

2. PTA Update- the student directory was completed and distributed today. The Mayhem poets was wonderful and one of the best FTS assemblies. The Holiday shop raised approximately \$700. January- Mrs. Bradlee's taste of Spain program. January 24th Snowflake ball.
3. Enrollment (enclosure VI.A.3.)
Mr. Weiss and Mr. Masino gave an update on their meeting with Commissioner Cerf. They were told that the choice program costs are continuing to rise and the DOE has the program under review. The long term health of the program is up in the air. They are hopeful that FTS will receive additional funded seats.
4. Staff Attendance – September- 99.27%/October – 96.20%
5. Incidents of Violence and Vandalism - January 1, 2013-June 30, 2013
6. HIB Survey Results-Dr. Fredericks reported that there were 9 students, 9 staff members, and 25 parents that participated in the mandatory survey. She read the comments from the survey.
7. Band/Chorus Performance for Senior Citizen's Holiday Luncheon- A select group from the band and chorus performed on 12/11/13. Dr. Fredericks shared a clip of the performance on her IPAD.
8. Theater Showcase- The children presented a Mime performance in small groups. Parents attended
9. Winter Concert - Wednesday December 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

VII. Business Administrator Report

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. Update on Park- There will be a meeting on January 16th at FTS, time TBD
2. Update on Solar - Mrs. Delsandro sent a modification to the state of the LRFP. Dr. Fredericks read an email she received from a community member and her response to his email.

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

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1. Mr. Shultz 75 Locust Grove Rd. He read a prepared statement regarding his concerns about the solar project. Statement is attached
2. Dr. Doug Braun 71 Locust Grove Rd. He chose to live in Hunterdon county because of the viability of agriculture. He wants to keep the rural lifestyle of the community. He thanked the board for sharing the solar plans. He thinks it does distract from the rural lifestyle. At a minimum he wants more screening 360 degrees around the solar array and offered to help design the screening
3. Dr. Ken Burkhart- Quakertown road. He read a prepared statement. Statement is attached.
4. Mr. Taylor, 32 Locust Grove Road. He does not want the solar array to deface the beautiful property here. He is concerned for the property values. He consulted with a realtor who

believes there will be a 6% decline in property values because of the solar array. If there is a decline in property values there will be less contribution to tax dollars.

5. Margaurite Taylor 32 Locust Grove Road, She commented that she is a school teacher in Alexandria and earlier in the day the FTS boys basketball team came to her school for a game. She commented that they were fine well behaved young men. She said that she now sees beautiful farm country and doesn't want that to change. She would like to see the children cultivate the land with a garden.
6. Deborah Nase, 15 Locust Grove Rd. She did research and visited other solar array sights and said she could hear the buzzing from the panels. She is concerned about the long term effects on health.
7. William Nase, 15 Locust Grove rd. He questioned as to how many contractors came to look at the project. If so did they look at the roof as an option for the solar array.
8. Dr. Nicole Braun, 71 Locust Grove Rd. She said she will have a full view of the solar array from her residence. She said she is feeling bullied. She would like the board to reexamine the screening plans

President Masino commented that the board wants to be a good neighbor. He said that the board will get answers to the questions raised.

IX. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations - closed session discussions
- B. Policy – additional request to change transportation policy to put digital cameras on the buses
- C. Budget & Finance – updated budget request. Dr. Fredericks went over the savings/expenditures for the 2014/2015 school year.

X. Correspondence

- A. North Hunterdon -Voorhees Regional High School District (enclosure X.A.)

XI. Grievance Hearing

- A. Salary Guide Placement for New Hires (enclosure XI.A.)
Dr. Fredericks read a letter from the QEA president asking that their meeting request be postponed until January
- B. 2014-2015 School Calendar (enclosure XI.B.)

XII. 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. BUSINESS

1. **Approve** the December 2013 bill list in the amount of \$528,744.85.
(enclosure XII.A.1.)

B. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following student teacher assignments for the Spring 2014 semester:

- April Fernandez (Kean University) - Mrs. Kot, 2nd grade
- Cynthia Chester (Kean University) - Dr. Kramer, 5th grade
- Wayne Golden (Kean University) - Mr. Steele, 6-8 Social Studies
- Samantha Williamson (TCNJ) - Mrs. Rainaldi, 3rd grade

C. PERSONNEL

1. **Approve** the following professional day requests:

- Karen Gerth and Carol Fredericks, Powerful Interactions: Using Intentional Teaching in the Inclusive Preschool Classroom, January 17, 2014 & February 26, 2014, mileage reimbursement of \$30.09 each.
- Sophia Van Ess, Angela McVerry, Jaclyn Fedyna, Marylou Findley, Training for School Safety and Climate Teams, April 10, 2014, mileage reimbursement of \$24.04 each.
- Karen Brokaw and Anita Petersen, Powerful Early Intervention Strategies, January 14, 2013, Registration Cost of \$229.00 each and mileage reimbursement of \$22.47 each.
- Carol Delsandro and Carla Abert, Public School Purchasing, March 20, 2014, Registration Cost of \$50.00 each and mileage reimbursement of \$30.38 each.
- Jeff Weinhold & Susan Rainaldi, Reading & Writing Conference, March 28, 2013, Registration cost of \$150 each, mileage reimbursement of \$22.90 each.
- Tracy Strycky, PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference, Registration \$210, mileage reimbursement of \$70.25

2. **Ratify** approval of the following professional day requests:

- Lenore Tigue, Math Articulation Meeting, December 11, 2013, mileage reimbursement - \$4.96
- Sunday Bradlee, World Language Articulation Meeting, December 11, 2013, mileage reimbursement - \$4.96
- Barbara Suozzo, Language Arts Articulation Meeting, December 11, 2013, mileage reimbursement - \$4.96
- Barry Kramer, Articulation Meeting, December 11, 2013, mileage reimbursement - \$4.96
- Barbara Suozzo, Sleep Deprivation, Autism & ADHD, November 7, 2013, Registration \$96.00, mileage reimbursement - \$3.60

3. **Approve** the following course application:

- Karen Gerth, Characteristics of Diverse Learners, Centenary College, Spring 2014, Amount of reimbursement - \$1,008. (enclosure XII.C.3)

4. **Approve** the following substitute teacher applications:

- Jonathan Teich
- Phillip Ruperto
- Renee Muia
- Kristen Yancey (enclosures XII.C.4)

F. **OTHER MATTERS-** Mr. Masino congratulated Mrs. Ewing for being named teacher of the year in her district.

G. **NEW BUSINESS-** None

XIV. Board Matters

A. Action Items:

1. **Resolved**, to recognize the community service of Mr. James Foran as a Franklin Township Board of Education member. Thank you for your dedication to the school and our children.
 May 2002 - April 2008
 August 2009 - December 2013
 President - April 2005 - April 2007
 Vice President - May 2011 - December 2012

Motion: Crielly

Second : Ewing

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran		K. Weiss	X
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>			X

2. **Resolved**, to approve the annual board meeting calendar as follows:

The regular monthly meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education in Hunterdon County will be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless indicated with an asterisk) at 6:30 p.m. There will be one meeting during the months of May, July, August, November and December. Meetings will be held at Franklin Township School located at 226 Quakertown Road on the following dates:

January 6, 2014*	January 13, 2014*
February 10, 2014	February 24, 2014
March 10, 2014	March 24, 2014
April 14, 2014	April 28, 2014
May 12, 2014	-----
June 9, 2014	June 23, 2014
July 14, 2014	-----
August 18, 2014*	
September 8, 2014	September 22, 2014
October 13, 2014	October 27, 2014
November 17, 2014*	-----
December 15, 2014*	-----

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried : 7-0

XV. Personnel

A. Action Items:

1. **Ratify** the approval of Marcy Braco and Gail Ferdinando as Paraprofessionals to provide childcare for the Parent Advisory Meeting scheduled on November 21, 2013 and for additional meetings scheduled throughout the year at an hourly rate of \$18.00.

Motion: Crielly

Second : Ewing

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran	X	K. Weiss	X
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>			X

2. **Resolved**, to approve the following stipend position:
 - After School Detention - \$25.00 per hour not to exceed \$600.00

Motion: Ewing

Second : Crielly

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran	X	K. Weiss	X
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>			X

3. **Resolved**, to approve Jennifer Luong to receive a stipend for After School Theater at the hourly rate of \$25.00 not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motion: Ewing

Second : Crielly

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran	X	K. Weiss	X
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>			X

1. Dr. Nicole Braun asked what percentage of the budget is the \$11,000
2. Mr. Shultz thanked the board for listening
3. Dr. Burkhardt wanted to know if a formal meeting with the community was planned regarding the park. President Masino said the park was in the very preliminary stages.
4. Dr. Doug Braun asked if the 1/16/13 park meeting is at the Township. Mr. Masino said it was a closed meeting that would be held at the school.
5. Mr. Taylor commented that the school is too small for all the park facilities planned

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XVII. Executive Session at 7:55pm

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 December 16, 2013 for the purpose of discussing QEA negotiations, HIB incidents and personnel/shared services. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken. Estimated time 1 hour. Action may be taken.

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried 7-0

XVIII. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 8:51pm.

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried 7-0

Mr. Colantano made his presentation to the board of the 2012/2013 audit.

XIX. Executive Session at 9:33pm

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Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried 7-0

XX. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 10:27pm.

Motion: Foran

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried 7-0

XXI. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 10:28pm.

Motion: Foran

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

Carol Delsandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino
Board President

