FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NEW JERSEY 08868 Board of Education MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. The meeting was called to Order by President Masino at 6:35pm and the following Open Public Meeting Announcement was made:

"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 December 26, 2013.

II. Roll Call - Carol Delsandro, SBA/BS

C. Ewing, V.Pres.	Yes	G. Burdick	Absent	C. Cama	Yes
C. Crielly	Yes	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	Yes
R. Masino, Pres.	Yes				

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentations

- A. STEM Curriculum Lindsay Gooditis
- B. Student Council Speeches-Ms. St. Laurent introduced Ms. Kelly Sautner who read her VP candidate speech.
- V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:
 - September 29, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - September 29, 2014 Executive Session

	(att. V posted	on website after approval)
Motion: Ewing	Second: Crielly	Motion Carried: 5-0-0

VI. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Carol Fredericks

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. PTA Update - Mrs. French and Mrs. Forbes- Mrs. French informed the board that the PTA has 130 members and is very pleased. "Just Chill" family day was very successful and fun. Lion seat cushion sales are going very well. She thanked the beautification committee, Whitetail Landscaping for all the work they have done at the school.

2. Enrollment

3. Drafts of 2015-2016 School Calendar

(att. VI.A.2.) (att. VI.A.3)

Dr. Fredericks informed the board that two calendar options, A and B were made and were in their packets. Option B is more closely aligned with the North Hunterdon calendar. She is soliciting staff and parent feedback via a survey. She also informed the board that at her articulation meeting this past Friday North Hunterdon proposed a new calendar that had school starting on August 17th and ending June 7th. Dr. Fredericks told the North Hunterdon Superintendent that Franklin Township could not make the August 17th start date. She would be unable to get the building cleaned in time with all of the summer programs going on. She didn't believe the Franklin Township parents and staff would support the start date, and pension/payments to teachers would be an issue with such an early start date. Mr. Cama also asked about the in service days. Dr. Fredericks said they would not be determined by North Hunterdon until March and she would communicate them to the parents as soon as she received them.

4. HIB Policy 5131.1 - Community Input and Board Training Section B. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Definition

"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

- 1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability; or
- 2. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that
- 3. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other pupils; and that
- 4. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, that the act(s) will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a pupil or damaging the pupil's property, or placing a pupil in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
- 5. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils; or
- 6. Creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil's education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil.

"Electronic communication" means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone, computer, or pager.

B. Presentation of Superintendent's Goals & Objectives - 2014-2015

1. Resolved, to approve	the Superintendent's Goals &	Objectives for 2014-2015.
		(att. VI.B.1)
Motion: Ewing	Second: Crielly	Motion Carried: 5-0-0

Ms. Crielly asked for Data measurement tools. Dr. Fredericks presented her data measurement tools.

VII. Business Administrator Report

A. Information Items:

1. Solar Update

(att. VII.A.1.)

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

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IX. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations- Mr. Masino said the team met earlier today and it was a productive meeting and they are hoping to move forward.
- B. Policy- None
- C. Budget & Finance- None
- D. Curriculum- Ms. Ewing said they met last Wednesday and Ms. Gooditis made the STEM curriculum presentation. Both Ms. Crielly and Ms. Ewing commended Ms. Gooditis on a job well done. They felt the STEM curriculum was very impressive.

X. Correspondence

None

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. BUSINESS

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Reports submitted for the month ending August 2014, which agree with each other and the bank.

(att. XI.A.1)

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS CERTIFICATION

Approve the following resolution:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)3, the Board Secretary certifies that no line account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(a) and; pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(c)4, we certify that as of August 31, 2014, after review of the monthly report (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, to the best of our knowledge no major line account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the entire fiscal year.

3. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Approve the transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2013-2014 school year budget as per the attached list. (att. XI.A.3.)

B. EDUCATION

No Consent Items

C. PERSONNEL

- 1. Approve the following professional day requests:
 - Barry Kramer, Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference, February 9-10, 2015, Registration cost - \$180.00, Mileage Reimbursement -\$71.00
 - Lenore Tigue, Math Articulation Meeting, Oct. 21, 2014, Mileage Reimbursement \$4.96
 - Carol Delsandro, Academy II for Business Administrators, 11/5/14, 1/7/15, 3/5/15, 5/21/15, Registration \$100.00, Mileage Reimbursement \$0
- 2. Approve the following substitute teacher:
 Jaime McDonald (att. XI.C.2.)
 Ms. Ewing commented that this was a very good choice of a substitute teacher.

