

**MINUTES**  
**ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**  
**JANUARY 30, 2014 – 7:35 PM**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Mr. Richard E. Arline – arrived 8:15 PM	Dr. Julia M. Presley, President
Mr. Delvin Burton	Ms. Keisha Smith-Carrington - absent
Mrs. Christine Danielsen	Mr. Robert T. Trautmann
Mrs. Nancy LaCorte	Mrs. Betty Whalen
Mrs. Eva M. Nagy, Vice President	

Mr. Edward Q. Seto, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Calavano, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary  
Ms. Eveny Pagán, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Lynne Crawford, Director of Pupil Personnel Services - absent  
Mr. Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management - absent

And 35 Members of the Public

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mrs. LaCorte led the board in the pledge.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Mr. Calavano read the following 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 6, 2014. 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.

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***

***CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:*** *To develop and implement a comprehensive assessment program designed to meet the needs of all students through the use of formative and summative assessments aligned to the common core standards and integrated into instruction.*

***COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:*** *To promote community engagement and effective communication to and from all stakeholders.*

***CULTURE AND CLIMATE:*** *To continue the District’s efforts to safeguard students and staff, enhance the culture and environment of our schools and improve relationships among and between students; staff; parents/guardians; and the community that promote respect, motivation for learning and creativity in and for our students.*

**FACILITIES:** Utilizing the District's 2011-2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan, finalize a building program (including application for state grants and outside funding sources) that will enhance and improve the District's delivery of education to all students; provide additional classroom space to address the projected enrollment growth over the next several years; address critical maintenance issues in all existing facilities and consider potential changes to the delivery of education.

## **I. Action to Adopt the Agenda**

Moved: Mrs. Whalen

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion to amend agenda to discuss the privatization of the paraprofessionals.

Vote on Amendment

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

Vote on Original Motion with Amendment

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Arline	Dr. Presley

## **II. Superintendent's Report**

### **Bus Incident at Franklin Park School**

As some of you already know, on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 one of our preschool students at Franklin Park School was not dropped off in the morning. In this instance, the bus driver failed to properly check the vehicle and the student remained on the bus for approximately 5 hours before he was returned to our Transportation Office and reunited with his mother. The bus driver who failed to check the bus properly has been terminated by Mercy Bus Company, his employer.

Once students at the elementary level enter their classrooms, attendance is taken by the classroom teacher. This list is electronically forwarded to the attendance office. If the school is aware that the student is going to be absent, i.e., the parent has submitted a note or called in, the student's absence is marked "verified". If no notice has been received, and the student is marked absent (not verified), an automated phone call is sent home alerting the parent that the student is not in attendance. In this case, the student's absence was marked verified, and no call was made to the child's parent when a call should have been made. Ms. Scott, Principal of Franklin Park School, is conducting an internal investigation as to why this call was not made and will report to the district office when her investigation is complete.

Today a more detailed statement, which had been released to the press, was posted on the district and school-based websites. Ms. Scott has sent a phone blast home to her student families and will also be sending a letter home with regard to this situation. Meetings with her staff were held this afternoon and will also be held tomorrow. Upon the completion of the internal investigation, we will provide an update.

### **Emergency Closure Days**

As I had reported previously, the snowstorm on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, required that we close our schools. Since we had previously utilized the four "emergency" days included in the district's calendar, all schools will now use the first planned "take away" day on Monday, February 17, 2014. This means that Monday, February 17, 2014, will now be a regular instructional day for all district schools. All district offices will also be open.

Please note that the students at Elizabeth Avenue School had an additional emergency closing day in the fall due to a heating problem at that school. Therefore, in addition to Monday, February 17th, the students and staff at Elizabeth Avenue School must also report on the second take away day, Monday, April 21, 2014, for a regular instructional day.

Our website has been updated and all parents should have received a letter with this information. There will be phone blast reminders from our Principals and the district as the February 17, 2014 date approaches.

### **Teacher's College**

I am extremely proud and would like to read a portion of a letter that we recently received from Emily Strang-Campbell of *the Reading and Writing Project, Teachers College of Columbia University*. Because of the length of the letter I will not read it in its entirety but, because of its importance, I will not summarize it.

