

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING (Virtual)**

February 8, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Link will be posted on the FTS Website

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order

Open Public Meeting Announcement

Pursuant to Executive Order #103, dated March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency in New Jersey. On March 20, 2020, P.L. 2020 Chapter 11 amended the Open Public Meeting Act to allow local public bodies to conduct Remote Public Meetings by use of electronic communications technology during a period declared as a Public Health Emergency or a State of Emergency.

Adequate Notice and Electronic Notice of this meeting was given by:

1. Publication in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 21, 2021;
2. Advance written notice to the Franklin Township Clerk;
3. Advance written notice posted on the bulletin board of the Franklin Township School;
4. Posting of an electronic notice of this meeting on the district website which provided the time, date and instructions for: (a) access to the Remote Public Meeting, (b) how to provide public comment and (c) how to access the agenda.

During the business session portion of this Remote Public Meeting the audio of all members of the public attending the meeting will be muted. During the times of public comment indicated on the agenda, members of the public who desire to provide comment shall submit a written comment via the chat or text message section of the application. The Board Secretary or Board President will read the comments in the order in which they were submitted. Public comment shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory, or obscene language.

1.01 Roll Call – Patricia Martucci, SBA/BS

C. Cama, <i>Pres.</i>	_____	V. Evans	_____	A. Luciano	_____
R. Falcon	_____	K. Sutton, <i>V. Pres.</i>	_____	E. Tomasini	_____
F. Yasunas	_____				

1.02 Flag Salute

2. Presentations - none

3. Minutes

3.01 January 6, 2021 – Reorganization Meeting

3.02 January 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting

(attachments)

Resolved, to approve the above listed minutes.

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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4. **Business Administrator Report - Patricia Martucci**
 - Gov Budget Address / Release of State Aid Figures
 - BoE Relative Financial Disclosure Filing

5. **Superintendent's Report - Nicholas Diaz**

- 5.01 Security and Fire Drills 2020-2021

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drills	September 15 & 17, 2020
Security Drill (Testing of Intercom)	September 22 & 24, 2020
Fire Drills	October 5 & 9, 2020
Security Drill (Lockout)	October 8 & 23, 2020
Security Drill (Evacuation)	October 26, 2020
Security Drill (Testing of Notification System)	November 13, 2020
Security Drill (Shelter in Place)	December 8, 2020
Security Drill (Lockout)	December 11, 2020
Fire Drill	December 14, 2020
Fire Drill	December 19, 2020
Fire Drill	January 11, 2021
Fire Drill	January 14, 2021
Bomb Threat	January 28, 2021

6. **Comments - Privilege of the Floor**

- 6.01 Public Comments

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 and each student's right to privacy. Members of the public who desire to provide comment shall submit a written comment via the chat or text message section of the application, including their name and address. The Board Secretary or Board President will read the comments in the order in which they were submitted. Public comment shall be concise and to the point and shall not contain abusive, defamatory, or obscene language.

7. **Correspondence**

8. **Subcommittee Discussion and Action Items**

All resolutions are upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

8.01 **Ad Hoc** (Board Goals, Supt Goals/Personnel)/**Strategic Plan** – Mr. Cama, Mrs. Luciano, Mr. Yasunas

8.02 **Facilities and Finance** - Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Tomasini

Resolved to approve items 8.02.1 - 8.02.3.

8.02.1 Transportation Waivers and Reinstatement of Transportation

Resolved to approve the transportation waiver for the following student:

- SID# 1589372736

Resolved to approve the reinstatement of transportation for the following students:

- SID# 5757092900
- SID# 3083343491

8.02.2 Waiver of Requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)

Resolved in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b), the Franklin Township Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver of participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2021-2022 school year, due to the district projecting an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students per the October 15, 2020 ASSA report.

8.02.3 Special Education Tuition Contract - Celebrate the Children

Resolved to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract between the Franklin Township Board of Education (sending) and Celebrate the Children (receiving), an approved private school for students with disabilities for Student #8291912759 for the 2020-2021 school year at the tuition rate of \$73,260.00 and extraordinary services rate of \$27,000.00 prorated from January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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8.03 **Curriculum & Education** – Mr. Falcon, Mrs. Luciano, Mrs. Tomasini

8.04 **Policy** - Mrs. Evans, Mr. Falcon, Mrs. Tomasini

8.04.1 **Resolved**, to adopt, after a second reading, the following policy:

- 4119.24/4219.24 Staff/Volunteer Conduct with Students **(attachment)**

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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8.05 **Negotiations** - Mr. Cama, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Yasunas

9. 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.

9.01 Budget and Finance

9.01.1 Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

Approve the Secretary/Treasurer’s Reports submitted for the months ending January 2021, which agree with each other and the bank. **(attachments)**

9.01.2 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 January 2021 after review of the monthly reports (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.

9.01.3 Transfer of Funds

Approve the transfer of uncommitted funds within the 2020-2021 school year budget as per the attached list. **(attachment)**

9.01.4 Bill List

Approve the January, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$647,030.10. **(attachment)**

9.02 **Education**

No consent items.

9.03 **Personnel**

9.03.1 Approve the following professional day requests:

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Cost	Mileage Exp.
3/2/21 & 3/4/21	Elisabeth Alexander	Learn Coding & Robotics for Your STEM Program	\$229.00	N/A

9.04 **Facilities**

No consent Items

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Nicholas Diaz, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans				
Mr. Falcon				
Mrs. Luciano				
Mrs. Sutton				
Mrs. Tomasini				
Mr. Yasunas				
Mr. Cama				
Totals:				

10. **Board Matters/New Business**

11. **Public Comments- Privilege of the Floor**

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12. **Executive Session**

12.01 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 February 8, 2021 for the purpose of discussing 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. The board expects to reconvene into public session in approximately _____ hours/minutes. Action will / will not be taken.

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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12.02 **Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at _____pm.**

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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13. **Personnel - All resolutions are upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.**

13.01 **Resolved** to accept, with regret, the retirement of Minga Cullen, Resource Room Teacher, effective March 1, 2021. **(attachment)**

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans				
Mr. Falcon				
Mrs. Luciano				
Mrs. Sutton				
Mrs. Tomasini				
Mr. Yasunas				
Mr. Cama				
Totals:				

14. **Other Business**

15. **Adjournment**

15.01 **Resolved to** Adjourn from the Public Meeting at _____.

Motion	Second	By Voice Vote	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent