

**MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CAMPUS ALL PURPOSE ROOM  
THURSDAY MAY 25, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Ms. Nishita Desai - <b>Absent</b>	Ms. Laurie Merris- <b>Absent</b>	<u>Student Liaison</u>
Mr. William Grippo - <b>Present</b>	Mr. Sami Shaban - <b>Present</b>	Kaylin Platt
Dr. Dennis Hopkins - <b>Present, Late Arrival at 6:47pm</b>	Ms. Ardaman Singh, Vice President - <b>Present</b>	
Mr. Walter Jackson - <b>Present</b>	Dr. Michael J. Smith - <b>Present</b>	
Ms. Nancy LaCorte, President - <b>Present</b>		

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Daniel C. Loughran, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary  
Mr. Luis Valencia, School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary  
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management  
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Mary L. Clark, Senior Manager of Policies, Regulations & Communications

**22** Members of the Public**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), Copies of the public meeting notice were sent to the **Courier News**, the **Home News Tribune**, **The Star-Ledger**, **The Franklin Reporter**, **Tap Into Franklin Township**, Franklin Township Clerk/Manager, District Schools, Offices and Associations, PTO Presidents, and posted on the District website.

**Confidential Session** *(If deemed necessary) (B.A.C. main conference room)*

Moved: **Ms. Singh**                      Seconded: **Mr. Shaban**

Motion to adjourn to confidential session made at 6:40 pm for the purpose of discussing confidential matters including personnel negotiations, and a personnel matter. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Return to public session at 7:31 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### MISSION STATEMENT OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Franklin Township Public Schools embraces its diversity, fosters excellent educational innovation and empowers all students to achieve their highest potential.

#### DISTRICT GOALS 2022-2023

- **Health and Safety:** Continue to ensure the health and safety of students and staff through policy, procedure, promotion of wellness programs, and facility upgrades that enhance safety and security measures. Seek out and support those who would benefit most from positive behavior programs and mental health supports, and bolster social-emotional programs to protect and support students, staff, and community.
- **Equity:** Continue the elimination of systemic racism and lingering white supremacy, and remove access barriers so all students have equal access to rigorous academic programming. Ensure that all races are included in the structure of the district and any attempt or practice to dominate a race or highlight another unfairly will not be tolerated.
- **Staffing:** Support current staff through high-quality professional development and opportunity for growth while recruiting and sustaining a diverse, high-quality workforce.
- **Rigorous Programming:** Support policy and programs that address learning gaps, learning recovery, and learning acceleration to assist students in reaching their full learning potential. Identify, engage and support students who show the need for expanded levels of rigor. Continue the expansion of innovative college and career readiness programs.
- **Sustainability and Green Initiatives:** Support and create policies to reduce waste and lower energy consumption; foster environmental awareness among staff and students; and encourage the school community to engage in environmentally-sound projects, with each school achieving Sustainable Jersey certification.
- **Community Engagement:** Work to further relationships and incorporate a multitude of strategies to connect with and listen to stakeholders in order to celebrate and proactively promote the school district within the community at large and to ensure family engagement of students attending the Franklin Township Public School

#### I. Action to Adopt the Agenda

Moved: **Mr. Shah**

Seconded: **Ms. Jackson**

	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
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#### II. **Presentation: Volunteer Recognition**

Thank you for your dedication to the students of Franklin Township Public Schools:

- Past Leadership of the Franklin High School Band Support Group
- Past Leadership of the Franklin High School Choir Support Group

**III. Student Representative Report - None****IV. Superintendent's Report**

*Dr. Ravally provided the superintendent's report to the board and public.*

**V. Board President's Report**

*President LaCorte provided the board president's report to the board and public.*

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

*Motion to open public comments made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Dr. Hopkins. Approved unanimously by voice vote.*

*Ms. Kate Reynolds made a statement regarding the change in the district calendar, suggested that give back days be added to the end of the year. Also made comment on scheduling issues on the Genesis portal.*

*Motion to close public comments made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Mr. Shaban. Approved unanimously by voice vote.*