*Dear Franklin Township School Administrators,*

*I want to thank you for allowing three of your district's exceptional educators at Sampson G. Smith Intermediate, Rhonda Stewart, Sue Grass and Rosemary King, to open up their classrooms and participate as pilot teachers and coaches for our upcoming Reading and Writing Project, Units of Study Middle School books.*

*I chose these women to help pilot the 6<sup>th</sup> grade informational writing book because all three exemplify commitment, rigor and creativity in their teaching practice. I've worked closely with all three for the last two years and am constantly impressed by the compassion and innovation they bring into their classrooms. On several occasions, I've seen them take a suggestion from the curriculum calendar and shape it into something even better.*

*Over the past month, I've worked especially close with Sue, Rosemary and Rhonda as they implemented the new writing lessons with their students. Their willingness to work under serious time pressure, while remaining flexible and open to new teaching methods was nothing short of inspirational.*

*During a recent lab site in Rhonda and Sue's room, I was blown away by the complicated, nuanced thinking I saw from each student in the room. This doesn't happen overnight – it occurs when teachers and coaches establish a culture of discussion and respect. Every kid loved being in that classroom. After the lab visit, I was immediately convinced they should be a pilot class for the middle school books.*

*Again, on behalf of The Reading and Writing Project, I want to thank Franklin Township for helping pilot our middle school books. Students all across the country (and world) will benefit and learn from Sampson's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers, in particular Sue, Rhonda and Rosemary. I'd also like to thank Eileen and Carolyn for their openness and flexibility in allowing this project to happen. They were so amenable and excited – this only helped fuel Sue, Rhonda, Rosemary and their students to produce greatness.*

Ms. Strang-Campbell's comments reaffirmed what I already know to be true about the staff members that she had worked so closely with and my belief that excellence and innovation can only be achieved through great partnerships and great leadership. I absolutely agree with her that this level of excellence doesn't occur overnight.

I would like to also ask Ms. Eileen Brett to say a few words about this project.

Ms. Brett reported on the Reading and Writing Project.

### **III. Board President's Report**

Dr. Presley expressed her sympathy toward the family whose child was left on the bus and congratulated the Sampson G. Smith School teachers for receiving the award.

#### **Did You Know?**

##### **Conerly Road School**

In anticipation of Read Across America Day, which is a day in March commemorating the birth of Dr. Seuss as well as encouraging and celebrating reading in our schools, The Cat in the Hat himself will visit Conerly Road School on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Former Conerly Road School student Dante Hoagland is featured in an Ashford University College commercial.

##### **Franklin Park School**

Over 40 fourth grade students from Franklin Park School have begun a partnership with employees from Johnson & Johnson as part of the Soaring Words Program. Once a month, for the next several months, these employees will work with our students creating quilts and pillows with inspirational messages and artwork for patients at the Children's Hospital of Saint Peters.

##### **Hillcrest School**

Hillcrest School will be hosting a school-wide Reading Assembly on Friday, January 31, 2014, to inspire our Pre-K to Grade 4 students to continue reading and continue to be "Rockin' Readers". Rockin' Readers is a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow as readers in a partnership between the school and student families.

Additionally, Hillcrest School has reached out to the Bridge of Books Foundation located in Rumson, NJ. This organization has generously donated 1000 gently-used books to their school. Each of their students will receive two books that they can keep, read and reread, along with adding to their at-home libraries.

##### **Sampson G. Smith School**

Sampson G. Smith's Players will be performing the Wizard of Oz this weekend and next weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More details can be found on the district website.

##### **Franklin High School**

Franklin High School athlete, Taylor Cruz, was the first FHS swimmer to win the 100 freestyle at the Skyland Conference Championships. Taylor is the first FHS swimmer to win an individual event in 19 years at this prestigious event.

Franklin High School's Guidance & Counseling Department hosted Instant Decision Day with Montclair State University on January 15, 2014. Ten seniors were admitted on the spot for admission to Montclair's Class of 2018 based on their SAT scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and all around wonderful personalities!

Franklin High School student, Nathan Sanders, has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy Class of 2018. This is a tremendous honor for one of our Franklin students, ROTC Program, and entire school. This is the second Service Academy appointment in two years, a sign that our ROTC Program is flourishing.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 35 Franklin High School business students competed at the Regional Distributive Education Clubs of America competition at Middlesex Community College. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Of the thirty five students, nine qualified for the State DECA competition, which will take place March 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Franklin High School business psychology students in the Mainstreet Philosophy program will host a celebration tomorrow afternoon at which time these students will award checks to 6 local charities which they selected as "most effective in accomplishing their charitable purposes". In choosing these charities, students investigated the organizations, interviewed individuals and reviewed the organizations documents.

### **Road to Success**

Franklin Township Public Schools Alternative Program will host an open house tomorrow, Friday January 31, 2014 from 6:00 - 7:15 PM.

## **IV. Comments From The Public** *(5 minutes per speaker - any topic)*

The meeting was opened for public comment at 8:06 PM on a motion by Mr. Trautmann, seconded by Mr. Burton. 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.

John Felix congratulated Ms. Brett and the Sampson G. Smith School teachers and commended Delvin Burton for initiating the dialogue regarding the Superintendent search at the last board meeting. He indicated that the main purpose of tonight's meeting should be to acknowledge Mr. Seto's contributions. Mr. Felix questioned why some board members are not permitted to participate in discussions and spoke about the deteriorated relationship between Mr. Seto and Mrs. Nagy.

Ardaman Singh completed Mr. Felix's comments and read a listing of Mr. Seto's accomplishments while he was Superintendent of Schools. She requested clarification as to relatives of board members employed in the district. Mrs. Singh indicated that, on two separate occasions, she was told to stay away from attending board meetings and providing public comments because it may affect her child at school.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting at 8:20 PM by Mr. Trautmann, seconded by Mr. Burton. All board members were in agreement.

## **V. New Business**

### **R-1 Monthly Reports**

### **M-1 Minutes of Board Meetings**

Moved: Mr. Trautmann

Seconded: Mr. Burton

<b>R-1 Monthly Reports</b>
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Acknowledge receipt of the following reports, attached and made a part of the minutes:

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|----|---|----------|---------------|
| a. | Principals' Reports   | December | Exhibit R-1.a |
| b. | Attendance Officer's Report                                     | December | Exhibit R-1.b |
| c. | Enrollment Report   | December | Exhibit R-1.c |
| d. | School Safety Report<br><i>(Fire Drills, Evacuations, etc.)</i> | December | Exhibit R-1.d |
| e. | Suspension Report   | December | Exhibit R-1.e |

## M-1 Minutes of Board Meetings

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

a.	December 12, 2013	Work Session	Exhibit M-1.a
b.	December 12, 2013	Confidential	Exhibit M-1.b
c.	December 19, 2013	Action	Exhibit M-1.c
d.	December 19, 2013	Confidential	Exhibit M-1.d
e.	January 6, 2014	Reorganization	Exhibit M-1.e
f.	January 6, 2014	Confidential	Exhibit M-1.f

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

## Administration

### **A-01 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement**

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

Moved: Mrs. Whalen

Seconded: Mr. Trautmann

### **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 23, 2014; 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 meetings on January 23, 2014.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes/Abs</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Arline	Burton	Dr. Presley

Mrs. Nagy abstained on Resolution A-01, Eva Nagy only.

## Business

**B-01 Warrants & Payrolls****B-02 Transfer of Funds****B-03 Financial Reports**

Moved: Mrs. Nagy

Seconded: Mr. Burton

**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 \$15,301,725.45 identified in the bills list. (Exhibit B-01.a)
- b. Food Service Enterprise Fund warrants in the amount of \$219,552.24 for the month of December 2013. (Exhibit B-01.b)
- c. Franklin's Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$13,817.28. (Exhibit B-01.c)

**B-02 Transfer of Funds**

Approve Account Transfers No. 6 for the 2013-2014 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) (December)
- b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) (Exhibit B-03.b) (December)
- c. Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-03.c) (December)
- d. Certification of the Asst. Supt. for Business/Board Secretary (Exhibit B-03.d) (December)
- e. Food Service Fund Financial Report (Exhibit B-03.e) (December) and revised October and November, 2013.

Yes   Yes   Absent   Yes/Abs   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes  
 LaCorte   Nagy   Smith-Carrington   Trautmann   Whalen   Arline   Burton   Danielsen   Dr. Presley

Mr. Trautmann abstained on Resolution B-01a. – Payrolls only.

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

**B-05 Contract Approval**

**B-06 School Facilities Projects**

Moved: Mrs. Nagy                      Seconded: Mr. Burton

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) we certify that as of December 31, 2013 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. A transportation contract with Montauk Transit Service, LLC, Melford, NY on the basis of the lowest responsible bid opened January 15, 2014, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-05.a)

**B-06 School Facilities Projects**

Accept Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) as Final Eligible Costs (FEC) regarding the following State Projects as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-06)

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>School</u>
1610-055-14-1006-G04	Conerly Road School
1610-160-14-1025-G04	Franklin Middle School
1610-080-14-1010-G04	Franklin Park School
1610-100-14-1011-G04	Hillcrest School
1610-115-14-1016-G04	MacAfee Road School
1610-150-14-1022-G04	Sampson G. Smith School

Yes   Absent   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes   Yes  
 Nagy   Smith-Carrington   Trautmann   Whalen   Arline   Burton   Danielsen   LaCorte   Dr. Presley

## Curriculum and Instruction

**C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2013-2014****C-02 Field Trip Destinations****C-03 Field Trip Applications****C-04 Application for and Acceptance of Grant Funds**

