

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
NEW JERSEY 08868  
Board of Education  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
March 11, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

**I. President Robert Masino called the meeting to order and read the following public meeting announcement:**

*“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. A quorum was not initially achieved, but Mr. Weiss arrived and a quorum was achieved at 6:37 p.m.*

Also in attendance, Dr. Davis, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Fredericks, School Business Administrator; Vito Gagliardi, Solicitor.

**II. Roll Call - Dr. Carol Fredericks, SBA/BS**

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arrived 6:37 p.m.)
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres</i>	.x		

*A quorum was achieved at 6:37.*

*Also present were Dr. Broadus Davis, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Carol Fredericks, BA; Vito Gagliardi, Solicitor*

**III. Flag Salute-attendees saluted the flag**

**IV. A. Presentation - Kindergarten - Dr. Petersen and Mrs. Brokaw**

Kindergarten Program Update

The full day program has provided the students with the gift of time, which furthers the delivery of the Core content standards. The students have a double language block in the a.m., and the afternoon is devoted to the reinforcement activities.

Language arts focus is upon letter recognition, phonics, sight word vocabulary.

Number recognition, sets, shapes, adding and subtracting and reinforcing skills in the classroom. The students use the iPad 3s every day to reinforce core skills; they especially enjoy them because they are engaging for the students.

Handwriting skills have become better developed this year because of the additional length of the school day. Further gains have been displayed in all curricular areas.

President Masino commended Dr. Petersen for her presentation and hard work and dedication.

## **B. Presentation by Gabel Associates, Mr. Joseph Santaiti, Engineer**

Mr. Santaiti described the proposed solar array, the 400 kw sizing, and the net metering laws which allow us to put 100% of our usage on the array, but no more. The developer will be asked to install the array as far north of the field as possible. The project will allow the board to enjoy fixed price certainty of power. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding emergency road access, buffering with shrubs, screening, fencing, etc. The fence is 6-8'; the board would expect this to operate in conjunction with existing ordinances. Mr. Gagliardi noted that the board of education is not responsible for local land use laws, but if it is an issue, the private developer would be responsible.

The current access road could be used if a gravel access road is not installed. The county has agreed to provide free of charge millings, which are pulverized asphalt which is rolled and hardens into an access road.

## **V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:**

- February 25, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- February 25, 2013 - Executive Session

Motion : Ewing                      Second: Weiss                      (buff enclosure)  
By voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

## **VI. Interim Superintendent's Report - Dr. Davis**

### **A. Informational/Discussion Items:**

1. PTA Update - Vivian Paulter(absent) Mr. Masino reported the Science Fair was a big success, with 20 more participants this year than last. In April an assembly will be held with Abraham Lincoln interactive question and answer.
2. Update on Facilities- Dr. Davis/Dr. Fredericks Commendations were given by Dr. Davis to the Kindergarten team for their presentation, and the board's support of early education. The generator is now installed and working. The bond was sold and refinanced in capital markets, with a net savings to the board of \$185,085.08 over the life of the remaining bond years. Dr. Fredericks will be speaking at NJ School Boards on flood preparedness.
3. Enrollment—293 (goldenrod enclosure)
4. Staff Attendance - 95.1% January
5. Ms. Rose Kasperkoski was commended for creating an updated policy index

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

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None at this time.

## VIII. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations-none
- B. Policy-none
- C. Finance -none
- D. Community Park

Review and Discussion of Proposed Field Improvements—Mr. Burdick described a committee meeting between the board, administration and green acres and farm preservation officials. Although there was not interest in having the state preserve the board's 20 acre field because it is too small. We have interest in sharing the field with the township for public recreation. The board has created a draft document for discussion with township officials and to offer our site for recreation development. It appears that soccer and lacrosse are highly desired locally, which will help us create a school choice magnet opportunity. The board wishes to retain ownership of the property, but also gives the community what it desires without the cost of acquisition of land. Dr. Davis observed that this plan is supported by the data analysis from the community survey.

