# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NEW JERSEY 08868 Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 7, 2010- 7:30 p.m.

# AGENDA

# I. Call to Order 7:35 PM Open Public Meeting Announcement

"In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notices have been given of tonight's meeting in area newspapers, which include the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express-Times and 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 on April 26, 2010.

# II. Roll Call - John A. Gomez, SBA/BS

K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Р	P. DiGiambattista	Р	C. Ewing	Р
J. Foran (7:40 PM	Р	K. Lundgren	Р	R. Masino	Р
T. Schultz (7:58 PM)	Р	L. Vail (7:41 PM)	Р	C. Piparo, Pres.	Р

## III. Flag Salute

# IV. Aramark Update - Ray Thompson

The meeting opened with an update from Mr. Ray Thompson of ARAMARK Inc.

Mr. Thompson briefed the board on the advantages of having our custodial services outsourced with a company such as ARAMARK. One advantage is having staff at other ARAMARK locations that can be called in to our school when needed. ARAMARK also provides all chemicals, and equipment needed for cleaning and can provide them cheaper due to an economy of scale.

## B. FACILITIES

### 1. Discussion Item:

a. Development of Ball Fields

The next order of business was a presentation by Mr. Richard Cavallaro on working with the school to develop the 20.8 acres on Locust Grove Road into an athletic complex for the township. The board members asked several questions and Mr. Cavallaro said he would explore the venture in more detail and get back to the board once more research was done.

# V. Construction Update

- Construction Manager Update
- Subcommittee Update

Mr. Tillou updated on the board on the status of the project. As of the previous Friday all piping and wiring for the renovated spaces were close to complete. All the block work on the new multi purpose room was complete and the brick work had started. He also reported that 60 % of the colors for the project had been chosen and that the loop road was 20% complete. The asbestos abatement would commence on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the site plan for the soil removal had been approved at all levels. Mr. Tillou reviewed the financial statements regarding the construction

project with the board. The subcommittee reported that there was a need for an additional 30 foot storage container.

## A. Action Items:

1. Change Order Proposals - This information has been reviewed by the Building and Grounds committee on June 3, 2010 and recommends to the board approval of said changes.

**Motion** to approve the following change orders proposals:

- Power With Prestige for changing the electric service from Delta Y to • 477/208 throughout for \$14,400.00. (This makes their credits and plusses to date (\$17,000) and the service is changed).
- Power With Prestige for relocating the PA system for \$3,168.00 ٠
- Power With Prestige for installing the terminations of the secondary • conductors at the pad mounted transformers in lieu of JCP&L for \$2,539.00
- Power With Prestige for the electrical needs for the new unit ventilator in • room 133 (the existing computer room) for \$2,349.00
- Power With Prestige for completing the five new air handling units in the • existing multipurpose room, the stage and the faculty room for \$5.829.00
- Power With Prestige for Install several new outlets in the faculty room with conduit and wire mold for \$1,570.00.
- Tekton Development re: credit to accomplish the reduction of the compact cars spaces in front of the red schoolhouse for (\$3,285.27).

Moved Mr. Digiambattista		Second Mr	. Masino		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo. <i>Pres.</i>	Y

#### VI. Correspondence

None

#### VII. **Communication Update**

• Subcommittee report

Letters to parents had been prepared to address budget concerns, by the Board President and Superintendent.

The next topic was the new repair committee that would address some of the upcoming financial and programmatic challenges facing the school. This committee would include administration, board members, township committee representative, and members of the public. The committee is scheduled to meet in June, July and August, dates to follow.

#### VIII. Public Comments - Privilege of the Floor (3 minutes)

All comments should be directed to the board president. The Board will not respond to personal 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 and each student's right to privacy.

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Playground/Athletic Fields.

Mr. Campanelli:

In response to Mr. Cavallaro's presentation, Mr. Campenelli felt that the time is not right for such a project and that the board should concentrate on being good neighbors to the residents of Locust Grove Road.

Mr. Cavallaro:

Stated that there are other places and he would be willing to explore them.

Debra Kesselhaut:

Felt that such a project would be a slap in the public's face.

Debra Nace:

Does not want a mini Great Adventure on Locust Grove Road.

