

AGENDA
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CAMPUS ALL PURPOSE ROOM
TUESDAY JUNE 20, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL

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

___ 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:

Seconded:

Motion to adjourn to confidential session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters including student personnel matters, and a Principal Interview. Minutes of the confidential session will be made public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

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LaCorte**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

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Seconded:

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**II. Student Representative Report -
Road to Success Alternative Program Students****III. Superintendent's Report****IV. Recognition of Service of Professional and Support Staff**

Moved:

Seconded:

- a. Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to retiring employees for their many years of dedicated service in the school district;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education Formally Recognizes the following retiring employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>John Schunk</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Groundsman</i>	<i>B & G</i>
<i>Mary Ginsburg</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Central Office</i>
<i>Wendy Mikosz</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Food Services Manager</i>	<i>CES</i>
<i>Jacqueline Yanchuck</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>CES</i>
<i>Diana Rios</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>CES</i>
<i>Karen Melhorn</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>CRS</i>
<i>Susan Machover</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>	<i>CRS</i>
<i>Sonia Thomas</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Food Service Worker</i>	<i>CRS</i>
<i>Anne Lyman</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>	<i>EAS</i>
<i>Constance Parker</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>EAS</i>
<i>Monica Scurato</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>EAS</i>
<i>Joanne Török</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Math Teacher</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Olga Liotine</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Kenneth Trout</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Social Studies Teacher</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Maria Matinho</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>School Social Worker</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Esther Olivia De Ticona</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>World Language Teacher</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Phillip Cipolla</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Latin Teacher</i>	<i>FHS</i>
<i>Jill Twaddell</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Special Education Teacher</i>	<i>FMS</i>
<i>Karen Gyengo</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Custodian & Food Services Worker</i>	<i>FMS</i>
<i>Paula Mitchell</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Special Education Teacher</i>	<i>FMS</i>

<i>Rana Poustchi</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>FMS</i>
<i>Nouha Habeiche</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>FPS</i>
<i>Pamela Bassel</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>FPS</i>
<i>Kathleen Damore</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Supervisor of Early Childhood Education</i>	<i>FPSA</i>
<i>Kevin Curran</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Preschool Teacher</i>	<i>FPSA</i>
<i>Althea Mullings</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Spanish Teacher</i>	<i>EAS/ HIL</i>
<i>Mary Rockhill</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>MAC</i>
<i>Patricia Hooper - Meisterich</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>MAC</i>
<i>Susan Zega</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Special Education Teacher</i>	<i>MAC</i>
<i>Carol Kelly</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Special Education Teacher</i>	<i>MAC</i>
<i>Argiro Smith</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>	<i>SGS</i>
<i>Ruth Wisniewski</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Paraprofessional</i>	<i>SGS</i>
<i>Evelyn Rutledge</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>SGS</i>
<i>Theresa Seggio</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Language Arts Teacher</i>	<i>SGS</i>
<i>William Nickel</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Health & P.E. Teacher</i>	<i>SGS</i>

- b. WHEREAS, Evelyn Rutledge, a lifelong supporter of Franklin Township School District, has served as a Special Education Teacher from 2000 to 2005; 504 Intervention Specialist from 2005 to 2008; Franklin High School Vice Principal from 2008 to 2010; Interim High School Principal in 2010; Franklin Park School Vice Principal from 2010 to 2011; Hillcrest School Principal from 2011 to 2015; Sampson G. Smith School Principal from 2015 to present.

WHEREAS, during this period of leadership, Evelyn Rutledge has clearly, consistently, and tirelessly worked with the community, parents, staff, Board of Education, and Superintendent of Schools to champion, promote, and advocate programs, services, and opportunities for the benefit of all students, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Rutledge demonstrated a high standard of leadership as a district administrator, which created an era of achievement and growth for the students and staff under her supervision, a standard for all to follow; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Rutledge has publicly and personally joined the Board of Education in support of its vision of the future of education for all the children of Franklin Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey do hereby take the opportunity to express their deep gratitude and affirmation to Evelyn Rutledge, a true "Warrior for Life," for her excellence, dedicated service and leadership to the Franklin Township Board of Education, School District, and Community.

- c. WHEREAS, Kathleen Damore, a lifelong supporter of Franklin Township School District, has served as a Special Education Teacher from 1988 to 2013; Pre-K Coordinator from 2013 to 2016; Supervisor of Early Childhood Education from 2016 to present.