Next steps are to meet with the township subcommittee, and then plan to move forward. Mr. Burdick will set up the meeting. (white enclosure)

## IX. Correspondence

- North Hunterdon - Voorhees Regional High School District-
- SDA

(pink enclosures)

## X. 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

No consent items

### B. EDUCATION

1. Approve the following field trips:

- Grade 6 - Camp Bernie, June 13 & 14, 2013

- Grade 6 - Duke Estate, May 30, 2013

(green enclosures)

2. Approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

(blue enclosure)

**C. PERSONNEL**

1. **Ratify** the following professional day request:

- Lenore Tigie, March 4, 2013, Math Articulation Meeting, High Bridge Middle School - mileage reimbursement of \$5.58.

**D. FACILITIES**

1. **Approve** the following use of facilities requests:

- Eighth Grade Fundraiser (PTA), "Health, Wellness, Awareness Night," Gym, APR, March 22, 2013, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Eighth Grade Fundraiser (PTA), Car Wash, Parking Lot, April 27 & May 4, 2013, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(purple enclosures)

**Resolved**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Broadus Davis, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion:\_Ewing                      Second :Cama

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arrived 6:37 p.m.)
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres</i>	.x		

**XI. Discussion & Action Agenda**

**A. EDUCATION**

No Action Items

**B. BUSINESS**

1. **Action Items:**

- a. Budget Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget be approved for the 2013-2014 School Year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline; and

	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>2013-14 Total Expenditures</b>	5,690,015.00	107,497.00	662,079.00	6,459,591.00

<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<u>561,913.00</u>	<u>107,497.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>669,410.00</u>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>5,128,102.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>662,079.00</u>	<u>5,790,181.00</u>

TO advertise said tentative budget in the Hunterdon Democrat/Easton Express, in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Franklin Township Elementary School, Quakertown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey on March 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year, with the regularly scheduled meeting to follow immediately after the Budget presentation.

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arr. 6:37 p.m.)
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres</i>	.x		

**b. 2013-2014 Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement**

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$4,000 for all staff and board members.

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C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss
F. Yasunas	absent	R. Masino, <i>Pres</i> .x		x (arrived 6:37 p.m.)

**c. Appointment of a Fund Commissioner to the School Alliance Insurance Fund**

**Resolved**, by the School Board of Franklin Township, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Dr. Carol A. Fredericks, Business Administrator, as the Fund Commissioner to the School Alliance Insurance Fund for the 13-14 school year, and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the School Alliance Insurance Fund.

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres</i> .	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arr. 6:37 p.m.)
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**d. Resolved**, to issue Request for Proposals and receive Proposals for Review for all Professional Services Contracts for the FY 2013-2014, as follows:

- Accounting Services
- Architect Services
- Insurance Services
- Auditing Services
- Legal Services-General Matters

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**C. FACILITIES Addendum—Resolved** to approve the appropriation of maintenance reserve funding in the amount of not to exceed \$10,000 for the purpose of upgrading the softball and baseball fields for the purpose of fielding two teams for boys and girls in the 12-13 school. Ewing/Burdick.

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres</i> .	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arrived 6:37 p.m.)
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**D. TRANSPORTATION**  
No action items

**E. POLICY**

No action items

**F. OTHER MATTERS** - Mr. Weiss thanked Mr. Foran for many years of service running portable generators, in light of the finished installation of the emergency generator.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**-Ms. Ewing noted that mandatory recess may need to be reviewed in light of NJ School Boards proposed Policy.

**XII. Board Matters**

**XIII. Personnel**

**A. Action Item:**

- Resolved**, to approve Jennifer Larsen as girls' softball coach at the stipend of \$1,791.00 as per the agreement between the Franklin Township Board of Education and the Quakertown Education Association.

Ewing/Cama

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	x	G. Burdick	x	C. Cama	x
C. Crielly	absent	J. Foran	absent	K. Weiss	x (arrived 6:37 p.m.)
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Motion carried 5-0-0.

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Joann Coe-Sidney Road asked if the township has permission to test the soil on the 20 acre field. Consensus was that she did have permission to test the soil.

**XV. 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 March 11, 2013 for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the QEA and personnel matters, and matters of attorney client privilege. It is expected that the results of the discussion undertaken in closed session will be made public at the time official action is taken.7:55 p.m. estimated to be 20 minutes. No action will be taken.*

Motion: Ewing      Second: Burdick      By voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

