

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY COMMITTEE

Middlebush – Large Conference Room

Report – December 15, 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

Mary L. Clark, Coordinator of Policies, Regulations and Communications, Committee Liaison

John Ravally, Superintendent and Ex Officio Committee Member

Edward Potosnak, Board President and Ex Officio Committee Member

The meeting began at 7:25 pm.

The Committee reviewed proposed revisions to 6146R Graduation Requirements Regulation which reflects a Department of Education directive. Students in the Class of 2019 will join other students already eligible to take alternate assessments to PARCC to satisfy the graduation requirement.

The Committee reviewed a proposed revision to Policy 4116: Evaluation of Instructional Staff which reflects the Department of Education waiver. This changed the number of observations of tenured teachers with an effective or highly effective rating from 3 observations to 2 observations. The Committee also reviewed the accompanying regulation to this policy.

The Committee reviewed a proposed revision to Policy 5118: Non Residents. This revision would allow out of district students to attend our alternative program (Road to Success) as tuition paying students. The Superintendent explained to the Committee that there has been interest by students outside of Franklin Township to participate in RTS and the policy change would be necessary should administration and Board decide to proceed in that direction. Our current policy only provides for out of district students to attend special education programs as tuition paying students.

The Committee agreed to pass these Policies and Regulations on the full Board for consideration.

The Committee reviewed proposed revisions to Bylaw 9130 Committees which had been discussed at previous meetings. Revisions included language which would allow Committee meetings to be open to the public; clarifying the process for Board member to participate in a committee meeting electronically and changing the status of our Ad Hoc Committees for Communications and Public Engagement and Safety and Security to standing committees. This Bylaw will be passed on to the full Board for consideration.

Administration shared a summary of the policies/bylaws reviewed by the Committee since January. This includes the review of all bylaws submitted by Strauss Esmay; the Committee Bylaw; Graduation Requirements Regulation and Policies regarding: electronic communication

between staff and students; evaluation of instructional staff; use of store charge accounts and administering medication. Work for the next Committee includes a policy on the district's CARE program and a review of the Use of Facilities Policy and Regulation.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Latee Walton-McCleod, Committee Chair

Mary L. Clark, Committee Liaison