WHEREAS, during this period of leadership, Kathleen Damore has clearly, consistently, and tirelessly worked with the community, parents, staff, Board of Education, and Superintendent of Schools to champion, promote, and advocate programs, services, and opportunities for the benefit of all students, staff and the community; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Damore demonstrated a high standard of leadership as a district administrator, which created an era of achievement and growth for the students and staff under her supervision, a standard for all to follow; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Damore has publicly and personally joined the Board of Education in support of its vision of the future of education for all the children of Franklin Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey do hereby take the opportunity to express their deep gratitude and affirmation to Kathleen Damore, a true "Warrior for Life," for her excellence, dedicated service and leadership to the Franklin Township Board of Education, School District, and Community.

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V. Presentation of Edustaff Substitute of the Year -

Edustaff Substitute of the Year to Ms. Cynthia Umukoro by Cierra Mershman, Edustaff District Service Representative for Central NJ

VI. Recognition of School-Connected Organization Leadership 2022-2023

Moved:

Seconded:

- a. Whereas, the Franklin Township school-connected organizations are an active, integral part of the community; and,

Whereas, the school-connected organizations provide essential information for educational decision-making, financial support for student and staff activities, technical assistance and other community resources for school activities, and enthusiastic volunteers for district and school projects;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Franklin Township Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools formally express their appreciation and gratitude for the dedication hard work and support of the school-connected organizations; and,

Be it further resolved that the board of education salutes and warmly congratulates the district leadership of those school-connected organizations.

Parent Organization President's Council	Nicolas DiMeglio
Franklin High School PTSO	Nicolas DiMeglio & Debra Parillo
Franklin Middles School PTSO, HSC & SGS	Wendy Riga & Montese Anderson
Claremont Elementary School PTO	Bianca Seguro
Conerly Road School PTO	Melissa Fattori
Elizabeth Avenue School PTO	Malai Phuong
Franklin Park School PTO	Montese Anderson
Hillcrest School PTO	Kadine Dennison
MacAfee Road School PTO	Leslie Primo & Shannon Gaul
Pine Grove Manor School PTO	Annabel Figueiredo
Franklin Athletics Booster Club	Marisa Gallagher & Ty-Wanna Cotten
Franklin High School Band Parents	Maritza Mosley-Aviles & Gina Walker
Franklin High School Orchestra Parents	Debra Zavatsky
Franklin High School Vocal Music Parents Organization	Carol Stewart & Nikkii Tatum
Project Graduation	Nicolas DiMeglio

b. **Resolution of Appreciation for Ms. Marisa Gallagher**

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS, Marisa Gallagher, a dedicated supporter of Franklin Township School District, has faithfully served in and supported school connected organizations such as Project Graduation and Franklin High School Booster Club/Franklin Athletics, from 2012 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Marisa Gallagher has shown exemplary service as a leader in the Franklin Athletics Booster Club which has lead to the continuation, rejuvenation and creation of events and fundraisers which have supported the staff, students and families of Franklin Township Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, during this period, Marisa Gallagher has continued to faithfully serve the Franklin Township Public School community by giving of her time and talents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey do hereby take the opportunity to express their deep gratitude and affirmation to Marisa Gallagher, a true “Warrior for Life,” for her dedicated service to the Franklin Township Board of Education, School District, and Community.

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c. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Nicolas DiMeglio

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS, Nicolas DiMeglio, a dedicated supporter of Franklin Township School District, has faithfully served in and supported various school connected organizations, such as the Parent Teacher Organizations of MacAfee Road School; Sampson G. Smith School; Franklin Middle School and Franklin High School; the SGS Players Alumni; Franklin High School Booster Club, Project Graduation and the Franklin Township School District Parent Organizations Presidents Council, from 2009 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Nicolas DiMeglio has shown exemplary service in various leadership roles in these organizations which has lead to the continuation; rejuvenation and creation of events and fundraisers which have supported the staff, students and families of Franklin Township Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas DiMeglio served on the One Less Move Referendum Parent Committee and worked tirelessly with the Board of Education, administration, Franklin families and members of the larger community to communicate the goals of the referendum plan which ultimately led to the successful implementation of those goals, and

WHEREAS, during this period, Nicolas DiMeglio has continued to faithfully serve the Franklin Township Public School community by giving of his time and talents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey do hereby take the opportunity to express their deep gratitude and affirmation to Nicolas DiMeglio, a true “Warrior for Life,” for his dedicated service to the Franklin Township Board of Education, School District, and Community.

