



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2025

**For the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education Monday, March 10, 2025
at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin Township Elementary School Multipurpose Room**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice has been given of tonight's meeting in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times, has been posted on the bulletin board by the main office of the Franklin Township School, sent to the Township Clerk and to all Board of Education members, and posted on the school website on January 9, 2025.

IV. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Colleen Cummins _____ Mrs. Shana Frondorf _____ Mr. James Giordano _____ Mrs. Allison Luciano _____
Mr. Craig Metz _____ Mr. Matt Naughton _____ Mrs. Caroline Licwinko _____

V. PRESENTATION

- Legal Parameters around Board of Education Communication and Chain of Command

VI. BOARD ACTION

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ to approve action item VI A. through B.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval/Designation of Official Newspapers

A. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on the dates indicated below as transcribed be approved and filed:

- February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 10, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

B. Approval/Designation of Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education designates the "Hunterdon Review" and the "Express Times", as the two newspapers to receive notification of meetings as required by the open public meeting act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "Hunterdon Review", "Express Times", and the "Star Ledger" hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Franklin Township Board of Education for the publication of legal notices, advertisements and other requirements for publications.

Discussion:

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

VIII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT– Mr. Mark Kramer

- Personal disclosure forms
- Board member training
- Finance and facilities committee
- Review of finance resolutions
- Energy audit
- 2026 budget

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Joanne Calabro

Security and Fire Drills – 2024-2025

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drill	July 15, 2024
Security Drill - Reverse Evacuation	July 24, 2024
Fire Drill	August 1, 2024
Security Drill - Shelter in Place	August 1, 2024
Fire Drill	September 12, 2024
Evacuation Drill	September 17, 2024
Bus Drill/Evacuation	October 28, 2024
Fire Drill	October 29, 2024
Security Drill - Shelter in Place	October 31, 2024
Security Drill - Hold	November 22, 2024
Fire Drill	November 27, 2024
Lock-down Drill	December, 12, 2024
Fire Drill	December 13, 2024
Lock-down Drill	January 28, 2025
Fire Drill	January 30, 2025
Secure Lock-Out	February 18, 2025
Fire Drill	February 26, 2025

X. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Caroline Licwinko

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes) – Agenda Items Only

All comments should be directed to the board president. The Board will not respond to complaints from and to school personnel unless the chain of command has been followed, without satisfaction. Furthermore, the Board cannot respond to any complaints from the public directed at any district employee or student, as the Board must protect each employee’s and each student's right to privacy.

Those wishing to share comments during this portion of the meeting are asked to sign the register at the podium and state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable. Public comment shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory, or obscene language. Each speaker will be given up to three minutes.

XII. FINANCE AND FACILITIES

Committee Members: Mrs. Licwinko, Chairperson; Mr. Metz; Mr. Naughton

- Committee met on March 5 for approximately 2 hours
- Spoke with our architect on Capital Projects updates
- JCP&L Audit of HVAC Systems
- 2024-2025 Financial Position
- 2025-2026 Budget Development
- Corporate Sponsorship
- PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program
- The next committee meeting will be held on April 9, 2025

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ to approve action item XI. A. through H.

- A. Acceptance of the February 2025 Financial Report
- B. Approval of Budget Transfers for February 2025
- C. Approval of February 2025 Bills List
- D. Approval of Use of Facilities
- E. Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services with Warren County Special Services District
- F. Travel, Maximum Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
- G. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commissions Contracted Services for Public School Services
- H. Paraprofessional Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

A. Acceptance of the February 2025 Financial Reports

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Franklin Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Franklin Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary’s, and Treasurer’s reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports for the month ending February 28, 2025 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Franklin Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Franklin Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the district’s financial obligation.

B. Approval of Budget Transfers for February 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line-item accounts for each line-item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy #3160 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the report “Budget Transfers” for the time period of February 2025 were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Franklin Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the report “Budget Transfers” for February 2025, approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district’s financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators.

C. Approval of February 2025 Bill List

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills for the month and year of February 2025 are being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified, approved and paid; and

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, ratifies and approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$1,614,953.49 for February 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting.

