

**MINUTES  
ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA & ROOM 313  
FEBRUARY 25, 2016 – 6:35 PM**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Mrs. Christine Danielsen	Mr. Richard Seamon
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte, Vice President	Ms. Patricia E. Stanley
Ms. Laurie Merris	Mrs. Margaret E. Steele – arrived at 6:40 PM
Mr. Edward Potosnak III, President	Ms. Latee E. Walton-McCleod - absent
Dr. Julia M. Presley	

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 - absent  
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management  
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Manager of Human Resources & Personnel Services  
Mrs. Mary Clark, Coordinator of Policies, Regulations & Communications

And 20 Members of the Public

Mr. Strimple read the following statement:

**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 7, 2016 and February 16, 2016. 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.

**Confidential Session (Room 313)**

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte      Seconded: Mrs. Danielsen

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing a settlement agreement and interview the candidate recommended for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

Returned to open session at 7:45 PM in the Cafeteria.

Reconvening roll call – All board members were present with the exception of Ms. Latee Walton-McCleod.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Ms. Stanley led the Board in the pledge.

Mrs. Danielsen read the following statement:

**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 to include Resolutions P-03 and P-04**

Moved: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mr. Seamon

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

**II. Recognition**

Mr. Potosnak recognized Mr. William T. "Tony" Rogers of the Buildings & Grounds Department for his good deed of assisting a child in the January snowstorm.

**III. Presentation**

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent, and Mr. James H. Strimple, Jr., Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary spoke about 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget .

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

I have just two brief announcements to make this evening. The first is to announce that our Pre-School application information will be posted to the district website by early next week. Our Elementary Principals will also be sending home a notice of the upcoming information sessions which will take place at each of our elementary schools in March, with an additional evening session at Sampson G. Smith School scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The second announcement is to make everyone aware that the fifth edition of Focus on Franklin will be available online Monday. Conerly Road School is featured in this edition and, if you have the chance to view the episode, you will see some of the interventions spoken about in our budget presentation.

**V. Board President's Report****Franklin High School**

The Sisters in Training for Life's annual FHS Prom Dress Collection is underway for new or gently-used formal dresses and accessories, and there will be a Mary Poppins Let's Go Fly a Kite fundraiser on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our Future Business Leaders of America were once again very successful at the recent State Leadership Conference. While we will be recognizing the individuals soon, I can tell you now that we had our best year to date with 87 members attending, making ours the largest school turnout of approximately 100 in the state. We had 31 students placing in their respective events and 21 qualifying for Nationals which will be held in late June in Atlanta.

Recently eight students participated in a French Tournament at East Brunswick High School sponsored by the French Faculty at Rutgers. These students, accompanied by Franklin High School teachers Ms. Alphe and Mrs. Tabet, competed in poetry recitation, spelling competition, theatre performance and an informational presentation.

We are happy to announce that our school took home six first place awards in all four categories in which we competed. The students who represented Franklin were: Moirah Jeudy, Claude Stephane, Mary Joe Stephan, Navya Jagarlamudi, Alyssa Wells-Lewis, Victoria Natividad, Jean Fleurmond and Amanda Agwuegbo

Our students were personally addressed by the judges and individually congratulated for their work.

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

The meeting was opened for public comments at 8:52 PM on a motion by Mr. Seamon, seconded by Mrs. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement. Public comments were heard by the Board of Education. The following is a brief synopsis of comments made by the public:

Bill Connell thanked parents for their help with the Sampson G. Smith production and spoke about the Franklin High School graduation ceremony.

John Felix expressed his support of holding the graduation ceremony at Franklin High School and spoke highly of the budget presentation.

Thomas Swayne, FHS senior, expected to see more students at the meeting to speak about graduation and indicated there is a lot of incorrect information about graduation on social media. He expressed his support of holding graduation at Franklin High School.

Melissa Swayne spoke about Project Graduation.

Myra Mitchell reminded everyone that graduation ceremonies were predicted to be held at Franklin High School after construction was complete. She questioned the absence of the student liaisons and expressed support of holding graduation at Franklin High School.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:15 PM by Mrs. Danielsen, seconded by Mrs. LaCorte. All board members were in agreement.

## VII. Committee/Liaison Reports

Richard Seamon, Finance Committee Member/Alternate, reported on the February 23, 2016 meeting.

Christine Danielsen, Facilities Committee Chair, reported on the February 11th meeting.

Christine Danielsen, Personnel Committee Chair, reported on the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Margaret Steele, Curriculum Committee Chair, reported on the February 8th meeting.

## VIII. New Business

### MOTION

Moved: Mrs. Danielsen

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion to move agenda items A-03, A-04 and A-07 to the end of the New Business section.

*Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.*

- R-01 Monthly Reports
- M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings
- A-01 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement
- A-02 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions
- A-05 New Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption
- A-06 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Calendars
- B-01 Warrants & Payrolls
- B-02 Transfer of Funds
- B-03 Financial Reports
- B-04 Board of Education Monthly Certification
- B-05 Contract Approval
- B-06 Rescission of Contract with ADP, LLC
- B-07 Award of Contract – Compliance with Affordable Care Act
- B-08 Change Order – Energy Savings Improvement Projects (ESIP) - Change Order C0-05 – WHL Enterprises – Mechanical Upgrades
- B-09 Change Order – Energy Savings Improvement Projects (ESIP) - Change Order #01 – Facility Solutions Group, Inc. – Lighting Replacement
- B-10 Submission of Documents to the Department of Education for Roof Replacement – Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor
- B-11 Appointment of Asbestos Safety Control Monitoring Firm
- B-12 Void Outstanding Checks
- B-13 Amend Contract with E2 Project Management LLC – Civil Engineer – Elizabeth Avenue Project
- C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2015-2016
- C-02 Textbook Adoption
- C-03 PARCC Participation Plan
- C-04 ESL Adult Class
- C-05 I.D.E.A. Amendment / Carryover Funds
- P-01 Approve FTSA Settlement Agreement
- P-02 Personnel Report No. 9, dated February 25, 2016
- P-03 Personnel Report No. 10, dated February 25, 2016
- P-04 Contract Approval

<b>R-01 Monthly Reports</b>
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Acknowledge receipt of the following reports attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

a. Principals' Reports	January	Exhibit R-01.a
b. Attendance Officer's Report	January	Exhibit R-01.b
c. Enrollment Report	January	Exhibit R-01.c
d. School Safety Drills	January	Exhibit R-01.d
e. Suspension Report	January	Exhibit R-01.e
f. HIB Report	Jan. 22 – Feb. 18	Exhibit R-01.f

<b>M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings</b>
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Approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education:

a.	January 28, 2016	Action	Exhibit M-01.a
b.	January 28, 2016	Confidential	Exhibit M-01.b

<b>Administration</b>
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**A-01 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement**

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-01)

**A-02 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions**

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education has received and accepted HIB Investigation Reports at its regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on January 28, 2016; 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 meeting on January 28, 2016.

**A-05 New Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption**

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following new Policies as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

- a. Policy 5853 C.A.R.E. Program (Extended School Day Child Care Program) (Exhibit A-05.a)
- b. Policy 6171.31 Title I District Wide Parent Involvement (Exhibit A-05.b)

**A-06 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 School Calendars**

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve school calendars for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-06.a and A-06.b)

**Business****B-01 Warrants & Payrolls**

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 \$11,765,493.74 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$284,856.79 for the month of January 2016. (Exhibit B-01.b)

**B-02    Transfer of Funds**

Approve Account Transfers No.7 for the 2015-2016 school year, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-02)

**B-03    Financial Reports**

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) (January)
- b.     Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-03.b) (January)
- c.     Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-03.c) (January)
- d.     Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (January)
- e.     Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-03.e) (January)

**B-04    Board of Education Monthly Certification**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) we certify that as of January 31, 2016 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.

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

Approve the following:

- a.     The purchase of technology supplies from CDW-G for Somerset Bible Baptist Christian Academy in the amount of \$487.00, using non-public funding, through Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.a)
- b.     An agreement with Education Logistics, Inc. (Edulog), Missoula, MT to host all currently-licensed Edulog software products for a fee of \$13,509, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.b)
- c.     A contract with Black Bear Lake Country Club, Clarksburg, NJ for the Sampson G. Smith School 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip on June 16, 2016, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. Funded by SGS Student Activities Account. (Exhibit B-05.c)
- d.     An agreement for licensing and maintenance fees with Educational Data Services, Inc., Saddle Brook, NJ for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$23,500, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.d)
- e.     An agreement with Occupational Therapy Consultants, Inc., Bound Brook, NJ to provide School-Based Behavioral Services from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, for a fee not to exceed \$50,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.e)

Direct ABA Therapy and Support	\$75.00/hour
ABA Program Development and Modifications	\$90.00/hour
Training: Family and/or Staff	\$125.00/hour
Functional Behavior Assessment Services and Report	\$1500.00

- f. A proposal from Kitchen Design Consultant Services, Goshen, NY to develop plans and provide support for changes to the Franklin Middle School cafeteria serving line in the amount of \$7,150, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. Funded by Cafeteria Enterprise Account. (Exhibit B-05.f)
- g. A transportation contract with Essex Regional County Educational Service Commission from July 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015 identified as Contract ERESC 03 EX YR, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.g)
- h. A transportation contract with Essex Regional County Educational Service Commission from September 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 identified as Contract ERESC 03 F YR, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.h)
- i. A transportation contract with Somerset County Educational Service Commission from September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 identified as Contract SCESC-04P F YR, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.i)
- j. A competitive contract with Center for Authentic PLCs, Lexington, VA for professional development in the practice, leading and sustaining authentic PLCs and the systematic method for reviewing and responding to student and teacher data for teachers and administrative staff, for a fee of \$49,000 – funded from Title I funds, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.j)

**B-06 Rescission of Contract with ADP, LLC**

Rescind the approval action of agenda item B-05 f. of December 22, 2015 awarding a contract to ADP to manage compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

**B-07 Award of Contract – Compliance with Affordable Care Act**

Award a contract to Primepoint, LLC of Mount Holly, NJ in accordance with their proposal dated January 28, 2016 to provide services for compliance with the Affordable Care Act in the amount of \$16,800, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-07)

**B-08 Change Order – Energy Savings Improvement Projects (ESIP) - Change Order C0-05 – WHL Enterprises – Mechanical Upgrades**

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #5 to WHL Enterprises, Inc. for various mechanical upgrades to MacAfee Road, Franklin Middle and Elizabeth Avenue Schools using \$6,345 of the General Repair Allowance thereby reducing it to zero and using \$925.90 of the Fire Stopping Allowance leaving \$24,074.10 in the allowance. There is no change to the contract total. The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-08)

Original Contract	\$3,258,000.00
Previous Change Orders	<u>(35,000.00)</u>
Revised Contract	\$3,223,000.00
General Repair Allowance	\$25,000.00
Previous Use of Allowance	(18,654.90)
Less - Change Order 05	<u>(6,345.10)</u>
Remaining Allowance	-0-
Fire Stopping Allowance	\$25,000.00
Previous Use of Allowance	0.00
Less – Change Order 05	<u>(925.90)</u>
Remaining Allowance	\$24,074.10



**B-09 Change Order – Energy Savings Improvement Projects (ESIP) - Change Order #01 – Facility Solutions Group, Inc. – Lighting Replacement**

As recommended by the architect, approve Change Order #01 to Facility Solutions Group, Inc. to install 49 new LED fixtures in the High School Science Labs using \$13,590 of the General Repair Allowance thereby reducing it to \$36,410 of the allowance. There is no change to the contract total. The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-09)

Original Contract	\$1,435,600.00
Previous Change Orders	0.00
Revised Contract	\$1,435,600.00

General Repair Allowance	\$50,000.00
Previous Use of Allowance	(0.00)
Less - Change Order 01	(13,590.00)
Remaining Allowance	\$36,410.00

**B-10 Submission of Documents to the Department of Education for Roof Replacement – Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor**

Authorize the District's Architect of Record, Design Resources Group, Architects, to submit all required project applications and appropriate documents to the New Jersey Department of Education for the re-roofing projects at the Conerly Road School and the Pine Grove Manor School. It is understood that the district is submitting these projects to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval as Emergent projects, necessitating review as an 'other capital project' and the district understands there will be no funding available from the State for these projects.

**B-11 Appointment of Asbestos Safety Control Monitoring Firm**

Appoint AHERA Consultants Incorporated of Oceanville, NJ to act as an Asbestos Safety Control Monitor to provide services for the design, oversight and final air clearance in accordance with Ed Data Bid #5291, Vendor ID 4479 and in accordance with their proposal dated February 9, 2016 as follows:

Sampson G. Smith School – Classroom 102	\$ 6,700
Sampson G. Smith School – Various removal sites	\$24,105
Sampson G. Smith School – Roof Testing	\$ 3,315
Elizabeth Avenue School – Gym ceiling	\$21,760
Hillcrest School – Classroom Cove Base, VAT, Bathrooms	\$13,190
Pine Grove School – Library & Lower Classroom	\$ 1,130
Pine Grove School – Allotment – pipes behind walls	\$ 9,590
MacAfee School – Allotment – pipes behind walls	<u>\$ 9,590</u>

Total Award	\$89,380
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The exhibit is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-11)

**B-12 Void Outstanding Checks**

Void the following outstanding checks in the Food Services Account:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
2772	\$58.00	6/22/15
2812	\$ 2.85	6/26/15

**B-13 Amend Contract with E2 Project Management LLC – Civil Engineer – Elizabeth Avenue Project**

As recommended by the architect, award a contract to E2 Project Management LLC to prepare documentation required for submission for LEED credits involving stormwater quantity and quality control in accordance with their proposal dated February 17, 2016 in the amount of \$3,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-13)

<b>Curriculum and Instruction</b>
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**C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2015-2016**

Approve out of district placements for students, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-01)

**C-02 Textbook Adoption**

Approve the adoption of the following textbook for Franklin High School students to commence with the 2016-2017 school year:

American Government: Roots and Reform  
Publisher: Pearson – Copyright 2014  
AP Government and Politics – Social Studies

**C-03 PARCC Participation Plan**

Approve the adoption of the District PARCC Participation Plan to increase compliance with the required 95% DOE participation rate for Franklin High School as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-03)

**C-04 ESL Adult Class**

Approve an ESL Adult Class pilot program for parents at Pine Grove Manor School after school hours. The class would be financed using Title III funds for bilingual education.