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VII. Public Hearing on the Student Safety Data Report Including Internet Safety ~ Mr. Orvyl Wilson

Board Discussion of the Student Safety Data Report

Comments from the Public (3 minutes per speaker - Public Hearing only)**A-01 Student Safety Data Report**

Moved:

Seconded:

Acknowledgement, receipt, and acceptance of the Period 1 2022-2023 Student Safety Data System Report, as detailed in the Exhibit attached to hereto and made a part of the minutes (Exhibit A-01)

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LaCorte**VIII. Board President's Report****IX. Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)****X. Committee/Liaison Reports****XI. New Business****R-01 Monthly Reports**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

a. Principals' Reports	May	Exhibit R-01.a
b. Attendance Officer's Report	May	Exhibit R-01.b
c. Enrollment Report	May	Exhibit R-01.c
d. Emergency Drill Report	May	Exhibit R-01.d
e. Suspension Report	May	Exhibit R-01.e
f. H.I.B. Report	May	Exhibit R-01.f

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LaCorte**M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings**

Moved:

Seconded:

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

a. May 25, 2023	Regular	Exhibit M-01.a
b. May 25, 2023	Confidential	Exhibit M-01.b
c. June 05, 2023	Special Recognition	Exhibit M-01.c

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Administration

A-02 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-02)

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LaCorte**A-03 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 May 25, 2023.

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LaCorte**A-04 Donations**

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to Policy 7230: Gifts, Grants and Donations, the Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donations:

- a. A donation of formal dress wear, valued at \$500, from the South Brunswick High School - Vikings Closet; to be used for students in need of dress wear for the 8th grade formal.
- b. A donation of \$500 from Qualcomm, to be used for prize money for the Girls Who Code Hack-A-Thon Event.
- c. A donation of \$500 from the Franklin Township Dr. Martin Luther King Community Foundation, to be used for an AVA award event for students.
- d. A donation of \$1,000 from the Franklin Athletics Booster Club, to assist the dance students' field trip to Broadway.
- e. A donation of \$2,000 from the Qualcomm Matching Grant Program % CyberGrants, to be used for student prizes for participating in the annual Hack-A-Thon Event.

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LaCorte**A-05 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 7440 School District Security (Exhibit A-05.a)
- b. Policy 8140 Student Enrollments (Exhibit A-05.b)

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LaCorte**A-06 Abolish Policies**

Moved:

Seconded:

Abolish the following policies as no longer required by statute, administrative code or regulation:

- a. Policy 1648.11 The Road Forward COVID 19 - Health and Safety

b. Policy 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements

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A-07 NJSIAA Membership

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the enrollment of Franklin High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved 2023-2024 Interscholastic Athletic Program sponsored by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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A-08 Code of Conduct

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the student Code of Conduct for 2023-2024 school year as detailed on the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-08)

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A-09 Shared Services Agreement

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve a joint shared service agreement between Franklin Township Board of Education and other participant boards of education for the "Central Jersey Program for Recruitment of Diverse Educators ("CJ PRIDE") initiative. As detailed in the exhibit attached hereto. (Exhibit A-09)

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A-10 Facilities Use

Moved:

Seconded:

Pursuant to Policy and Regulation 7510/R7510: Use of School Facilities, the Board of Education approves the use request made by SNIPEUSA.COM for the purpose of conducting a photo shoot at Franklin High School/Franklin High School Athletic campus on June 27, 2023 or alternative date, costs limited to staffing and registration fee.

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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):

General Warrants - June 20 , 2023	\$5,386,926.53
Payroll - May 15, 2023	\$ 4,204,269.10
Payroll - May 31, 2023	\$ 4,354,054.21
Enterprise Fund Warrants -June 20 , 2023	\$168,806.85
(Exhibit B-01)	

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

(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. A contract associated with estimate# 2023-6-7-FRANKLINBOE with AllRisk, Inc. to repair water damage in the science lab at Franklin High School in the amount of \$65,316.68.

