

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

*January 13, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.*

**A G E N D A**

**I. The meeting was called to order by President Masino at 6:34pm 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 December 26, 2013.*

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

**II. Roll Call - Carol Delsandro, SBA/BS**

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

**III. Flag Salute**

**IV. Student Presentation**

Several 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders reenacted the Martin Luther King Jr’s’ “I had a dream speech”. They will be having a performance for the school and parents on Friday January 17,2014 in the FTS theater.

**V. Grievance Hearing**

- A. Salary Guide Placement for New Hires
- B. 2014-2015 School Calendar

Grievance hearing was moved to executive session

**VI. Resolved,** to approve the following minutes:

- January 6, 2014 - Reorganization Meeting
- January 6, 2014 - Regular Meeting
- January 6, 2014 - Executive Session

(att. VI. - posted on website after approval)

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried:4-0-2

## **VII. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Carol Fredericks**

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

1. Staff Attendance - November
  2. 2014-2015 School Calendar - Draft  
Calendar is aligned with the North Hunterdon calendar
- (att. VII.A.2)

## **VIII. Business Administrator Report**

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

1. Solar - DEP Information- Mrs. Delsandro informed the board that she attended a meeting in Trenton on January 9<sup>th</sup> with the DEP. The meeting went well, the DEP is allowing FTS revert areas of the grounds back to their natural state. The DEP agreed to issue FTS a wetlands deed restriction when the paperwork is filed. Mrs. Delsandro will be working to get the proper paperwork filed with the DEP
2. Township Meeting- Mrs. Delsandro informed the board that there will be a meeting at FTS concerning site proposals on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **IX. 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.

Those wishing to share comments during this portion of the meeting are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be given three minutes.

Minga Cullen- QEA president FTS. Mrs. Cullen stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the QEA has been working without a contract. She stated that she hopes the board will honor the contract as it was written.

Lori Vail- she told the board she read an article about School Choice funding being halted and asked the board if that would be a factor in the development of the park.

## **X. Subcommittee Updates**

- A. Negotiations - None
- B. Policy-None
- C. Budget & Finance- Mr. Masino reported that the committee had a meeting prior to this meeting and informed the board that the deadline for the submission of the budget has been moved to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **XI. Correspondence**

None

## XII. 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. **Approve** the January 2014 bill list in the amount of \$442,881.09.

(att. XII.A.1.)

### B. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following field trip:

- Grade 2, RVCC Planetarium, April 9, 2014 (att. XII.B.1 - confidential/student security)

### C. PERSONNEL

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

- Carol A. Fredericks, The Role of the Superintendent in AchieveNJ: Compliance and Practice Affecting the Evaluation of Teachers and Leadership Team, January 17, 2014, Registration Cost of \$120.00, mileage reimbursement \$0.
- Pamela Watkinson, Children of the Holocaust, April 10, 2014, Registration Cost \$0, mileage reimbursement \$0.
- Barbara Suozzo, HSPA/ASK Boot Camp, January 15, 2014, Registration Cost \$0, mileage reimbursement \$0.

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

- Alysia Pinkerton

(att. XII.C.2- confidential/personnel)

### D. FACILITIES

No consent items

**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	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	X
R. Masino, <i>Pres.</i>	X				

## XIII. Discussion & Action Agenda

### A. EDUCATION

1. Summer 2014 Program - July 21-25, July 28 - August 1, August 4 - 8

**Resolved**, to approve the 2014 Summer Program schedule and posting and advertisement of stipends at \$25.00 per hour for program instruction and \$10.00 per hour for paraprofessional support.

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

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

**B. BUSINESS**

1. **Resolved**, to approve the split funding of salary for 2014 NCLB Title IIA, Improvement of Instruction as follows:

NAME	POSITION CONTROL NUMBER	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Sophia Van Ess	ADM-SC-SUP-NA-01	20-271-100-100-000-000	7,151.00
	BENEFITS	20-271-200-200-000-000	1,645.00
	ADM-SC-SUP-NA-01	11-000-221-104-000-000	72,689.50

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

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

2. Fund 30 Capital Reserve Interest

**Resolved**, to approve the transfer of interest in the amount remaining as of June 30, 2013, of \$866.07 in Fund 30, to Fund 40 Debt Service, for the purpose of debt reduction in the FY 14-15 budget.

Mr. Burdick stated that he thought the interest could not be moved for seven years. The motion was tabled

**C. FACILITIES**

No action items

**D. TRANSPORTATION**

No action items

**E. POLICY**

No action items

**F. OTHER MATTERS**

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Burdick would like a statistic on the arrival of all staff. Dr. Fredericks said that was not something that was currently being kept track of. A resolution was made.

**Resolved**, to authorize Dr. Fredericks to provide the board a monthly report of on time attendance of all employees.

Motion: Burdick

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 6-0

**XIV. Board Matters**

**XV. Personnel**

No action items

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

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No public comments

**XVII. Executive Session at 7:09pm**

**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 January 13, 2014 for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, proposed litigation, 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. Estimated time one hour, action will be taken*

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 5-1-0

**XVIII. Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 7:57pm**

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

Motion Carried: 6-0

Mr. Burdick stated that he voted no to go into executive session because what was said in executive could not be repeated in public session.

A discussion was had regarding the calendar grievance. It was pointed out that QEA contract language specifically states that the board had the final say in the calendar.

Article V: Work Calendar

A. School Calendar

“The Superintendent shall submit a draft of the proposed school calendar to the Association for review and comment. Withing two weeks, the Association shall return any comments. The final determination of the calendar shall be made by the Board.”

A discussion by the board was had regarding the grievance regarding salary guide placement. The board stated that they are obligated to follow the law. Specific to this discussion 6A:23A -9.3

A motion was made

**Resolved**, to deny both the 2014/2015 calendar grievance and the placement on the guide grievance filed by the QEA.

Motion: Ewing

Second: Crielly

C. Ewing, <i>V.Pres.</i>	X	G. Burdick	X	C. Cama	X
C. Crielly	X	K. Weiss	Absent	F. Yasunas	X
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Mr. Yasunas asked what the plan of action was for iPad use in the classrooms. Dr. Fredericks informed the board that the technology teacher was now going into the classrooms during technology period and introducing new apps. Dr. Fredericks also informed the board that during the evaluation feedback time she was showing the teachers coding apps. Finally, Dr. Fredericks informed the board that she is considering expansion of current programs, STEM and Technology as a full time instructional position.

Mr. Yasunas asked about the extra time in the morning for the staff. Dr. Fredericks said she will be looking at the work day for next school year.

Mr. Masino informed the board that Mr. Weiss would not be returning to the negotiating committee. Mr. Yasunas asked what the time commitment was for the negotiating committee members. Mr. Burdick stated that the other party has no say in who is on the negotiating committee.

**XIX. Resolved**, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at **8:18pm**

Motion: Crielly

Second: Ewing

Motion Carried: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by:

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Carol Delsandro  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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Robert Masino  
Board President