D. Use of Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following use of facilities requests.

Name of Group	Purpose	Location	Days/Dates	Time
NJHS and Student Council	Trivia Night	Cafeteria	April 4, 2025	5pm-10pm
SEPAG Presentation & Meeting	Special Presentation & Meeting	Library	March 27, 2025	6pm-8pm
Kindergarten Roundup	Kindergarten Evaluations	Theater	March 20 & 21, 2025	8:30am-3:30pm
FTS Theater	Performance	Theater	March 11, 2025	5pm-9pm
8th Grade, Class of 2025	8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball game fundraiser	Gym, Cafe, & Gym Hallway	April 3, 2025	4pm-10pm
FTS PTA	Silent Auction (additional day)	Theater	March 11, 2025	5pm-9pm
8th Grade, Class of 2025	8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball game practice	Gym	March 18, 2025	7pm-8:30pm
FTS Preschool	Preschool Literacy Night	Various Classrooms TBD	March 18, 2025	5pm-7:30pm
Music Hour of Code	An Hour of Code event for students in grades 3-5	Library/STEAM	March 17, 2025	3:30pm-5:30pm

E. Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services with Warren County Special Services District

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the school district's participation in Coordinated Transportation Services In consideration of prorated contract costs, plus a 4.5% administrative fee between Franklin Township Board of Education and Warren County Special Services School District for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. (11.000.270.XXX.081.000)

F. Travel, Maximum Travel, and Related Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., and

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.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive 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, 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); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Franklin Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2024-2025 school year is \$35,000.00, which, \$8,209.43 has been spent and \$2,981.18 is encumbered to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Franklin Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$25,000.00 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

G. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commissions Contracted Services for Public School Services

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve an Agreement between the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Board of Education and the Franklin Township Board of Education for Public School Services for the 2025-2026 school year in accordance with the 2025/2026 rate schedule.

H. Paraprofessional Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the agreement between the Franklin Township Board of Education and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for paraprofessional services at an hourly rate of \$30.00, overtime rate of \$33.75 an hour and be billed for the actual cost of employee benefits for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote on Action Items A through H:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins				
Mrs. Frondorf				
Mr. Giordano				
Mrs. Luciano				
Mr. Metz				
Mr. Naughton				
Mrs. Licwinko				
Totals:				

XIII. CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION

Committee Members: Mr. Giordano, Chairperson; Mrs. Cummins; Ms. Luciano
Meeting was held March 3, 2025 for approximately 45 minutes

- Discussion of lesson plans and instructional objectives
- Discussion of FTS Book Club for teachers
- Discussion of NJSLA test scores, re: writing
- Discussion of substitute shortage
- The next committee meeting will be held on April 7, 2025

MOTION by _____, **seconded** by _____ **to approve action items XIII. A. through I.**

- A. Acceptance of Title IV Grant Funds
- B. Approval of the Website
- C. Approval of Garden Bench Donation
- D. Approval of Playground Equipment Donation
- E. Approval of PTA Donation
- F. Approval of Field trips
- H. Approval to Utilize the New Jersey School Boards Association’s Cooperative Pricing System to Purchased Goods and Services for Server Upgrades
- I. Preschool Expansion 2025-2026 Application and Budget

A. Title IV Grant Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve an amendment to Title IV Grant Funds:

Budget	Amended Amount
100-600 Supplies	\$2040.00
200-300 Professional Services	\$7060.00

B. Approval of New Website

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve Edlio, LLC. to create a new district website with a one-time setup fee of \$2,500 starting immediately and a five-year annual subscription fee of \$4,560 starting July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 using anticipated grant funds from the Title IV grant. (20.280.X00.X00.083.000)

C. Garden Bench Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the acceptance of a donation from the Gunnar Bickhardt funds for a Garden Cardinal Bench and Custom Engraved Plaque from Painted Sky Designs, Inc., cost of \$554.00.

D. Playground Equipment Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the acceptance of a donation from the Gunnar Bickhardt funds for two (2) Harmony Flowers installations from Ben Schaffer Recreation, cost of \$5,896.00.