- b. A service order contract with Panorama Education Inc. for Student and Teacher Climate Survey/SEL Platform Licenses for the period of 8/27/2023 - 8/26/2024 in the amount of \$25,550.00.
- c. A contract with Language & Literacy Associates for Multilingual and Multicultural Education to provide full day workshops on Sheltered Instruction to Franklin Township Public School staff for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$20,250.00.
- d. An agreement between Nurses Connection and Franklin Township Public Schools to provide 1:1 nursing services and substitute nurses for Franklin Township Public School student(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.

RN - \$90/hour

LPN - \$90/hour

CNA - \$35/hour

Sub. Nurse - \$100/hour

Not to exceed \$20,000.00

- e. A contract associated with Quote# 6555 with i3 Education for installation, configuration, training and maintenance of PaySchools QuikLunch POS software for a total amount of \$20,584.50.
- f. A contract with IXL Learning Inc for their math & ELA educational software learning program for district middle school students from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for a cost not to exceed \$24,000.00.
- g. A contract with Little Genius Academy and Growing Seeds Learning Academy for Contracted Preschool with a Private Child Care Provider, in accordance with their proposal dated April 11, 2023. The combined contract amount shall not exceed \$1,755,547.00 with a term of August 15, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The state of New Jersey and Head Start Program may adjust, revise, extend, and/or cancel this contract at their discretion.
- h. A professional service contract with Preferred HHC & Nursing Services Inc. to provide 1:1 nursing services and substitute nurses as per the terms and conditions of RFP #2023-08 for Franklin Township students from July 2022 - June 2023. Not to exceed \$400,000.00. Additional amount of \$225,000.00 was Board Approved on April 25, 2023 for an amount not to exceed \$625,000.00.

Additional amount of \$75,000.00 needed for 1:1 and sub nursing, for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00.
- i. A security order for Yinghua International School from CDW-G, Quote # NKJ548, for the purchase of computers and two-way radios in the amount of \$14,129.69. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.
- j. An agreement between High Rise Healthcare and Franklin Township Public Schools to provide 1:1 and substitute nursing services for the 2023-2024 school year. Not to exceed: \$50,000.00

RN - \$80.00/hr

LPN - \$68.00/hr
- k. A professional service contract with White Glove Community Care, Inc. to provide 1:1 nursing services and substitute nurses for Franklin Township students from July 2022 - June 2023. Not to exceed \$50,000.00. Board Approved July 28, 2022.

Additional amount of \$10,000.00 needed not to exceed the total amount of \$60,000.00

- l. 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 \$417,950.00

Clinician Addendum: An additional \$115,000.00 for an ESS Mental Health professional for the 2023-2024 school year. Total not to exceed \$532,950.00

Funded through IDEA & LEA

- m. Approve a M.O.U between Franklin Township Board of Education and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the use of facilities for the purpose of High School Equivalency and English Language Acquisition instruction for adult learners for the period of September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- n. A transportation contract with Takyz Time LLC Bus Company from July 5, 2023 - July 27, 2023 in the amount of \$91,035.00 identified as Contract ESY-2023.
- o. A transportation contract with Montauk Transit LLC from August 7, 2023 - August 10, 2023 in the amount of \$3,500.00 identified as Contract ESY-2023 Connections.
- p. A transportation contract with Montauk Transit LLC from July 5, 2023 - July 27, 2023 in the amount of \$46,200.00 identified as Contract ESY-2023.

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B-04 Change Orders

Moved:

Seconded:

There are no change orders at this time.

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Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

B-05 FY2024 Payment of Claims

Moved:

Seconded:

The Board authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business and / or School Business Administrator to issue payment to Aetna Inc for the reimbursement of claims provided that they are presented to the Board for ratification at its next meeting where General Warrants appear on the agenda.

