

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. The meeting was called to order by President Masino at 6:32pm and the following Open Public Meeting Announcement was read:

"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 January 3, 2013.

II. Roll Call - Carol Delsandro, SBA/BS

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama arrived 6:36pm
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran	arrived 6:39	K. Weiss X
F. Yasunas	arrived 7:15pm	R. Masino, <i>Pres</i>	X	

Also present Dr. Fredericks, Superintendent and Carol Delsandro, Business Administrator

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentations - None at this time

V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:

- October 28, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- October 28, 2013 - Executive Session

Motion Ewing

Second Crielly

(cherry enclosures V.)
Motion Carried 5-0

VI. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Carol Fredericks

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. Student Delegate- Candy Greczylo polled students on what electives they would like. Volleyball, Soccer, Engineering, Photoshop. She reported that she was in the meeting with the food service vendor and they would be doing a taste test. They would also start offering a buffalo chicken wrap and turkey hoagie.
2. PTA Update- Mr. Masino read an email from Mrs. Paulter. The school dance on November 1st was not well attended and the PTA lost \$100. They are reluctant to have another dance. They wanted to ask if they would be reimbursed for the pond once it is returned. The board

said they would be. The Wellness committee will be offering Zumba and Yoga classes starting in January. The cost is \$5 per person per session and half of the proceeds will be going to the PTA. They are moving forward with the cookbook fundraiser. Teacher conferences were not well done for the Middle School. The PTA wanted to know if they could get NJ ASK comparison scores for other sending districts to North. Dr. Fredericks said that information is available on DOE website. Mr. Masino requested that the administration put together a synopsis about what the school is doing to increase the language arts scores. Mr. Weiss would like the administration to inform the board of the information prior to sending it to parents so the board is informed and could answer any parent inquiries.

3. Enrollment **(gold enclosure VI.A.3.)**
4. Choice Information – We have 4 applications in and we already have 5 children which is our state mandated maximum. Dr. Fredericks passed around two recent newspaper articles regarding choice and certain districts receiving funds for seats that were not filled. Mr. Weiss’s appointment with the Commissioner Cerf was rescheduled to December 16th at 2:30pm.
5. Parent/Teacher Conferences- Dr. Fredericks said the middle school conferences were not as well organized as parents would have liked. Overall 53% of the children had conferences.
6. Professional Development- We continue to have quite a lot of professional development. SGO training was completed and everyone but one was submitted. Future training will include Dyslexia, iPad and various Language Arts and Math.

VII. Business Administrator Report

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. Update on Park **(lavender enclosure VII.A.1.)**
Two proposals were submitted and Dr. Fredericks sent an email to the township requesting a meeting to go over the proposals.
2. Update on Solar **(white enclosure VII.A.2.)**
The board discussed the solar array layout and decided on the rectangular layout. The board approved the additional expense to the attorney for the deed restriction work.
3. Update on Pond- Mrs. Delsandro informed the board that the insurance company was not in favor of the pond. The insurance company also requested if we moved forward with the pond they wanted a 4 foot fence around it. It was decided that the pond would not be installed and sent back. The PTA will be reimbursed the money.
4. Update on Food Service- Mrs. Delsandro updated the board on her meeting with Marlene Jenkins and Hallie Halsey of Maschios. Also present were the PTA wellness committee and Candy Greczylo. We have to follow the K-8 portion sizes. We would not receive commodities and reimbursements if we don’t follow the program requirements. Soup is being offered almost daily. We will be starting Pizza day twice a month. Marlene will be reaching out to local pizza establishments. Candy said the students would like more raw vegetables instead of cooked. Maschios will be having a tasting day at the school to see what the children like. Mr. Weiss said that he would like in the future to discuss other options for food service.

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

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.

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Candy Greczylo, 7 Sky Manor Road

Comment about the Halloween dance. She informed the board that there was a football game at North so that may be why the attendance was low. She also said that in the past the dance was held during the day while the younger children had their class parties.

She was concerned about vandalism by the solar panels. The board told her there would be a locked fence surrounding the array.

She also said the Middle school conferences were not well run.

Minga Cullen, staff member

She said she was speaking on behalf of someone. That person did not know that the children who purchased the lunch could go back for additional fruits and vegetables.

She stated that teacher participation in events such as the Halloween Dance is not in the teacher's contract.

IX. Subcommittee Updates

A. Negotiations - closed session discussions

B. Policy - None

C. Budget & Finance- Mr. Burdick informed the board that they had their first 2014/2015 budget meeting at 5pm 11/18 and if there were any questions to call Mrs. Delsandro.

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 October, 2013, which agree with each other and the bank.

(white enclosure 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 October 31, 2013, 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. (white enclosure XI.A.3)

4. **Approve** the November 2013 bill list in the amount of \$343,808.10. (white enclosure XI.A.4)

B. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** Erin Snyder, a student enrolled in the Early Childhood Program at the College of Saint Elizabeth, to observe our preschool classroom as part of the requirements for course of study.

C. PERSONNEL

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

- Pamela Watkinson, Primary Teacher Workshop Utilizing Children's Story Books to Introduce Holocaust/Genocide Education, Present Concepts of Bias, Prejudice & Bullying, 12/3/13, at a registration cost of \$0 plus mileage reimbursement of \$16.43.
- Donna Browning, Orton-Gillingham Training, December 2-6, 2013, Registration cost of \$975.00 plus mileage reimbursement of \$177.10

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

- Lenore Tighe, Math Articulation Meeting, 11/4/13, mileage reimbursement of \$4.96.

3. **Amend** the professional day request approved for Jennifer St. Laurent at the 10/14/13 board meeting to include reimbursement for tolls in the amount of \$17.20.

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

- Dania Schreiber
- Thomas Hansen

(yellow enclosures XI.C.4)

D. FACILITIES

1. **Approve** the following use of facility applications:

- PTA, Health & Wellness Committee, Zumba & Yoga Classes, Old APR, Thursdays, January 9 - March 27, 2013, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. - Fundraiser @ \$5.00 per participant per session (purple enclosure 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, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	J. Foran	X	K. Weiss	X
F. Yasunas	X	R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>			X

XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION

1. **Resolved**, to approve the Franklin Township Board of Education Career Education Curriculum for grades K-8, aligned to the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, per QSAC Corrective Action Plan.

(white enclosure XII.A.1.)

Motion Crielly

Second Foran

Motion Carried 8-0

B. BUSINESS

1. Action Items:

- a. **Resolved**, to dispose of the following obsolete or damaged library books:

Cricket's Cookery
 Candies, Cookies, Cakes
 Ask about the Home
 Love at First Bite
 Food Fun
 How to Have Fun Sewing
 How to Make Something out of Practically Nothing
 The Colonial Cookbook
 Christmas Gifts Good Enough to Eat
 Christmas Cooking Around the World
 Girl Scout Cookbook
 The Kids' Kitchen Takeover
 North American Food and Drink
 The Popcorn Book
 Naming Living Things
 A+ Projects in Biology
 Outdoor Things to Do
 Fall
 Spring
 Protecting Trees and Forests
 When Autumn Comes
 Dirty, Rotten, Dead
 The Desert is Theirs
 Forests and Jungles
 Eggs

Resolved, to officially accept the certified election results from the Clerk of the County of Hunterdon.

Motion Ewing

Second Foran

Motion Carried 8-0

XIV. Personnel

A. Action Items:

1. **Resolved**, to approve the following advisors for the Ski Club sponsored by the PTA:

- Jason Farnsworth
- Diana Russillo

Motion Foran

Second Crielly

Motion Carried 8-0

2. **Resolved**, to approve the following volunteer coaches:

- Boys Basketball - Chad Foster
- Girls Basketball - Doris Billings

(salmon enclosures XIV.A.2)

Motion Foran

Second Burdick

Motion Carried 8-0

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No Public Comments

XVI. Executive Session at 7:46pm

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 November 18, 2013 for the purpose of discussing QEA negotiations and pending litigation. 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 30 minutes. Action will not be taken

Motion Ewing

Second Crielly

Motion Carried 8-0

Mr. Foran left executive session at 8:34pm

XVII. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 9:24 p.m.

Motion Burdick Second Crielly Motion Carried 7-0

XVIII. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Motion Ewing Second Crielly Motion Carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

Carol Delsandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Robert Masino
Board President