Lisa Scatori:

Agrees that there should be a place for kids, but thinks more exploration should be done.

Kenny Hemstra:

Stated he is a new resident but believes that the whole town is a park and s\does not need to build a sports complex.

William Nace:

Why does the school want to take the food out of a farmer's mouth. Idea is great but now is not the time.

Scott Bauman:

Thanked the board for removing the compact car parking from the construction project.

Curt Fisher:

Thanked the board for the construction figures, suggested the board consider using low flow toilets.

Mrs. Beth Schultz: Let the board know that 68 out of 72 students attended athletic banquet.

#### IX. **Executive Session**

### Adopt the Following Resolution

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Franklin Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4 -13 and 10:4 -12 that said public body hold a closed session on Monday, June 7, 2010 for the purpose of discussing the inspector contracts and personnel. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.

Moved Mr. Schultz Second Mr. Foran Motion Carried 9-0

X. Motion to return to Open Public Session at 9:40 PM. Moved Mr. Schultz Second Mr. Weiss

Motion Carried 9-0

## XI. Consent Agenda

The matters listed below have been referred to the Board for reading and studying and are to be considered routine. They will be enacted with one motion. If separate discussion is desired, an item may be removed by Board assent.

# A. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following field trip application:

• Grade 1 to the Crayola Factory, June 14, 2010

The first grade crayola factory field trip was discussed, a question regarding its educational worth was asked.

At this point Dr. Harttraft reviewed the new configuration for September. The factors that influenced the decision making process were; Financial constraints, Curriculum mandates, and tenure/seniority rules. Dr. Harttraft stated that the school would be reconfigured using a team approach. These teams would include homeroom teachers, special education teachers, and the specialists to develop a program for the school year. Each team would decide based on their individual strengths who would teach a specific content area for that team. Dr. Harttraft said that a lot of the specifics are still being developed by the teams. The board had some questions regarding the future of the combined 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **B. PERSONNEL**

No consent items

C. FACILITIES

No consent items

D. BUSINESS

No consent items

E. POLICY

No consent items

F. OTHER MATTERS

No consent items

### **G.** Motion to approve the above stated consent agenda items. Moved Mr. Weiss Second Mrs. Ewing

K. Weiss, V.Pres.	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

# XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

- A. EDUCATION: Superintendent's Report Dr. Chrys Harttraft 1. Informational/Discussion Items:
  - a. Enrollment
  - b. Instructional Plans

## C. BUSINESS

- 1. Financial Reports:
  - a. **Treasurer's** Report and **Board Secretary's** Reports, (Funds 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50) for April 2010. Moved Mr. Foran Second Mrs. Ewing Motion Carried 9-0
  - b. **Motion** to approve the line item transfers for April 2010.

- c. Motion to adopt the following resolutions:
  - 1. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3** the board secretary certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) for April 2010.
  - 2. **Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4** the board of education certifies, after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's April 2010 financial reports, that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

K. Weiss, V.Pres.	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

d. Construction Manager Budget Buyout reconciled with Business Administrator Financial Report for April 2010.

### D. TRANSPORTATION No action items

E. POLICY No action items

### F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** to accept the Professional Development Plan as approved by the county office on May 28, 2010 with no changes.

K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y C. Ewing	Abstain
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Abstain R. Masino	Abstain
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

## XIII. Board Matters

- A. Discussion Item:
  - 1. Board Planning Session

## XIV. Personnel A. Action Items:

1. **Motion** to approve the following reconfigured position, Computer Technician, effective September 1, 2010.

Moved Mrs. Ewing		Second Mr. DiGiambattista				
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i> J. Foran	Y	P. DiGiambattista K. Lundgren	Y	C. Ewing R. Masino	Y	
T. Schultz	N	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Ý	

2. **Motion** to hire Leslie McCusker as computer technician for the 2010-2011 school year at a salary of \$32,000, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

Moved Mr. Weis	s Second Mrs.	. Ewing

K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Ν	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

3. **Motion** to rehire Rosalie Mancino as School Supervisor from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, at a salary of \$91,435, a 0% increase over 09-10, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent subject to the terms of the negotiated contract between Rosalie Mancino and the Franklin Township Board of Education. This 0% increase is a result of a voluntary give back based on the economical circumstances of the district and not based on performance.