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Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

B-06 Purchase of a District Vehicle - Buildings & Grounds

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the purchase of a dump truck for the Building & Grounds 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 Building & Grounds department. The vehicle will be provided by either Nielsen Automotive Group or Pellegrino Fleet Auto Group, both approved vendors. The purchase shall not exceed \$85,000.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**B-07 Transfer Excess Revenue or Unexpended Appropriations**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permits a Board of Education to establish and deposit funds into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

Whereas, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures under the authority of the Commissioner of Education which permits a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriation into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus and the amount in excess of the 2022-2023 Extraordinary Aid and Transportation Aid into a Reserve Account at year end; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education may have up to \$8,000,000 in addition to the amount in excess of the 2022-2023 Extraordinary Aid and Transportation Aid available for such purpose of transfer;

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education would like to deposit up to \$8,000,000 as follows; Capital Reserve: \$7,000,000 Maintenance Reserve \$1,000,000

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the Franklin Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**B-08 Vendors Exceeding Bid Threshold**

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve 2022-2023 vendors that exceed the bid threshold of \$44,000, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-08)

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte

B-09 Authorization to Award Contracts

Moved:

Seconded:

The Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), designated Luis Valencia, School Business Administrator, as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Board of Education and authorizes him to award contract, in full accordance with the law, for purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the total sum of \$44,000 (bid threshold) without public advertising for bids. Furthermore, Mr. Valencia is authorized to solicit competitive quotations to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a) and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 15A:18A-37(c). In the absence or unavailability of the Purchasing Agent, the board hereby authorizes Ryan Ellis, Qualified Purchasing Agent and Purchasing Manager to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Desai_____
Grippa_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**B-10 Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Agency and Cooperative Purchasing Programs for FY2024**

Moved:

Seconded:

Whereas, Title 18A:18A-10 and 18A:18A-11 provide that a Board of Education, without advertising for bids or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising, therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property and schools districts, municipalities and counties; and

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education desires to authorize Luis Valencia, qualified purchasing agent for FY2024 school year to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property and school districts, municipalities and counties.

Desai_____
Grippa_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**B-11 Agencies for Purchasing**

Moved:

Seconded:

Authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to utilize the following agencies for services and materials for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Educational Services Commission of NJ
- Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
- Somerset County Educational Services Commission
- Somerset County Cooperative Purchasing Program
- NJ Start
- NJ State Contracts
- Educational Data Services

- Sourcewell
- BuyBoard
- Garden State Cooperative
- National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
- OMNIA Partners National Cooperative
- Keystone Purchasing Network
- PEPPM

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B-12 FY2024 Application for Temporary Instructional Space Use

Moved:

Seconded:

Approve the application to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval for Temporary Facility Space for the balance of the 2023-2024 school year, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-12)

Desai Grippo Hopkins Jackson Merris Shaban Singh Smith LaCorte

B-13 Transfer Unexpended funds from Capital Projects to Capital Reserve

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS, NJSA **6A:23A-14.1 et seq** permit a Board of Education to return funds to the capital reserve account for any unexpended transferred capital reserve funds remaining after the completion of the school facilities project, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education wishes to deposit the unexpended funds from the completed capital projects back into its Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education wishes to allocated \$407,892 of unexpended funds for the expenses incurred for projects for the 2014 Referendum;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Desai Grippo Hopkins Jackson Merris Shaban Singh Smith LaCorte

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)

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
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.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
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.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**C-04 Seton Hall's Project Acceleration Dual Enrollment Program**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve Seton Hall's Project Acceleration Dual Enrollment Program in the following math courses:

- Pre-Calculus CEP
- Honors Calculus
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte

C-05 **IXL Platform**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve IXL platform for use in Grades 6-8 Math and ELA, beginning in September 2023.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

C-06 **Perkins Grant**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve the acceptance of the Perkins Grant in the amount of \$19,902.

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Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

C-07 **Road to Success Program Adjustments**

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to approve Road to Success program adjustments to begin in September 2023. The adjustment includes a change in location from FMS@HSC to the Franklin Township Youth Center from 12:30pm to approximately 2:30pm for the purpose of elective course programming.

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Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

Personnel

P-01 **Revised Job Descriptions**

Moved:

Seconded:

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve the following revised job description as detailed in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

- a. Paraprofessional Coordinator (Exhibit P-01.a)
- b. Coordinating Attendance Officer / Handle With Care (Exhibit P-01.b)

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Desai	Grippio	Hopkins	Jackson	Merris	Shaban	Singh	Smith	LaCorte

P-02 Personnel Report No. 12, Dated June 20, 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-02)

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte**XII. Comments From The Public (5 minutes per speaker – any topic)****XIII. 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)**

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.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte

Returned to open session at _____ PM.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved:

Seconded:

Action to adjourn.

Desai_____
Grippio_____
Hopkins_____
Jackson_____
Merris_____
Shaban_____
Singh_____
Smith_____
LaCorte