

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2023

For the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education
Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin School Multipurpose Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

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 have 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 12, 2023.

IV. ROLL CALL

<i>Mrs. Karen Sutton, Pres.</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Allison Luciano, V. Pres.</i>	<i>Present at 6:49pm</i>	<i>Mr. Ronald Falcon</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Mrs. Shana Frondorf</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mr. James Giordano</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Carolyn Licwinko</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mrs. Erin Tomasini</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Dr. Nicholas Diaz, CSA</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Lori Tirone, SBA/BS</i>	<i>Present</i>

V. PRESENTATION

A. 2023-2024 Public Budget Hearing - Mrs. Karen Sutton, Board President

B. Presentation of Budget - Dr. Nicholas Diaz, Superintendent and Lori Tirone, Business Administrator

- a. Dr. Diaz discussed armed personnel (Class III officer) or (Resource Officer)
- b. Students discussed the survey of the middle school students
- c. Dr. Gooditis shared staff survey results
- d. Dr. Diaz talked about community results
- e. Mrs. Tirone talked about revenues and appropriation
- f. Dr. Diaz discussed rest of budget

C. Public Comments and/or Questions on the 2023-2024 Budget

- a. A parent discussed safety in our schools and their objection to a Class III officer
- b. A parent discussed security in the school and putting tax dollars to the cameras
- c. A parent discussed the benefit of a Class III officer
- d. A parent discussed not cutting teachers to hire a Class III officer, she also discussed the MD program
- e. A parent supported the Class III officer because Franklin Police could not respond quickly
- f. A parent asked if other local school districts are getting Class III officers
- g. A parent discussed how Class III officers do not work and suggested ALICE training
- h. Dr. Diaz answered questions
 - i. Class III officer will have a handgun and others available
 - ii. MD program
 - iii. Intervention for regular students

D. Board of Education Comments/Questions on the 2023-2024 Budget

- a. Mrs. Frondorf discussed the budget in relation to teaching staff
- b. Mrs. Sutton asked if we participate in Pay to Play

E. Adoption of the 2023-2024 Final Budget

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano to approve the Final Budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for the 2023-2024 school year as approved by the Hunterdon County Department of Education Executive County Superintendent and as recommended by the Superintendent.. The budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and is compliant with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A. The District has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

REVENUE		APPROPRIATIONS	
Fund 10: Operating Budget		Fund 10: Operating Budget	
Local Tax Levy	\$ 6,342,228	Current Expense	\$ 8,114,928
	+ 1% increase (\$62,000)		
W/D Capital Reserve	\$ 200,000	Capital Outlay*	490,459
W/D Maintenance Reserve	\$ 200,000		
Fund Balance	\$ 266,766		
E/O Aid (Est)	\$ 300,000		
State Aid	\$ 549,627		
Tuition and Miscellaneous	\$ 746,766		
Fund 20: Special Funds		Fund 20: Special Funds	
Grant Entitlements (Est)	\$ 94,000	ESEA/IDEA Grants	\$ 94,000
Fund 40: Debt Service		Fund 40: Debt Service	
Tax Levy	\$ 648,800	Repayment of Debt	\$ 648,800
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 9,348,187	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 9,348,187

(*Capital Outlay includes the State Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Grant Funding and Lease Purchase Loan Principal.)

As per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a), the proposed budget provides for a maximum appropriation amount of \$20,000.00 that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement. The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs ensuring the maximum amount is not exceeded.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education received an adjustment for Health Care Costs in the amount of \$96,034.00 and did not use the amount in the 23-24 Budget. It will default to Banked Cap available for future years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education received an adjustment for Enrollment in the amount of \$553,828.00 and did not use the amount in the 23-24 Budget. It will default to Banked Cap available for future years.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves a withdrawal from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the security project of video management and camera equipment including architect and engineering fees. If all funds are not used by the end of the 2023-24 budget year, they must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund by June 30, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves a withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$200,000.00. These funds will be used to offset the cost of Required Maintenance (accounts 11-000-261-XXX); do not exceed the total of Required Maintenance; and cannot be transferred out of Required Maintenance during the budget year. Any unused funds will be returned to the Maintenance Reserve Fund by June 30, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Falcon				x
Mrs. Frondorf	x			

Mr. Giordano	x			
Mrs. Licwinko	x			
Mrs. Luciano	x			
Mrs. Tomasini	x			
Mrs. Sutton	x			
Totals:	6	0	0	1
The motion carried				

F. Approval of Tax Levy Payment Schedule for the 2023-2024 Budget Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve the following tax levy payment schedule to be presented to the Township of Franklin for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Due Date	Amount
July 28, 2023	\$1,165,171.00
September 29, 2023	\$1,165,171.00
November 10, 2023	\$1,165,172.00
January 26, 2024	\$1,165,171.00
March 22, 2024	\$1,165,171.00
May 17, 2024	\$1,165,172.00
Total	\$6,991,028.00 + 1% increase (\$62,000)

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano to approve the Tax Levy Payment Schedule for the 2023-2024 Budget Year.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Falcon				x
Mrs. Frondorf	x			
Mr. Giordano	x			
Mrs. Licwinko	x			
Mrs. Luciano	x			
Mrs. Tomasini	x			
Mrs. Sutton	x			
Totals:	6	0	0	1
The motion carried				

This concludes the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 School District Budget.

VI. MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to approve the March 7, 2023 and March 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting, held on the dates indicated as transcribed, be approved and filed.

March 7, 2023 - Adoption of Tentative Budget Meeting

March 13, 2023 - Regular Meeting

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor and the motion carried.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

**VIII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT– Lori Tirone
BOE Roles and Responsibilities Refresher**

The Four Functions of the Board of Education are:

1. Policy - Provide guidance through policy
2. Planning - Provide for a program of quality instruction to advance student achievement.
3. Appraisal - Provide for effective management of the district by employing and evaluating the chief school administrator (superintendent).
4. Communication - Provide for two way communication between the community and board. You are representatives of the local community and School's Ambassadors to the community.

The Board works as a TEAM. As individuals, board members cannot:

1. Make decisions for the board
2. Take actions for the Board
3. Speak for the Board.

Board members have no legal status other than that of any citizen except when sitting with other board members in a legally constituted meeting.

Remember:

1. Be patient.. You were elected for a term of office; take advantage of the time to learn.
2. Choose to govern professionally; it will determine your legacy. Most important, develop a governance mindset.
3. Be a systems thinker. Connect the dots.
4. Have a strategic focus. Understand and be proud of the awesome responsibility of setting the direction for the district.
5. Commit to deep learning. Always do your homework. You cannot be part of something you do not understand.
6. Be trustworthy; build trust with your board, your district and your community.
7. Contribute to creating a positive, powerful board culture; understand how your board works.
8. Represent the needs of all your community, not a part.
9. Be a leader on your board, in the district, in the community.
10. Always remember you and your board are modeling the ethical and moral standards you expect the children in your district to emulate.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Diaz discussed:

Regionalization Update: At the November 2022 meeting, The Board of Education approved a grant application to participate in a comprehensive regionalization/consolidation study. The grant was officially submitted in June of 2022.

The study will focus on two main regionalization options:

- Formation of a Union/Franklin PK-8 Regional
- Formation of a Union/Franklin/Bethlehem PK-8 Regional

Additionally, the study would analyze a send/receive relationship between

- Union/Franklin- Sending grades 6-8 to Bethlehem
- Union/Bethlehem-Sending grades 6-8 to Franklin
- Bethlehem/Franklin- Sending grades 6-8 to Union

I recently heard back from the state department and learned that we should be hearing soon on the status of our application. If the 120K grant is awarded, the study could take up to 18 months to complete. Upon completion, each board of education will review the findings of the report and discuss them in a public meeting. It is important to note that the boards will not be obligated to adopt any findings presented in the study.

Summer Programs - We are pleased to inform you that FTS is set to host the 2023 summer programs, which will include an extended school year for special education students and summer intervention for select general education students in July. We are also thrilled to announce that, subject to BOE approval, FTS plans to expand our program offerings by introducing a STEM summer program for students in grades 5-8. This potential program is scheduled to run from July 10th to July 27th, Mondays through Thursdays, and will require a fee for participation. Further details will be provided soon.

Letter to the Governor's Office Regarding Funding Resolution - We have sent a letter to the Governor's Office on behalf of the Board of Education. This letter is related to the funding resolution that the Board passed in solidarity with Hunterdon County Schools during the last meeting. Please find the letter [here](#) for your reference.

1. **Class III Officer Discussion (Sharing of Survey Results)**
2. **Security and Fire Drills – 2022-2023**

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drill	8/26/22
Shelter-in-Place (security)	9/1/22
Fire Drill	9/16/22
Fire Drill	10/6/22
Lockdown (security)	10/17/22
Fire Drill	11/4/22
Bus evacuation	11/4/22
Shelter-in-Place (security)	11/30/22
Fire Drill	12/14/22
Active Shooter (security)	12/22/22
Fire Drill	1/17/23
Evacuation (security)	1/30/23
Fire Drill	2/10/23
System Test	2/23/23
Lockdown (security)	2/28/23
Evacuation (security)	3/22/23
Fire Drill	3/31/23
Bus Evacuation	3/31/23

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items Only

A parent suggested adding mics so everyone can hear, gave a preview of Board comments and spoke about the tax levy and transportation.

A parent encouraged the use of mics, wants cameras and bullet proof doors.

XI. AD HOC (Board Goals, Supt Goals/Personnel)/STRATEGIC PLANNING – Mrs. Luciano, Mrs. Tomasini, Mrs. Frondorf
No meeting this month.

XII. FINANCE AND FACILITIES- Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Falcon, Mr. Giordano
MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano to approve Finance and Facilities items D through T.

A. Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary’s Report for the month of February and March 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary’s report for the month of February 2023 and March 2023 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board of Education further certifies, based on the Board Secretary’s certification, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a). **(Administratively withdrawn)**

B. Acceptance and Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the month of February and March 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer’s report for the month of February 2023 and March 2023 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board of Education further certifies, based on the Board Secretary’s certification, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a). **(Administratively withdrawn)**

The Board Secretary certifies, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16:10(c)(3), that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16:10(a).

Lori A. Tirone, Board Secretary

Date

C. Approval of Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of budget transfers as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period of February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023. **(Administratively withdrawn)**

D. Approval of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of district bills for payment as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period of March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$785,304.33.

E. Approve the Use of Facilities

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

Name of Group	Purpose	Location	Days/Dates	Time
FTS	PreK-4 Graduation	Gymnasium	Tuesday June 7, 2023	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Grand Falloons	Assembly	Gymnasium	Wednesday April 5, 2023	8:30am - 11:30am
FTS PTA	Family Trivia Night	Cafeteria	Friday May 12, 2023	4:00pm - 9:00pm

F. Professional Services - BKC, CPA’s, PC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an agreement between Franklin Township School District and BKC, CPAs, PC to provide accounting and auditing services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for a fee of \$19,800.00; such fee not to exceed a 2% increase for the period ending June 30, 2024.

G. Professional Services - Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an agreement between Franklin Township School District and Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP for the 2023 - 2024 school year at the following rates:

- Partners/Counsel \$185/hr.
- Senior Associates \$180/hr.
- Junior Associates \$175/hr.

- Clerks \$130/hr.
- Paralegals \$130/hr.

H. Professional Services - School Physician

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an agreement between Franklin Township School District and Dr. Ronald M. Frank, MD of Green Brook Family Medicine for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for a fee of \$1,500.00. Additional services if needed, are offered on an individual basis, as stated in the proposal.

I. Professional Services - School Consultation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve an agreement between the Franklin Township School District and Platt Psychiatric Associates LLC, to provide as-needed psychiatric services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

J. Cooperative Purchasing Participation - Educational Data Services, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Bid Maintenance Program with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The licensing and maintenance fee will be \$1,255.00.

