

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY COMMITTEE**

Middlebush – Large Conference Room

Report – November 5, 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 (via telephone)

Nancy La Corte, Committee Member

Julia Presley, Committee Member (via telephone)

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 6:10pm.

The Committee reviewed Bylaws numbered 143.2; 153-155; 169-177 as submitted by Strauss Esmay and, where applicable, compared them to the district's existing bylaws. The Committee decided to keep the language suggested by Strauss Esmay with some additional language added to Bylaw 171 regarding the use of Roberts Rules of Order on questions of parliamentary procedure. The Committee also agreed to a proposed revision to Bylaw 143.2 Student Representatives to the Board. The new language of this Bylaw better reflects district practice as it pertains to Student Liaisons to the Board of Education. The Committee agreed to eliminate five district bylaws as the information contained in those bylaws is covered in other areas of the new policy manual or in district practice.

The Committee discussed proposed revisions to Bylaw 9130 Committees. Revisions included language which would allow Committee meetings to be open to the public and changing the requirements allowing a Board member to participate in a committee meeting electronically. This led to a further discussion regarding the procedures involved in electronic participation by Board members in committee meetings. Proposed language will be included in a new draft of the Bylaw and the Committee will re-examine this Bylaw at the next meeting on December 8.

Finally, the Committee reviewed a proposed revision to Policy 5141.21 Administering Medication. This revised language reflects the law allowing a nurse or trained designee to administer epinephrine to a student without a known history of anaphylaxis when they, in good faith, believe that the student is having an anaphylactic reaction. The Committee agreed to forward the proposed revision to the full Board for a first reading at the November 19, 2015 Board meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Latee Walton-McCleod, Committee Chair

Mary L. Clark, Committee Liaison