E. PTA Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Franklin Township Board of Education accepts the following donations from the Franklin Township Parent Teacher Association:

Item	Value
8 masks and 8 capes	\$181.00
8 bulletin boards	\$256.00
Pre-K outdoor recess activity bags and equipment	\$165.00

F. Approval of Field Trips

Grade	Destination	Date
2nd Grade	Churchville Nature Center	May 5, 2025
8th Grade	HC Library/Teen Arts Festival	April 30, 2025

G. Special Education Tuition Contract - Regular School Year

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year between the Franklin Township Board of Education AGREEMENT dated this 24th day of February 2025, between the Franklin Township Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "SENDING DISTRICT"), and the Union Township Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "RECEIVING DISTRICT") for Student ID # 5541722828. The educational services shall commence on February 24, 2025 and terminate on June 30, 2025 at a cost for tuition at \$11,061.00 and the paraprofessional cost of \$21,177.00 for a total cost of \$32,238.00. (11-000-100-562-084-000)

H. Approval to Utilize the New Jersey School Boards Association’s Cooperative Pricing System to Purchased Goods and Services for Server Upgrades Server Proposal

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 & 12 may, by resolution, without advertising for bids, award contracts for the purchase of any goods or services that were produced through cooperative purchasing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes participation in the New Jersey School Board Association’s cooperative pricing system; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education will be enhancing its school server system and has a desire to purchase these goods and services utilizing this cooperative pricing system; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education intends to enter into a contract with SHI International Corp., located at 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current cooperative contract;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes administration to purchase goods and services for a new server system for the Franklin Township Elementary School from SHI International Corp., located at 290 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873 pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts through the New Jersey School Board Association’s cooperative pricing system E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS in an amount not to exceed \$55,000, (12.000.400.450.083.000)

I. Preschool Expansion 2025-2026 Application and Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves administration to submit the application and budget to the State of New Jersey for the Preschool Expansion aid for the 2025-2026 school year.

Discussion:

Board of Education Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote on Action Items A. through I.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins				
Mrs. Frondorf				
Mr. Giordano				
Mrs. Luciano				
Mr. Metz				
Mr. Naughton				
Mrs. Licwinko				

Totals:				
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XIV. POLICY AND PERSONNEL

Committee Members: Mrs. Cummins, Chairperson; Mrs. Frondorf; Mr. Naughton

- Meeting was held March 4, 2025
- The next meeting will be held on April 1, 2025
- Dr. Calabro provided an update on the search for the anticipated opening of the Supervisor of Special Services.
- A discussion ensued on the absentee coverage issues the district is facing. The district increased the rate of pay for substitutes in the hopes they will receive more applicants.
- Dr. Calabro provided an update on J&B, the contractor the district uses to hire some paraprofessionals.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ to approve action items XIV. A through K.

- A. Approve teacher substitute pay rate
- B. Approve the paraprofessional substitute pay rate
- C. Approve substitute appointment
- D. Approve paraprofessional appointments
- E. Approve request for medical emergency for staff member
- F. Approve tenured staff amendment leave dates
- G. Approve tenured staff amendment leave dates
- H. Approve resignation
- I. Approve resignation
- J. Approve Professional Day Requests resignations
- K. Appointment of Stipend Positions

A. Approve teacher substitute pay rate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Substitute Teacher pay rates for the 2024-2025 school year:

Teacher - \$165.00 per day effective March 4,2025

B. Approve paraprofessional substitute pay rate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Paraprofessional substitute pay rates for the 2024-2025 school year:

Paraprofessional - \$165.00 per day effective March 4,2025

C. Approve substitute appointment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute appointments:

- Nicholas Gerard at the daily rate of \$135.00 per day from February 25, 2025 through March 03, 2025, and effective March 04, 2025, through June 30, 2025, at the daily rate of \$165.00.

D. Approve paraprofessional appointments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Paraprofessional appointments for 2024/2025 school year:

- Karleen Somers, at an annual salary of \$36,409.50, prorated, effective March 10, 2025.
- Nicole Thompson, at an annual salary of \$36,409.50, prorated, effective March 4, 2025.

E. Approve request for medical emergency for staff member

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for Medical Emergency for staff member, ID# 2310, beginning approximately February 13, 2025 and ending February 28, using FMLA (unpaid).