**VII. Committee/Liaison Reports** [Communications](#) [Curriculum](#) [Facilities](#) [Finance](#) [Personnel](#) [Policy](#) [Safety](#)

*Committee/Liaison Reports are available online for review.*

**VIII. New Business**

Moved: Ms. Singh

Seconded: Mr. Shaban

*Roll call on the following agenda items:*

*R-01, M-01, A-01 to A-17, B-01 to B-09, C-01 to C-14, and P-01 to P-04 with the following exception: Dr. Hopkins recused himself on item P-03.*

	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
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<b>R-01 Monthly Reports</b>
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Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledge the receipt of the following reports attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

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|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| a. Principals' Reports         | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.a</a> |
| b. Attendance Officer's Report | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.b</a> |
| c. Enrollment Report           | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.c</a> |
| d. Emergency Drill Report      | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.d</a> |
| e. Suspension Report           | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.e</a> |
| f. H.I.B. Report               | April | <a href="#">Exhibit R-01.f</a> |

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<b>M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings</b>
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Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education:

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| a. April 25, 2023 | Regular      | <a href="#">Exhibit M-01.a</a> |
| b. April 25, 2023 | Confidential | Exhibit M-01.b                 |

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

Moved:

Seconded:

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 16-11-OMB, 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](#))

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

Moved:

Seconded:

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 April 25, 2023.

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LaCorte**A-03     AAPI Heritage Month**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, May 1 to May 31, 2023 is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – celebration honoring Asians and Pacific Islanders and their contributions to the United States; and

Whereas, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress with the month of May selected to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843; and

Whereas, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a long history of contributions to the United States, from playing a major role in the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, advocating and shaping labor laws, fighting in multiple wars, and so much more;

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Board of Education of Franklin Township in Somerset, New Jersey recognizes May 1 - May 31, 2023 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and encourages all in the Franklin Township Public School to celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the United States.

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LaCorte**A-04     Juneteenth Resolution**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, Juneteenth National Independence Day is a nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States on June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas to inform enslaved people of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and their freedom; and

Whereas, Juneteenth began as a holiday in the State of Texas and is now celebrated by 49 states and the District of Columbia as a special day of observance in recognition of the emancipation of all slaves in the United States; and

Whereas, Juneteenth emphasizes the importance of teaching about our nation's past, helping us to realize what must be done in the future to promote equity and equality within our society; and

Whereas Governor Phil Murphy signed legislation which designates the third Friday in June as a State and public holiday known as Juneteenth Day;

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Board of Education of Franklin Township in Somerset, New Jersey recognizes June 16, 2023 as Juneteenth Day and encourages all Franklin Township Public School staff and students to engage in activities highlighting the significance of Juneteenth Day during the week leading up to the Juneteenth Day celebration.

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**A-05    Special Education Settlement**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the Settlement of a Special Education Agreement for Student #314447 for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost not to exceed \$74,162. LEA funded

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LaCorte**A-06    Use of Internet Search Engines**

Moved:

Seconded:

Annual approval of the use of the following internet search engines to assist in evaluating candidates for employment in accordance with Policy No. 3125.7 and Regulation No. 3125.7R:

- a. Bing
- b. Google
- c. Yahoo

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LaCorte**A-07    Facilities Use**

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to Policy and Regulation 7510/R7510: Use of School Facilities, the Board of Education:

- a. Approves the use request made by NJSIAA for the purpose of hosting the Unified Track and Field Finals on Thursday June 8th, 2023, at Franklin High School. All costs associated with the event will be paid by the Special Olympics of NJ as well as NJSIAA.
- b. Approves the use request made by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to use the auditorium, gymnasium and/or the cafeteria of the Hamilton Street Campus of Franklin Middle School for the purpose of holding a meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2023 with costs limited to those fees associated with staffing the event.
- c. Approved the use request by the Somerset County Juneteenth Committee to use the parking lot of Pine Grove Manor school for the purpose of parade staging on Saturday, June 17, 2023, costs limited to those fees associated with staffing the event.
- d. Approve the use requests by Varnam to use the auditorium of the Hamilton Street Campus of Franklin Middle School for a cultural event, dance recital on Friday, June 30, 2023 and Sunday, July 9, 2023.