K. Weiss, V.Pres.	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Ν	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

Second Mr. Masino

4. **Motion** to rehire Rosemarie Kasperkoski as Executive Secretary from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at a salary of \$51,396, a 0% increase over 09-10, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement. This 0% increase is a result of a voluntary give back based on the economical circumstances of the district and not based on performance.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista

Moved Mr. Schultz

Second Mr. Masino

K. Weiss, V.Pres.	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

5. **Motion** to rehire Carla Abert as Business Office Assistant from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at a salary of \$38,665, a 0% increase over 09-10, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement. This 0% increase is a result of a voluntary give

back based on the economical circumstances of the district and not based on performance.

Moved Mr. Schultz		Second Ms. Vail				
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y	
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y	
T. Schultz	Y	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y	

6. **Motion** to rehire the following support staff for the 2010-2011school year with a 4.3% increase over the 09-10 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

	Rhonda Pellegrino (12 months) Karen Snyder (10 months)			\$45,718 \$40,768	
Moved Ms.	. Vail	Second Mr.	. Foran		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i> J. Foran T. Schultz	Y Y N	P. DiGiambattista K. Lundgren L. Vail	N Y Y	C. Ewing R. Masino C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y Y Y

7. **Motion** to rehire the following tenured faculty for the 2010-2011 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

	Full Time:							
	Sunday Bradle	е	\$77,213		Janet I	Prassl	\$77,21	13
	Donna Brownin		\$78,213		Marjori	e Sharp	\$80,61	13
	Minga Cullen	-	\$78,813			y Steele	\$80,61	13
	Marylou Findle	у	\$52,524		Tracy 3	Strysky	\$78,21	
	Carolyn Johnso	on	\$78,213		Barbar	a Suozzo	\$78,96	
	Barry Kramer		\$81,866		Lenore	•	\$75,96	
	Jason Lembo		\$51,839			a Watkinson	\$79,01	
	Mina Nace		\$71,863			e Yancey	\$79,76	
	Vickie Nosker		\$78,213			e Yanoff	\$79,81	
	Anita Peterser	ו	\$81,866		Bernice	e Yates	\$82,61	16
	Part Time:							
	Marydenise Ap	(6.) oid	\$33.256		Diane I	Meyer (.6)	\$46,32	28
	Trina Lahman		\$46,328			Viscel (.8)	\$43,11	
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	Moved Mr. For	an	Second	Mr. Ma	asino			
K. Weiss	s, V.Pres.	Y	P. DiGiambattista		N	C. Ewing		Y
J. Foran	,	Ý	K. Lundgren		Y	R. Masino		Ý
T. Schul	ltz	Ν	L. Vail		Y	C. Piparo, Pres.		Υ

8. Motion to rehire the following non-tenured faculty for the 2010-2011 school year upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

<b>Full Time:</b> Jason Farns	sworth	\$55,742	Ange Jacly	<b>Time:</b> ela McVerry (.8) /n Fedyna (.8) on Shelofsky (.8)	\$43,751 \$38,531 \$40,652
Moved Mr.	Foran	Second Mrs	s. Lundq	uist	
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Ν	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	N	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, Pres.	Y

9. Motion to rehire Rebecca Richards, due to receive tenure for the 2010-2011 school year, as part time (.6) School Psychologist at a salary of \$47,018 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

Moved Mr.	Masino	Second Mr	. Foran		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	N	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	N	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

10. **Motion** to approve Rebecca Richards as Coordinator of the Child Study Team for the 2010-2011 school year, at the stipend of \$4,800, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Moved Mr. DiGiambattista			Second Mr. Foran		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i> J. Foran	Y Y	P. DiGiambattista K. Lundgren	Y Y	C. Ewing R. Masino	Y Y
T. Schultz	Ν	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

11. Motion to rehire Marilyn Wechsler, due to receive tenure for the 2010-2011 school year, as part time (.8) LDTC/Preschool Teacher at a salary of \$62,690 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

Moved M	Ars. Ewing	Sec	ond Mr.	Foran	
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	N	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	N	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

12. Motion to rehire the following aides for the 2010-2011 school year with a 4.3% increase in salary over the 09-10 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

Full Time:		Part Time:		
Anita Holland	\$28,069	Laurie Gregory (.8)	\$22,456	

Susan Marc Martha Sho Jamie Szatl Penni Trion	udt <owski< th=""><th>\$28,069 \$28,069 \$28,069 \$28,069</th><th colspan="2">Maureen Smith (.6) \$16,841</th><th>\$16,841</th></owski<>	\$28,069 \$28,069 \$28,069 \$28,069	Maureen Smith (.6) \$16,841		\$16,841
Moved Mr.	Weiss	Second Mr	s. Ewing		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i> J. Foran T. Schultz	Y Y N	P. DiGiambattista K. Lundgren L. Vail	N Y Y	C. Ewing R. Masino C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y Y Y

13. **Motion** to rehire the following out-of-district instructional aides for the 2010-2011 school year with a 4.3% increase in salary over the 09-10 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, subject to the terms and conditions of the current contracted agreement and any successor agreement.

Kathleen D William Bru		\$28,069 \$28,069			
Moved Mr.	Foran	Second Mr.	. Weiss		
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i> J. Foran T. Schultz	Y Y N	P. DiGiambattista K. Lundgren L. Vail	N Y Y	C. Ewing R. Masino C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y Y Y

14. **Motion** to rehire Ron Mathews as Treasurer of School Monies from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 at the annual salary of \$7,617, a 4.3% increase over the 09-10 salary, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Item was Tabled Moved

Second

- 15. **Motion** to approve the following permanent substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at the per diem rate of \$110.00, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.
  - Sandra Zdepski
  - Jeffrey Weinhold

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Item was Tabled
Moved
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Second
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K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	P. DiGiambattista	C. Ewing
J. Foran	K. Lundgren	R. Masino
T. Schultz	L. Vail	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>

16. **Motion** to rehire Melissa Fay as cafeteria aide for the 2010-2011 school year for 2.25 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$19.36, a 4.3% increase over the 09-10 rate, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Moved Mrs. Ewing		Second Mrs. Lundgren			
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Ν	C. Ewing	Y

J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Υ
T. Schultz	Ν	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, Pres.	Υ

17. **Motion** to reimburse Jane Ries and Patricia Quick for unused sick days on the occasion of their retirement in accordance with Article XI, Section C. of the agreement between the Quakertown Education Association and the Franklin Township Board of Education.

Moved Mr. Weiss		Second Mr. Foran			
K. Weiss, <i>V.Pres.</i>	Y	P. DiGiambattista	Y	C. Ewing	Y
J. Foran	Y	K. Lundgren	Y	R. Masino	Y
T. Schultz	N	L. Vail	Y	C. Piparo, <i>Pres.</i>	Y

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Public Comment: Personnel

Joanne Coe:

Stated that the PTA would be paying for the practice NJPASS for the first and third grade. Asked if any plan for pay to play regarding athletics. The PTA would be making arrangements to have the bookmobile come to the school next year to augment the library program.

Patty DeVletter:

Asked about new configuration concerned about student safety with the current third grade.

Lisa Slater: Asked about the special education teachers.

Christine Johnson:

Asked where in the building the combined classes would be held.

Jeanine Gordon:

Appreciates all the efforts that have been made, but is skeptical if it can succeed.

Curt Fisher:

Should look at the situation as the glass being half full to keep morale up.

Michelle Zayer

Said that new REPAIR committee meeting should be later not 3:30 as most people work.

Minga Cullen:

Wanted the public to understand that our staff is highly qualified, and willing to do what ever it takes to make the new configuration work.

Board planning session would be at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and be about 90 minutes in length. Jane Kirschner of New Jersey School boards would conduct the session.

# **Board Matters:**

The new REPAIR committee would meet at 3:30 PM on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the school.

There was a question regarding a board member changing their vote on a motion. The Board Secretary will research the matter and report at the next meeting on what the correct procedure is.

Mr. Foran presented to the board a check for \$50.00 from the Quakertown fire company to be used for the Language Arts program.

A member of the public had concerns over the heat in June and what procedures are in place to deal with high heat days.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 11:50 PM.

Moved Mr. Foran Second Mr. Schultz Motion Carried 9-0

Certified by:

**Board President** 

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Gomez SBA/Board Secretary