**C-05 I.D.E.A. Amendment / Carryover Funds**

Approve the acceptance of the I.D.E.A. 2015-2016 Amendment (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 as follows:

Basic	\$469,860
Preschool:	\$ 7,146

<b>Personnel</b>
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**P-01    Approve FTSAA Settlement Agreement**

Approve the following Settlement Agreement between the Franklin Township Board of Education and the Franklin Township School Administrators Association:

Whereas, an Unfair Labor Practice Charge ("UFLP") was filed on behalf of the Franklin Township School Administrators Association ("FTSAA") under Docket No. CO-2016-042 wherein the FTSAA alleged entitlement to payment of additional monies for two members for the 2014-2015 school year; and

Whereas, the Township of Franklin Board of Education (hereinafter "Board of Education") filed an Answer responding to Petitioner's claims; and

Whereas, the matter was scheduled for an Exploratory Conference before the Public Employment Relations Commission on February 9, 2016;

Whereas, the FTSAA and Board of Education, through their respective Counsel engaged in settlement discussions since the UFLP was filed; and

Whereas, both the FTSAA and Board of Education acknowledge that the merits of the controversy are in dispute and have not been adjudicated, and that neither admits any liability to any other, but all have reasons to desire amicable resolution of the matter, including to avoid further cost of litigation; and

Whereas, a Settlement Agreement was tentatively entered into and is attached as Exhibit "P-01"

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township of Franklin Board of Education on this 25th day of February 2016, as follows:

1. The Settlement of Agreement between the Township of Franklin Board of Education and FTSAA is hereby approved.

*(Detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Agreement shall remain confidential until approved by the Board.)* (Exhibit P-01)

**P-02    Personnel Report No. 9, dated February 25, 2016**

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 9 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-02)

**P-03    Personnel Report No. 10, dated February 25, 2016**

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 10, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-03)

**P-04 Contract Approval**

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve individual employment agreements with a non-aligned district administrative staff member as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Contract shall remain confidential until approved by the Board. (Exhibits P-04.a and P-4.b.)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/Abs</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes/Abs</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

Dr. Presley abstained on M-01.a and M-01.b.

Ms. Stanley voted no on Resolutions C-02 and C-03.

Mr. Potosnak abstained on Resolution B-01.a – Edward Potosnak only.

**A-03 African American History Awareness Month**

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Ms. Merris

Mr. Potosnak read the following statement:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes the extensive civil, social and religious contributions made by African Americans, including residents of Franklin Township; and

Whereas, the Board further recognizes the vital importance of affording all residents of Franklin Township, especially young persons, the opportunity to study and understand African American History, both nationally and with respect to the community of Franklin Township and the County of Somerset, for the purpose of ensuring that our citizens, especially young persons, are fully familiar with the entire history of human experience;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby proclaims the month of February 2016 as “African American History Awareness Month”.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

**A-04 Read Across America Day**

Moved: Dr. Presley

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Ms. Stanley read the following statement:

Whereas, the citizens of Franklin Township stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

Whereas, Franklin Township has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our students, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

Whereas, *Read Across America Day*, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education calls on the citizens of Franklin Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on the evening of March 2, 2016; and

Be It Further Resolved that this body enthusiastically endorses *Read Across America Day* and re-commits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

#### **A-07 Franklin High School Graduation Site**

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mrs. Danielsen

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Franklin High School as the site for the June 23, 2016 graduation ceremony. Rationale detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-07)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Merris	Presley	Seamon	Stanley	Steele	Walton-McCleod	Potosnak

#### **IX. Good of The Order**

Ms. Merris announced that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brunch at MacAfee Road School, originally scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed to a later date when the weather is warmer -- perhaps in June.

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

The meeting was opened for public comments at 9:45 PM on a motion by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Seamon. All board members were in agreement. Public comments were heard by the Board of Education. The following is a brief synopsis of comments made by the public:

Bill Connell indicated that a successful graduation ceremony at Franklin High School will require BOE planning and community involvement and cooperation.

Myra Mitchell expressed concern about having only one Vice Principal at Sampson G. Smith School, too many interim positions and the need to move toward permanency.

Motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:50 PM by Mrs. LaCorte, seconded by Mr. Seamon. All board members were in agreement.

**XI. Adjournment**

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte

Seconded: Mr. Seamon

Action to adjourn at 9:51 PM.

*Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Secretary