K. Electronic Methods of Payment

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice #2018-13 was distributed on March 29, 2018 and specifically addressed electronic fund transfers of “EFT” and claimnet certification changes and requirements; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to comply with this LFN and formalize policies to do so; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education will continue to utilize EFT for pension, debt service, payroll, State of NJ payments, Interfund transfers, and flexible spending accounts; and
WHEREAS, the Business Administrator is authorized to initiate those EFT transactions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1 et seq. and to make payment once authorization is granted; and
WHEREAS, these wire transfers are not required to be presented on a monthly bills list for approval because of their routine, non-controversial nature.

L. Purchase of Proprietary Apple Products 2023-2024 School Year

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education has heavily invested time and funds into the acquisition and integration of Apple products in local operations that will be wasted if non-Apple products are used to supplement the existing technology; and
WHEREAS, the use of non-Apple products would require either the wholesale replacement of the technology currently used by the Franklin Township Board of Education or an unstopable level of training, support and maintenance services that would utterly defeat the purpose of the public contracting laws; and
WHEREAS, the Apple technology products sought by the Franklin Township Board of Education are of such a specialized nature that only such products will meet the needs of the Franklin Township Board of Education; now
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of proprietary Apply technology products directly from Apple Inc. for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

M. Tuition Contract - Extended School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement/Extended School Year 2023 between the Union Township Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for the following students:
 Student ID #5890164884 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.
 Student ID #7541149517 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.
 Student ID #3629120294 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.
 Student ID #2993475901 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.

N. Tuition Contract - Extended School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement/Extended School Year 2023 between the Hampton Borough Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #1458272803 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.

O. Tuition Contract - Extended School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement/Extended School Year 2023 between the Alexandria Township Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #6107891099 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.

P. Tuition Contract - Extended School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement/Extended School Year 2023 between the Warren Hills Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #9583918576 at \$242.58 per diem for 18 days. Total contract equals \$4,366.44.

Q. Tuition Contract - Regular School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement Regular School Year 2023/2024 between the Union Township Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for the following students:
 Student ID #5890164884 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.
 Student ID #7541149517 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.
 Student ID #3629120294 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.
 Student ID #2993475901 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.

R. Tuition Contract - Regular School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement Regular School Year 2023/2024 between the Hampton Borough Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #1458272803 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.

S. Tuition Contract - Regular School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement Regular School Year 2023/2024 between the Alexandria Township Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #6107891099 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$49,907.00.

T. Tuition Contract - Regular School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement Regular School Year 2023/2024 between the Warren Hills Board of Education (sending) and the Franklin Township Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #9583918576 at \$242.58 per diem for 181 days. Total contract equals \$43,907.00.

Discussion: Items A through C were administratively withdrawn. Item L was tabled. Mrs. Tomasini and Mrs. Frondorf are against Apple Products, it is proprietary.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Falcon				x
Mrs. Frondorf	x			
Mr. Giordano	x			
Mrs. Licwinko	x			
Mrs. Luciano	x			
Mrs. Tomasini	x			
Mrs. Sutton	x			
Totals:	6	0	0	1
The motion carried				

XIII. CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION - Ms. Tomasini, Mrs. Luciano, Mrs. Licwinko

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano to approve Curriculum and Education items A through B.

A. Math Curriculum Maps

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Math Curriculum Maps for the 2022-2023 school year.

K-8 Math Curriculum Maps
Kindergarten
1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade
7th Grade
8th Grade
Algebra

B. Approval of Field Trips

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trips:

Group	Location	Date
PreK - 8	Lifetown (MD students)	June 2023
8th Grade	Dave & Busters	May 2023

Discussion: Dave & Busters pick-up by parents.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Falcon				x
Mrs. Frondorf	x			
Mr. Giordano	x			
Mrs. Liewinko	x			
Mrs. Luciano	x			
Mrs. Tomasini	x			
Mrs. Sutton	x			
Totals:	6	0	0	1
The motion carried				

XIV. POLICY - Mrs. Tomasini, Mr. Falcon, Mrs. Frondorf - None

XV. NEGOTIATIONS – Mrs. Luciano, Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Licwinko - None

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Luciano for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 pm.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	0

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board of Education discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for open public meetings; (N.J.S.A. 10:4-13) and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to discuss matters that fall within one or more of the statutory exceptions to open public meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), that the Board adjourn from public session and enter into executive session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to Personnel, including recommendations for appointments; termination of employment; terms and conditions of employment; evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or discipline of board employees or prospective employees; changes in salary; changes in assignment; and leaves of absence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in executive session should be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but it is not known at this time when that may be. The Board expects to reconvene into public session in approximately 30 minutes. Action may be taken.

BE IT RESOLVED to return to Open Public Session at 8:28 pm.

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko for the Board to reconvene public session.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	0

XVII. PERSONNEL

MOTION by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano to approve Personnel items A through G.

A. Approve Professional Day Requests

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

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Cost	Mileage Exp.
5/31/23	Mary Alvarez	Beyond Compliance Conference	\$0	.47/mile
6/26/23 - 6/27/23	Mary Alvarez	NJECC Intermediate Google training	\$195.00	Virtual
6/28/23 - 6/29/23	Mary Alvarez	NJECC Advanced Google training	\$195.00	Virtual

B. Approve Volunteer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Sophia DeTorres as a volunteer for the school play for the 22-23 school year.

C. Approve Volunteer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Madisen Hladky as a volunteer for the school play for the 22-23 school year.

D. Approve Substitute Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Brooke Kelman as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate of \$135.00 per day.

E. Approve Summer Intervention Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Summer Intervention substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 12 hours per week, from July 5, 2023 to July 27, 2023:

- Karin Stumpf

F. Approve Summer Intervention/Extended School Year Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Karin Stumpf as a School Counselor for the Summer Intervention Program and Extended School Year Program for the 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week, from July 5, 2023 to August 3, 2023:

G. Amend Rate

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the rate for Joan Colognato as a Home Instructor, to \$35.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

Discussion: QEA contract amount

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Falcon				x
Mrs. Frondorf	x			
Mr. Giordano	x			
Mrs. Licwinko	x			
Mrs. Luciano	x			
Mrs. Tomasini	x			
Mrs. Sutton	x			
Totals:	6	0	0	1
The motion carried				

XVIII. BOARD MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS - None

XVIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XX. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. WHEREAS, the Franklin Township School District Board of Education represents the Franklin Township community, 52 staff members and over 270 students.

WHEREAS, it is our duty to advocate our legislators and Governor on behalf of our constituents for fully-funded schools that allow for the “thorough and efficient” education of all of our students;

WHEREAS, energy, supply, transportation, and facilities costs continue to rise due to inflation;

WHEREAS, school Districts in NJ are facing staffing shortages and need to spend more to recruit, hire, and retain staff;

WHEREAS, students are facing learning loss and mental health challenges that require additional spending;

WHEREAS, the cost of educating special education students in our district continues to rise;

WHEREAS, continued cuts to state aid have detrimental effects on the educational programs provided by Districts;

WHEREAS, State Aid is not distributed transparently and does not reflect the growing enrollment and changing demographics in our communities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Franklin Township School District Board of Education recommends that the State of NJ re-evaluate the funding formula used to determine aid; be it further;

RESOLVED, the Franklin Township School District Board of Education urges the State of NJ to reconsider current cuts in school aid.

B. Shared Services Agreement - Class III Officer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a [Shared Services Agreement](#) between the Franklin Township Board of Education and Franklin Township for a Class III officer for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

C. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on **unfounded** HIB case #132.

D. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on **unfounded** HIB case #133.

E. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on **unfounded** HIB case #134.

F. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on **unfounded** HIB case #135.

XXI. NOTEWORTHY DATES

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Giordano at 8:36pm.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tirone, SBA/Board Secretary