betty Whalen
Dr. Julia M. Presley

Dr. LeRoy E. Seitz, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Arlene Biesiada, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Dr. Jeffrey Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management

___ Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 6, 7 and 16, 2015. 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.

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, multicultural 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.
I. **Action to Adopt the Agenda**
   Moved: ____________________
   Seconded: ____________________
   Arline Danielsen LaCorte Presley Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

II. **Confidential Session - Library**
   Moved: ____________________
   Seconded: ____________________
   Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and professional appointments. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.
   Arline Danielsen LaCorte Presley Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

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

III. **Presentations**
   • PARCC ~ Mr. David J. Heras, Supervisor of Language Arts and Social Studies, Grades 5-8 (30 minutes)
   • Franklin Middle School Breakfast Program ~ Mr. RaShawn Adams, Principal (10 minutes)

IV. **Public Hearing**
   Revised Contract for the Interim Superintendent of Schools ~ Mrs. Arlene Biesiada, Interim Assist. Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary and Mr. Brian Bonanno, Manager of Administrative Services

V. **Comments From The Public** (3 minutes per speaker on Public Hearing only)

VI. **Interim Superintendent’s Report**

VII. **Board President’s Report**

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

IX. **New Business**

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

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
M-1 Minutes of Board Meetings

Moved:  
Seconded:

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

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Administration

A-01 Resolution of Appreciation for Eva M. Nagy

Moved:  
Seconded:

Whereas, Eva M. Nagy served as a member of the Franklin Township Board of Education from 1993 to 2014; and for her exemplary and valued service in leadership as:

President – 1994 - 1996  
President – 1997 - 2009  

Whereas, during those years, Eva M. Nagy 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 Eva M. Nagy's leadership, dedication, commitment and service to the Board, to the Franklin Township Public School District, and to the Franklin Township Community.

A-02 Resolution of Appreciation for Keisha Smith-Carrington

Moved:  
Seconded:

Whereas, Keisha Smith-Carrington served as a member of the Franklin Township Board of Education from April 2011 to December 2014; and

Whereas, during this time, Keisha Smith-Carrington 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 Keisha Smith-Carrington's leadership, dedication, commitment and service to the Board, to the Franklin Township Public School District, and to the Franklin Township Community.
A-03 Resolution of Appreciation for Delvin Burton

Moved: 
Seconded: 

Whereas, Delvin Burton served as a member of the Franklin Township Board of Education from April 2011 to December 2014; and

Whereas, during this time, Delvin Burton served the Board and his community faithfully and with distinction; and

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

A-04 School Board Recognition Month

Moved: 
Seconded: 

Whereas, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 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 586 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 2015 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-05 **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-05)

A-06 **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 December 11, 2014; 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 11, 2014.

A-07 **Approve Revised Bell Schedule for Franklin Middle School**

 Moved: 

 Seconded: 

 Approve revised bell schedule for Franklin Middle School to commence February 2, 2015 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-07)

Business

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 $11,508,547.25 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)

 b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of $258,112.58 for the month of December 2014. (Exhibit B-01.b)

 c. Franklin’s Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund in the amount of $2,937.40. (Exhibit B-01.c)

B-02 **Transfer of Funds**

 Moved: 

 Seconded: 

 Approve Account Transfers No. 7 for the 2014-2015 school year, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-02)
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) (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 (Exhibit B-03.d) (December)
e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-03.e) (December)

\[\text{Signature of Board Members}\]

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 December 31, 2014 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.

\[\text{Signature of Board Members}\]

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

Moved:         Seconded:

Approve the following:

a. An agreement with Interim Healthcare, South Plainfield, NJ for nursing services from January 5, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of $55/hour for an RN and $52/hour for an LPN, for a fee not to exceed $45,000 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

b. An agreement with Lifetouch NSS, Phillipsburg, NJ to provide school pictures and pictures for IDs for Franklin Middle School students for the 2015-2016 school year, funded by students, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.b)

c. A contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc., North Brunswick, NJ for in-school substitute nursing services for the 2014-15 school year at a rate of $55.00/hour, not to exceed $10,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.c)

d. An agreement with Eden Institute/Autism Services, Princeton, NJ to provide in-home and school-based consultation services, behavioral support and behavioral therapy services for one additional student for the 2014-15 school year, for an additional amount of $43,000, bringing the not to exceed cumulative total to $127,300, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.d)

e. An agreement with Instructional Coaching and Professional Development, Akron, OH to provide two days of professional development and instructional support on February 1 and 2, 2015, for a fee of $7,800, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.e)
f. An agreement with Handle With Care Behavior Management Systems, Inc., Gardiner, NY to re-certify district staff (up to 12 participants), for a fee of $250 per instructor, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.f)

B-06 PULLED

B-07 Referendum

Motion to appoint:

a. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, NJ as financial advisors.
b. McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, NJ as bond counsel.

B-08 Lord Stirling School – Student Meals

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5, the Franklin Township Board of Education does not require Lord Stirling School to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2014-15 school year.

B-09 Authorization of EFCFA Section 15 Grant Agreement

Resolve that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for the following projects:

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B-10 Bid Award

Moved:                Seconded:

Motion to award a bid for roof replacement to VMG Group, Roselle, NJ for the following:

- Hillcrest School: $528,000.00
- Sampson G. Smith School: $459,000.00

Funding will be received from a ROD Grant and the district's share from Capital Reserve Account.

Arlene Danielsen LaCorte Presley Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

B-11 Bond Sale for December 9, 2014 Referendum

Moved:                Seconded:

Motion to proceed with a bond sale in the amount of $81,480,000 with an opening date of February 10, 2015 to finance the successful referendum election of December 9, 2014, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-11)

Arlene Danielsen LaCorte Presley Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

Curriculum and Instruction

C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2014-2015

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)

Arlene Danielsen LaCorte Presley Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

C-02 Field Trip Applications (Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)

Moved:                Seconded:

Approve the following field trip applications:

a. Franklin High School Student Government to attend the Leadership Training Conference 2015, “Building Leadership Skills” at The College of NJ, Ewing, New Jersey, from July 12 – 17, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. Funded by LEA and student activities account. (Exhibit C-02.a)

b. Franklin High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to compete in the FBLA National Leadership Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 29 – July 3, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by student activities account. (Exhibit C-02.b)
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C. Franklin High School Student Government to attend the Lead for Diversity 2015 Youth Leadership Institute, Pocono Environmental Center, Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania, July 12 – 17, 2015, as detailed in exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes funded by LEA and students. (Exhibit C-02.c)

d. Franklin High School FHS Concert Choir to travel to New York City to Tour the Museum of Modern Art, attend performances at the New Amsterdam Theatre, Metropolitan Opera, Walter Kerr Theatre, accommodations at The Paramount Hotel, May 1 – 3, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. No expense to the District. (Exhibit C-02.d)

e. Franklin High School JROTC Cadets to tour the Pentagon, United States Capitol and other historical monuments in Virginia and Washington DC, May 20 -22, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-02.e)

f. Franklin High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team to compete in the “Battle By The Bay” Women’s Basketball Tournament in Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 30 – January 31, 2015, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-02.f)

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)

Personnel

P-01 Personnel Report No.12, dated January 22, 2015

Moved: Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 12, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-01)

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.
Confidential Session

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for an update on the Superintendent’s search. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Return to open session at __________ PM.

X. Adjournment

Action to adjourn.