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LaCorte**A-08    Emergency Bus Exit Drill Report**

Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledge receipt of the School Bus Emergency Exit Drill Report dated May 12, 2023. This drill is conducted semi-annually and detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. ([Exhibit A-08](#))

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LaCorte**A-09     Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Grades**

Moved:

Seconded:

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the district and individual school Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Program Grades as approved by the NJDOE, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. ([Exhibit A-09](#))

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LaCorte**A-10     Extraordinary Aid**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, motion to file the Extraordinary Aid Application for the 2022-2023 school year for 95 students. The qualified extraordinary aid costs submitted in the application total \$7,932,513.00.

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LaCorte**A-11     District Wellness Policy Summary Progress Report and Assessment**

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to Policy 8505 Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the District Wellness Policy Annual District Summary Progress Report and Assessment, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto ([Exhibit A-11](#)).

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**A-12     FTPS Revised Safe Return Plan**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, acknowledge receipt of the revised “FTPS Safe Return Plan” as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto ([Exhibit A-12](#)).

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LaCorte**A-13     Revised Policies - Second Reading and Adoption**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised policies, as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made part of the minutes:

- a. Policy 5305 Health Services Personnel ([Exhibit A-13.a](#))
- b. Policy 5308 Student Health Records ([Exhibit A-13.b](#))
- c. Policy 5310 Health Services ([Exhibit A-13.c](#))
- d. Policy 5460 High School Graduation ([Exhibit A-13.d](#))

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LaCorte**A-14     Revised Bylaw - Second Reading and Adoption**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised bylaw, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes: Bylaw 0144 Board Member Orientation and Training ([Exhibit A-14](#))

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LaCorte**A-15     Revised Regulations - Adoption**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the adoption of the following revised regulations, as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made part of the minutes:

- a. Regulation 5308 Student Health Records ([Exhibit A-15.a](#))
- b. Regulation 5310 Health Services ([Exhibit A-15.b](#))

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**A-16    Revised Policies - First Reading**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the first reading of the following revised policies, as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made part of the minutes:

- a. Policy 7440 School District Security ([Exhibit A-16.a](#))
- b. Policy 8140 Student Enrollments ([Exhibit A-16.b](#))

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**A-17    Special Education Settlement**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the Settlement of a Special Education Agreement for Student #206021 for the 2023-2024 school year at no additional cost to the district.

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

Moved:

Seconded:

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):

<b>General Warrants - May , 2023</b>	\$7,996,402
<b>Payroll - April 15, 2023</b>	\$4,100,389
<b>Payroll - April 29, 2023</b>	\$4,207,386
<b>Enterprise Fund Warrants -May , 2023</b>	\$116,115

([Exhibit B-01](#))

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**B-02     Financial Reports**

Moved:

Seconded:

Accept financial reports attached hereto and made a part of the minutes as follows:

- Report of the Board Secretary (A-148) (April)
- Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (April)
- Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (April)
- Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (April)
- Void Check Report (April)
- Transfer Report (April)

([Exhibit B-02](#))

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LaCorte**B-03     Contract Approval (All contracts are LEA-funded, unless otherwise noted.)**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following:

- a. Renew a contract with Bollinger Inc. for student and athletic accident insurance, including disability benefit and school trip coverage, at a premium of \$39,885.00 for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by the district health insurance broker, Integrity Consulting Group. ([B-03.a](#))
- b. A security order for the Sadiq School for the purchase of a two-way radio from CDW-G, quote #NJTX601, in the amount of \$222.22. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.
- c. An Employee Assistance Program Agreement between Penn Medicine EAP and Franklin Township Board of Education to provide specialized employee assistance to Franklin Township Board of Education employees for the contract period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 for the total cost of \$16,100.00
- d. A collaboration agreement between Franklin Township Public School and Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) to formalize and facilitate procedures and practices that break down barriers to increase access, belonging, and success in rigorous college and career-prep secondary school courses for students of color and low-income students for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$16,400.00.
- e. A joint transportation agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2023-2024 school year for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00
- f. A transportation contract renewal with K&D Bus Service LLC from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract KADD-2021-01, in the amount of \$36,698.40.
- g. A transportation contract payable with Montauk Transit Services LLC from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract SAT-01 23P, in the amount of \$565,000.00.
- h. A transportation contract renewal with Good Shepherd Transportation LLC from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract GOODS-2021-01. In the amount of \$55,356.00

- i. A transportation contract renewal with Mercy Transportation Inc from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract Mercy\*2022-01, in the amount of \$563,101.00.
- j. A transportation contract renewal with Taykz Time LLC from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract TAYKZTIME-22-01, in the amount of \$2,266,307.68.
- k. A 4-year transportation contract renewal with First Student Inc. from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract 1 STSTU-2022-01, in the amount of \$466,920.00.
- l. A parent transportation contract with H.S. from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract HS-05-24P F YR, in the amount of \$9,000.00.
- m. A transportation contract renewal with Montauk Transit LLC from September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, identified as Contract MTK-18-19 TF, in the amount of \$8,029,326.60.
- n. A transportation contract renewal with Montauk Transit LLC from September 1, 2023 - October 21, 2024, identified as Contract MTK-03-022-01 T F, in the amount of \$223,167.60.
- o. An agreement between Franklin High School and Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) to offer a Career and Technical Education Program in Advanced Manufacturing to be delivered at RVCC during the 2023-2024 academic school year. The total cost of the program is \$54,989.
- p. An estimate, #23-65, from Academy Construction Inc. for the removal of carpet in classrooms and installation of VCT at Franklin Park School for the amount of \$97,885.13.
- q. Robert Griggs Plumbing & Heating, LLC for district wide replacement of water heaters for the total amount of \$142,345.00.
- r. An annual maintenance invoice, #23-178, from Genesis Educational Services Inc. for Student Information System, Staff Management, Lesson Planner, Off-Site Backup and Quarterly Server Maintenance for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$58,336.00.
- s. A renewal of software license agreement, Contract # 275S-M2-B0099, from Systems 3000 Inc. for the period of 1 year beginning on July 1, 2023 for the amount of \$26,532.00.
- t. A professional service agreement between Little Ivy Academy and Franklin Township Board of Education to provide STEM Course(s)/Workshops for Franklin Township students from April 2023 – June 2023 as follows:
  - 7 th Grade – RobotMakers-Building & Programming LEGO Robots & DesignMakers  
Develop & Share Digital Designs – Max 16  
\$250/hour for 40 hours - \$10,000.00
  - 8 th Grade - RobotMakers-Building & Programming LEGO Robots & DesignMakers  
Develop & Share Digital Designs – Max 16  
\$250/hour for 40 hours - \$10,000.00
  - Not to exceed the total amount of \$20,000.00  
Board Approved for LEA funding April 25, 2023  
IDEA and LEA funded.
- u. A professional service agreement between Effective School Solutions, LLC and Franklin Township Board of Education for the provision of therapeutic mental health services for Franklin Township School Students during the 2023-2024 school year.
  - Not to exceed \$417,950. LEA & IDEA funded

- v. A professional service agreement between Beautiful Mind Psychological Services, LLC and Franklin Township Board of Education to provide Psychological Evaluations for Franklin Township students for the period of July 2023 - June 2024.

Rate: \$400.00 per evaluation. Not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00

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**B-04     Change Orders**

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*There are no change orders at this time.*

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**B-05     2023-2024 Bid Contract Renewals**

Moved:

Seconded:

Award renewals for FY2024 contracted goods and services, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. ([Exhibit B-05](#))

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**B-06     State Aid**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the acceptance of Non-Public Funds for the FY2023 school year as follows:

Chapter 193

Annual Exam & Class	\$1,520.00
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**B-07     Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation**

Moved:

Seconded:

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Twp. Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as the Board, desires to transport special education, nonpublic, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the ESCNJ, offers coordinated transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the ESCNJ will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is agreed that in consideration of prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 5% for Middlesex County district Board of Educations (all school types), or 6% for out of district Board of Educations (all school types), as presented to the Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the ESCNJ's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on actual costs.

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LaCorte**B-08     Donation of Covid-PPE - Face Shields**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the donation of approximately 600 face shields that were not used during the national Covid emergency. The donation shall be made to the State of New Jersey and/or local medical facilities.

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LaCorte**B-09     Purchase of a District Vehicle - Food Services**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the purchase of a refrigerated box truck for the Food Services department. The quoted pricing aligns with the awarded RFP/CC # 2024-10 District Vehicles. The district shall purchase the vehicle that is most advantageous to meet the needs of the Food Service department. The vehicle will be provided by either Nielsen Automotive Group or Pellegrino Fleet Auto Group, both approved vendors. The purchase shall not exceed \$130,000.

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## Curriculum and Instruction

**C-01     Out of District Students: School Year 2022-2023**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

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LaCorte**C-02     Field Trip Destinations**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 requires prior approval of field trip destinations by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves, in advance, field trip destinations, all trips within district, local community locations, and all other schools and universities in New Jersey; be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes, in advance, the list of destinations. As detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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LaCorte**C-03     Field Trip Applications     *(Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)***

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the following field trip application:

*There are no field trips to approve at this time.*

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LaCorte**C-04     Educator Evaluation System (Danielson Evaluation Model)**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, The Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey Act requires all New Jersey Public School districts to adopt educator evaluation rubrics that include state-approved teacher and principal practice evaluation instruments; and

Whereas, a committee comprised of administrators, a teacher, a Board of Education member and a community member reviewed state-approved district leader practice evaluation instruments; and

Whereas, the superintendent recommends that the Charlotte Danielson: Frameworks for Teaching Evaluation System be adopted by the Franklin Township Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year,  
Therefore, the Board of Education adopts the Charlotte Danielson: Frameworks for Teaching Evaluation System for the 2023-2024 school year.

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**C-05      District Leader Evaluation System (Stronge Evaluation Model)**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, The Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey Act requires all New Jersey Public School districts to adopt educator evaluation rubrics that include state-approved teacher and principal practice evaluation instruments; and

Whereas, a committee comprised of administrators, a teacher, a Board of Education member and a community member reviewed state-approved district leader practice evaluation instruments; and

Whereas, the superintendent recommends that the Stronge Evaluation System be adopted by the Franklin Township Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year,

Therefore, the Board of Education adopts the Stronge Evaluation System for the 2023-2024 school year.

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**C-06      Memorandum of Agreement with Fairleigh Dickinson**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve a Memorandum Of Agreement with Fairleigh Dickinson to enable students to take dual enrollment courses that will become CTE-designated once the NJDOE approves the district's revised application. As detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. ([Exhibit C-06](#))

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**C-07      Future Educator's Pilot Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve a Future Educator's Pilot Program. This pilot would allow Franklin High School seniors to shadow teachers at MacAfee Road School and Elizabeth Avenue School to teach lessons and learn more about teaching as a career. This pilot would also support the district's investigation into the viability of hosting a Tomorrow's Teachers program to support the District Equity Plan's recruitment and retention goals.

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**C-08      AOPA Foundation Curriculum**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve an AOPA Foundation high school Aviation STEM Curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently the district supports an after-school Aviation Club for students at FHS, and this curriculum would enable FHS to offer a deeper understanding of the concepts introduced in the after-school club and help make a career in aviation more accessible to students.

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#### **C-09 Perkins Grant for Franklin High School CTE Dance Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to apply for up to \$22,069.00 in Perkins grant funds for the Franklin High School CTE Program. Perkins is a federal education grant program designed to support career and technical education initiatives.