D. FACILITIES

- 1. **Approve** the following amended use of facility requests:
 - Hunterdon United Basketball/Hunterdon Hoops, Basketball Tournament, April 25, & 26, 2015, 7:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m. (date change originally scheduled April 18 & 19), subject to availability of a custodian.
 - FTS 8th Grade, Gym and APR, Glow Volleyball/Dodge Ball, Dinner, June 5 or 12, 2015, 6:00 11:00 p.m. in lieu of 8th grade semi-formal dinner dance.

(att. XI.D.1.)

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Carol Fredericks, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion: Ewing		Second: Crielly				
C. Ewing, V.Pres.	Yes	G. Burdick	Absent	C. Cama	Yes	
C. Crielly	Yes	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	Yes	
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	Yes					

XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION

1. Action Items:

a. **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the "Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials."

Moved: Ewing Second: Crielly Motion Carried: 5-0-0

b. **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve an in-school drill for "weather emergency" practice in cooperation with the Franklin Township Police.

Moved: EwingSecond: CriellyMotion Carried: 5-0-0The Board thought this was a very good idea. Mr. Masino asked if there was a cost,Dr. Fredericks said no.

c. **Resolved,** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the STEM Curriculum for grades Pre K - 8.

Moved: Ewing Second: Crielly Motion Carried: 5-0-0

- d. **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following draft curricula in anticipation of submission and review by the committee:
 - Visual and Performing Arts Grades K-8
 - Special Education ELA Grades K-8
 - Special Education Mathematics Grades K-8

(emailed) Moved: Ewing Second: Crielly Motion Carried: 5-0-0

B. BUSINESS

1. Action Item:

a. **Resolved**, to approve the following items to be paid from the Maintenance Reserve Account for purposes of security hardware upgrades:

M&W Communications, Inc; 50 Motorola CP200d portable radios and FCC Fee \$17,545.00

Motion: EwingSecond: CriellyMs. Ewing asked when the equipment would be delivered. Mrs. Delsandro said in about
a month.

C. Ewing, V.Pres.	Yes	G. Burdick	Absent	C. Cama	Yes
C. Crielly	Yes	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	Yes
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	Yes				

- C. FACILITIES No Action Items
- D. TRANSPORTATION No Action Items
- E. POLICY No Action Items
- F. OTHER MATTERS No Action Items
- G. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. Board Matters

XIV. Personnel

- A. Action Items:
 - Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Jordan Latanzio as girl's basketball coach for the 2014-2015 season at the stipend of \$2,347.00, subject to changes upon final ratification of the agreement between the FTBOE and QEA. (att. XIV.A.1.)

	Motion: Ewing		Second: Crielly			
C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i> C. Crielly R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	Yes Yes Yes	G. Burdick K. Weiss	Absent Absent	C. Cama F. Yasunas	Yes Yes	

2. Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Cassie Bundy as cheerleading coach for the 2014-2015 season at the stipend of \$1,827.00, subject to changes upon final ratification of the agreement between the FTBOE and QEA.

(att. XIV.A.2.)

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

C. Ewing, V.Pres.	Yes	G. Burdick	Absent	C. Cama	Yes
C. Crielly	Yes	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	Yes
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	Yes				

3. **Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following individual for stipend position for the 2014-2015 school year subject to changes upon final ratification of the agreement between the FTBOE and QEA:

After School Band Instructor (Oct. thru Dec.) - Robin Stone - not to exceed \$540.00

Motion: Ewing		Second:			
C. Ewing, V.Pres.	Yes	G. Burdick	Absent	C. Cama	Yes
C. Crielly	Yes	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	Yes
R. Masino, Pres.	Yes				

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Mrs. French, 224 Sidney Road

She said that 4H families would have difficulty with an August 17th start date as they are very busy at that time with the 4H fair.

She said a parent approached her asking if a calendar with all the dates for band rehearsals and theater could be sent out. Dr. Fredericks said one already was.

Mrs. Paulter- She doesn't personally like an August 17th start date, as it is too early. She would like it aligned as close as possible with the North Hunterdon Calendar. She prefers option B. She also said she likes the changes at the school. Her children are enjoying the STEM program.

XVI. 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 October 13, 2014 for the purpose of discussing QEA negotiations. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion

Second

Motion Carried

Cancelled

XVII. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at _____.

Motion

Second

Motion Carried

XVIII. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 7:32pm.

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

Carol Delsandro Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino Board President