

**MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL-HAMILTON STREET CAMPUS- AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, JUNE 05, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.**

CALL OF ROLL

Ms. Nishita Desai - <i>Present</i>	Ms. Laurie Merris	<u>Student Liaison</u>
Mr. William Grippo- <i>Present</i>	Mr. Sami Shaban	
Dr. Dennis Hopkins- <i>Present</i>	Ms. Ardaman Singh, Vice President	
Mr. Walter Jackson- <i>Present</i>	Dr. Michael J. Smith- <i>Present</i>	
Ms. Nancy LaCorte, President		

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

5 Members of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *led by Mr. Grippo***OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT** – *read by Ms. LaCorte*

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.

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

PURPOSE: Student Recognition Ceremony

Public Comment (5 min per speaker any topic)

Motion to open public comment made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Desai at 6:37 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

One member of the public made comment thanking the track coaches for a wonderful season.

Motion to close public comment made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Mr. Jackson at 6:41 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote

I. Student Recognition

Dr. Ravally introduced Mrs. Clark who led the special recognition presentation.

- Invention Competition
- 40th Annual National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest
- True Warrior/i-Ready
- Paul Robeson Awards
- Fire Safety Poster Design Contest
- Black History Month Essay Contest (sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority)
- Franklin Middle School Track Team
- FHS Aviation Club
- Published in the Ramapo College book the Helpers
- Teen PEP
- ACT- SO
- 5 Day Film Challenge
- Somerset County Teen Arts
- Unsung Hero - Somerset County School Boards Association
- Ultimate Warriors
- DECA
- FBLA
- Model UN
- JROTC
- Junior Classical League

II. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Desai at 8:11 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Action to adjourn. 8:11 pm