

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY COMMITTEE

Middlebush – Large Conference Room

Report – October 14, 2015

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.

Committee Members Present

Latee E. Walton-McCleod, Committee Chair – present via telephone

Nancy La Corte, Committee Member

Mary L. Clark, Coordinator of Policies & Regulations, Committee Liaison

John Ravally, Superintendent and Ex Officio Committee Member

Edward Potosnak, Board President and Ex Officio Committee Member

The meeting began at 7:45 pm.

The Superintendent reviewed the district's Statement of Assurance in the areas of Governance and Operations. This self-evaluation must be submitted to the Department of Education each year as part of the QSAC process. Other Board Committees will review areas of the SOA which pertain to their work and the full Board will be asked to approve submission of the SOA at the October 22 meeting.

The Superintendent also made the Committee aware of items to be addressed at upcoming meetings. Now that the District has received a waiver adjusting the number of evaluations for tenured teachers, the policy language on teacher evaluation will be revised to reflect the use of the waiver. The Board will be asked to re-approve the use of a store account, pursuant to policy 3326.1, which will enable the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction to order perishable and other supplies in small quantities for use in our Enrichment and Family and Consumer Science Programs. Finally, the Committee discussed a hardship scholarship for a student to utilize the CARE program for a limited time. The Committee agreed that a specific CARE policy should be drafted.

The Committee reviewed draft bylaws submitted by Strauss Esmay and Associates – numbers 151-152; 161-168 and compared them to our existing bylaws. Generally, the language of Strauss Esmay was accepted with some language from our existing bylaws included as well.

The Committee chose the following dates for their next two meetings: Thursday, November 5 and Tuesday, December 8, both meetings to begin at 6:00 pm.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Latee Walton-McCleod, Committee Chair

Mary L. Clark, Committee Liaison