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#### **C-10 Revised Articulation Agreements with RVCC**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the following revised Articulation Agreements as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

- a. Revised Articulation Agreement with RVCC for the CTE Dance Program for grades 9-12, beginning Fall 2023. ([Exhibit C-10.a](#))
- b. Revised Articulation Agreement with RVCC for CTE Digital Media and Film, in support of the district's CTE Television Production Program, grades 10-12, beginning Fall 2023. ([Exhibit C-10.b](#))

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#### **C-11 New Course Approvals**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the below new courses:

- Algebra 1 Advanced, grade 10, beginning September 2023.
- Life Skills/Money Matters, grades 9-12+ Special Education, beginning Fall 2023.
- Behavior/Social Emotional Learning, grades 9-12 Special Education (CI, Autism), beginning Fall 2023.
- Career Internship Program, Special Education grades 12+, beginning Fall 2023.

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#### **C-12 Revised Course Approvals**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the revision of the below courses:

- Three existing FHS marketing courses as dual-enrollment courses in support of establishing a CTE Marketing program: CTE Marketing I, II, III Courses for grades 10-12, beginning Spring 2024.
- ESL 1 to ESL Reading 1, grades 9-12, beginning Fall 2023.
- ESL 2 to ESL Reading 2, grades 9-12, beginning Fall 2023.

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LaCorte**C-13    World Languages Revisions**

Moved:

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Motion to approve World Languages Program revisions to include revisions that will increase access to Latin, which serves as the foundation for Spanish and French, and also allow students the option of pursuing additional learning in Latin throughout middle and high school.

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LaCorte**C-14    Summer Offerings and Programs 2023**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the summer offerings and programs for 2023. ([Exhibit C-14](#))

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<b>Personnel</b>
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**P-01    Employment Contracts**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve individual employment contracts with non-aligned district administrative staff from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Contracts shall remain confidential until approved by the Board. (Confidential Exhibits P-01.a, P-01.b, P-01.c, P-01.d, P-01.e, P-01.f, P-01g, P-01.h)

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LaCorte**P-02    F.T.S.A.A. Successor Agreement**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve a Memorandum of Agreement for terms of a successor agreement between the Board of Education and the Franklin Township School Administrators' Association for the school years 2023 - 2024 through 2026 - 2027 as previously reviewed by the Board of Education in closed session.

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LaCorte**P-03    Psychiatric and Physical Examination**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin School District ("Board") is statutorily authorized to require employees to undergo physical and/or psychiatric examinations when, in the judgment of the Board, an employee shows evidence of deviation from normal physical or mental health; and Whereas, the Board of Education has received and reviewed information from the Superintendent concerning the behavioral activities and well-being of Employee # 10218 and has made certain conclusions with respect to same;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township of Franklin Board of Education employee # 10218 is hereby ordered and directed to submit to an examination to be administered by a psychiatrist and/or psychologist appointed by the Board of Education, at the Board of Education's expense in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2.2. The administration is directed to undertake appropriate action necessary to facilitate scheduling this examination and receive the report of the psychiatrist and/or psychologist providing this examination.

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**P-04    Personnel Report No. 11 , Dated May 25, 2023**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 11 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. ([Exhibit P-04](#), [11.a](#), [11.b](#), [11.c](#), [11.d](#), [11.e](#), [11.f](#), [11.g](#), [11.h](#))

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LaCorte**IX.    Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – any topic)**

*Motion to open public comment made by Ms. Singh and seconded by Dr. Smith at 8:35 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.*

*Ms. Robinson congratulated the new FHS basketball coach.*

*Ms. Debra Perrillo congratulated the Board on their recent certification and made a statement regarding a situation that happened in May.*

*Ms. Wendy Rega had questions pertaining to the policy of RTS students attending field trips. She also asked if the district had teachers to support the new Latin introduction classes.*

*Motion to close public comment made by Dr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Jackson at 8:44 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.*

**X.    Good of the Order**

**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) *NONE***

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.

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

**XI.    Adjournment**

Action to adjourn. 8:54 pm