Moved: Mrs. Nagy

Seconded: Mrs. Danielsen

**C-01 Out of District Students, School Year 2013-2014**

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 Field Trip Destinations**

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. (Exhibit C-02)

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

Approve the following field trip applications:

- a) Franklin High School Model United Nation to attend the 2014 Philadelphia High School Model UN Conference sponsored by the Institute for Domestic and International Affairs (IDIA), held in the Wyndham Historic District, Philadelphia, PA, February 19 – 23, 2014 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA and students. (Exhibit C-03.a)
- b) Franklin High School Model United Nations to attend the 2014 National High School Model UN Conference held jointly at the United Nations and the New York Hilton, New York, NY, accommodations are at the Sheraton NY Hotel and Towers, March 5 - 8, 2014 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA and students. (Exhibit C-03.b)
- c) Franklin High School Wrestling Team to compete at the NJSIAA Group State Tournament for Wrestling in Atlantic City, NJ, March 7 - 9, 2014 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA. (Exhibit C-03.c)
- d) Franklin High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to compete in the annual FBLA Spring Leadership Conference to be held at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, East Brunswick, NJ, March 26 – 28, 2014 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA and students. (Exhibit C-03.d)
- e) Franklin High School Model Congress to attend the 2014 Rutgers University Model Congress Conference sponsored by the Institute for Domestic and International Affairs, New Brunswick, NJ, April 3 – 6, 2014 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Funded by LEA and students. (Exhibit C-03.e)

**C-04 Application for and Acceptance of Grant Funds**

Approve application for and acceptance of grant funds as follows:

Approve application submitted by Ms. Miriam Francis, Franklin Middle School, to the Target Field Trip Grants Program in the amount of \$1,100.00 to be used for a field trip to the State Theater, New Brunswick, NJ for the performance of "Mayhem Poets". Accept the amount awarded of \$700.00 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-04)

<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Yes</u>						
Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Dr. Presley

Mr. Trautmann voted no on Resolution C-03.

<b>Personnel</b>
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**P-01 Personnel Report No. 11, dated January 30, 2014**

Moved: Mrs. Nagy

Seconded: Mrs. Whalen

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-01)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Whalen	Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Dr. Presley

**Discussion – Privatization of Paraprofessionals**

Mr. Burton read the minutes from the January 28th Finance Committee meeting and Mr. Seto provided an update regarding the development of the 2014-15 budget.

**MOTION**

Moved: Mr. Trautmann

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion for John Calavano to schedule a Special Board Meeting next Thursday at 7:30 PM to discuss the privatization of the paraprofessionals and potential privatization of substitute teachers.

**AMENDMENT #1**

Moved: Mr. Trautmann

Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion for a Special Board Meeting, at a mutually-convenient time for board members, and for Mr. Calavano to obtain a "drop dead" date from Hunterdon County Education Services Commission for the privatization of the paraprofessionals.

Vote on Amendment #1								
<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Arline	Burton	Danielsen	LaCorte	Nagy	Smith-Carrington	Trautmann	Whalen	Dr. Presley

**AMENDMENT #2**

Moved: Mrs. LaCorte                      Seconded: Mr. Burton

Amend the motion for a Special Board Meeting about privatization of the paraprofessionals and substitute teachers to take place within the next two weeks and that information should be provided to all board members to review at the same time.

Vote on Amendment #2

Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Absent    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes  
Burton    Danielsen    LaCorte    Nagy    Smith-Carrington    Trautmann    Whalen    Arline    Dr. Presley

Vote on Original Motion and Amendments #1 and #2

Yes    Yes    Yes    Absent    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes  
Danielsen    LaCorte    Nagy    Smith-Carrington    Trautmann    Whalen    Arline    Burton    Dr. Presley

**MOTION**

Moved: Mr. Trautmann                      Seconded: Mrs. LaCorte

Motion for the Policy Committee to review the bylaws regarding agendas and to consider allowing a public comment session when the agenda is amended.

Yes    Yes    Absent    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes  
LaCorte    Nagy    Smith-Carrington    Trautmann    Whalen    Arline    Burton    Danielsen    Dr. Presley

Brian Bonanno provided the board with detailed information regarding district paraprofessionals, including the financial impact of privatization.

**VI. Adjournment**

Moved: Mr. Trautmann                      Seconded: Mr. Burton

Action to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Yes    Absent    Yes    Yes    Yes  
Arline    Burton    Danielsen    LaCorte    Nagy    Smith-Carrington    Trautmann    Whalen    Dr. Presley

Respectfully submitted,

John Calavano  
Board Secretary