F. Tenure Staff - Care for Spouse Leave (Amended dates)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for FMLA leave for staff member, ID# 10169 to care for a spouse, beginning February 12, 2025 and ending May 14, 2025, using sick days(paid).

G. Tenure Staff - Child Bearing Leave (Amended dates)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for child bearing leave for staff member, ID# 10109, beginning February 12, 2025 and ending June 30, 2025, using paid time off.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for child bearing leave for staff member, ID# 10109, beginning approximately July 1, 2025 and ending September 23, 2025, using FMLA (unpaid).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a request for child bearing leave for staff member, ID# 10109, beginning September 24, 2025 and ending November 30, 2025, using unpaid leave.

H. Acceptance of Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts with regret, the resignation of Ellen Kassis, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective March, 06, 2025.

I. Acceptance of Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts with regret, the resignation of Reinhard Mason Sorge, Custodian, effective March, 01, 2025.

J. Approve Professional Day Requests

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following professional day requests:

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Cost	Mileage & Other Costs	Total Cost Not To Exceed
March 27, 2025	Meaghan Shedlock	HC Cohort Meeting-CPIS	n/a	14.2 r/t @\$0.47 p/m=\$6.68	\$6.680
April 28, 2025	Melody Groban	Childhood Apraxia of Speech Seminar-Online	\$295.00	n/a	\$295.00
April 9, 2025	Elizabeth Getty	Interaction Between Mental Health and Social Media Conference	n/a	80.8 r/t @\$0.47 p/m=\$37.97	\$37.97

K. Appointment of Stipend Positions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following employees for the stipend positions listed below for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Amount
Mark Mandelberg	Baseball Coach	\$2,235.00
Cassidy Greenman	Softball Coach	\$2,235.00

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote on Action Items A. through K.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins				
Mrs. Frondorf				
Mr. Giordano				
Mrs. Luciano				
Mr. Metz				
Mr. Naughton				
Mrs. Licwinko				
Totals:				

XV. NEGOTIATIONS

Committee Members: Mrs. Luciano, Chairperson; Mrs. Frondorf; Mr. Giordano

- A. Negotiations with QEA have been ongoing this month, including multiple meetings with QEA and legal counsel.
- B. The next Negotiations meeting will be held on March 21, 2025.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Members: Mrs. Licwinko, Chairperson; Mrs. Cummins; Mr. Naughton

- The Committee met on February 19, 2025 for approximately an hour and twenty minutes.
- Utilization of Board Facebook page ("Franklin Township School District BOE")
- The committee is asking that Executive Session be scheduled as late into the meetings as possible to minimize interruption and attendee waiting time.
- Communication with residents through Township Clerk
- Streaming, recording, and posting of Board of Education meetings
- Budget communication
- Attorney Presentation: Board of Education Communication with Shareholders
- The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025

XVII. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON

Liaisons: Mr. Metz, Mr. Naughton

- Board liaisons will attend all Franklin Township Committee meetings in 2025 to ensure collaboration and communication between the Township and the Board of Education
- Next Township Committee meetings are scheduled for February 13 and February 27, 2025

XVIII. BOARD MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS

XIX. HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DELEGATE

Delegate: Jim Giordano

- HCESC provides a broad range of services that could be beneficial to Franklin Township School
- HCESC is a fee-based organization
- Emergency staffing services are available

- Transportation co-op

XX. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes)

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XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education has determined that the following issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the matter(s) to be discussed, reviewed, or heard before the Franklin Township Board of Education, detailed as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.2 et. seq., shall include legal, personnel, contractual and negotiation matters; and

WHEREAS, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 45 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the subject will be made public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to approve the above executive session resolution for the Franklin Township Board of Education adjourning to closed session to discuss legal, personnel, contractual and negotiation matters; wherein the length of time for the executive session is expected to be approximately 45 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ **to approve action item XXI for the Board to enter into Executive Session at _____ PM.**

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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MOTION by _____, seconded by _____ **to reconvene the public portion of the meeting of the**

Franklin Township Board of Education to a public session at _____ PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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XXII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. None

XXIII. NOTEWORTHY DATES

Special meeting March 17, 2025

Next regularly scheduled meeting April 14, 2025

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by _____, seconded by _____ at _____ PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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