

**AGENDA  
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
NOVEMBER 12, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Mrs. Christine Danielsen  
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President  
Mr. Edward Potosnak, III, President  
Dr. Julia Presley  
Mr. Richard Seamon

Ms. Patricia E. Stanley  
Mrs. Margaret E. Steele  
Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod  
Mrs. Betty Whalen

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

\_\_\_ 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 5, 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, 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:

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

**II. Presentations**

- **Somerset County Educational Services Commission Career Center** ~ Mr. Harold Dunsavage, Superintendent, SCESSC.
- **Claremont School Design Plan** ~ SSP Architectural Group, Inc.

**III. Public Hearing**

**Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse and District Student Discipline Report** ~ Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management

**IV. Comments From The Public** *(3 minutes per speaker – Public Hearing on Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse & District Student Discipline Report only)*

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

**VI. Comments From The Public** *(5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)*

**VII. Committee/Liaison Reports**

**VIII. New Business**

1. Review of November 19, 2015 Action Meeting Agenda
2. Action Items for November 12, 2015

**Action Items**

**HIB Investigation Report**

**R-01 HIB (Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying) Investigation Report**

Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledge receipt of the HIB Investigation Report for the period October 7, 2015 through November 2, 2015 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit R-01)

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**Administration**

**A-01 American Education Week**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they'll need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

Whereas, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for and access to a productive future; and

Whereas, education employees, be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

Whereas, schools are community focal points, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby proclaims November 16-20, 2015 as the observance of American Education Week.

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**A-02 Educational Support Professionals Recognition**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Public School District relies on a wide variety of dedicated support staff in the Paraprofessional, Secretarial/Clerical, Maintenance, Grounds, Custodial, Security, Technology, Transportation, and Cafeteria departments; and

Whereas, the educational support professionals employed in the Franklin Township Public School District make vital contributions to the health, safety, security, comfort, and education of more than 7,000 students, teachers, and other school personnel each day; and

Whereas, the education of Franklin Township’s children, along with the protection of the capital investment of the community’s public school facilities, could not be maintained without the dedicated service of these educational support professionals; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and the entire school district community wish to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of the men and women who provide these support services in our district;

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education joins the nation and hereby proclaims Wednesday, November 18, 2015, Educational Support Professionals Day throughout all of the public schools, buildings, and facilities in Franklin Township; and

Be it Also Resolved that a copy of this Resolution shall be distributed to school personnel, PTSO/PTO leadership, and the community at large to give public thanks and appreciation for the dedication and effort of these important public servants.

Danielsen LaCorte Presley Seamon Stanley Steele Walton-McCleod Whalen Potosnak

**A-03 Annual District Report of Vandalism, Violence and Substance Abuse**

Moved:

Seconded:

Accept the 2014-2015 Vandalism, Violence and Substance Abuse Report as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-03)

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**Business**

**B-01 NJ Department of Education Submission**

Moved:

Seconded:

Authorize the submission of the following project to the New Jersey Department of Education for the purpose of a Final Educational Adequacy approval:

Claremont Road Elementary School

New Building

NJDOE #1610-NO2-14-2000

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**Board Discussion**

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Comments From The Public** *(5 minutes per speaker – any items)*

**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.

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

**Adjournment**

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

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