

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

**February 8, 2021**

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Cama, President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.  
 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 determined that a quorum was present.

Present: Mr. Cama, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Luciano, Mr. Falcon, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Tomasini, Mr. Yasunas (arr. 6:55 p.m.)  
 Also present: Mr. Diaz, Superintendent and Ms. Martucci, SBA/BS

1.02 Flag Salute - Mr. Cama, President, led all assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

2. **Presentations** - none

3. **Minutes**

- 3.01 January 6, 2021 – Reorganization Meeting
- 3.02 January 19, 2021 – Regular Meeting

**Resolved**, to approve the above listed minutes.

Motion Luciano	Second Sutton	By Voice Vote	Yes 5	No 0	Abstain 1 (CC)	Absent 1 (FY)
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4. **Business Administrator Report - Patricia Martucci**

- Gov Budget Address / Release of State Aid Figures - February 23-25
- BoE Relative Financial Disclosure Filing - the NJDOE is experiencing technical difficulties.

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

As of today, all of our students, grades K-8, are able to attend in-person instruction on a daily basis. We still have 10 total students opting to attend school virtually. We would like to thank the Board of Education for giving us time to prepare for the additional students last week. Thank you to Mr. Schwar and the custodians for moving the classrooms we needed.

- NJ.COM did a story on the success of the shared services between Franklin and Union. We posted a link to the story on our social media accounts.
- The Franklin and Union team will be presenting on February 24th for the west coast. The Washington School Public Relations Association asked the team to present at their virtual workshop. The title of the presentation is Supporting Employees with Family Communications
- Congratulations to Ms. Goodits and Ms. Stumpf for helping FTS become a 2021 Kindness certified school. Kindness Certified School Districts commit to create a culture of kindness at their schools, communities and the world.
- Ms. Gooditis and Ms. Alexander will be representing FTS at the 1st Annual Sustainability Education Week hosted by Monmouth University. The goal of this week is to educate the community about sustainability issues and share best practices and provide networks of support for schools and teachers. Ms. Gooditis and Ms. Alexander will be sharing best practices on the iSteam curriculum units.

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. **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

7. **Correspondence** - Nothing at this time.

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  
 A meeting is scheduled on February 11, 2021 with Union Township to discuss the Superintendent’s Contract.

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 Evans	Second Luciano	By Voice Vote	Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1 (FY)
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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

Motion Luciano	Second Sutton	By Voice Vote	Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1 (FY)
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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.

**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.

**9.01.4 Bill List**

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

**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: Sutton

Seconded by: Tomasini

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans	X			
Mr. Falcon	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mrs. Sutton	X			
Mrs. Tomasini	X			
Mr. Yasunas				X
Mr. Cama	X			
Totals:	6	0	0	1

**10. Board Matters/New Business**

Mr. Cama reported that he, Mr. Palma, President of Union Township BOE, and Mr. Diaz are looking into meeting with the Bethlehem Township BOE to discuss the possibility of sharing a Superintendent and if the district is seriously considering this option.

**11. Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public at this time.

**12. Executive Session - 6:42 p.m.**

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 15 minutes. Action will not be taken.

Motion Luciano	Second Sutton	By Voice Vote	Yes 6	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 1 (FY)
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12.02 **Resolved, to return to Open Public Session at 7:00 pm.**

Motion Luciano	Second Evans	By Voice Vote	Yes 7	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 0
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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.

Motion by: Luciano                      Seconded by: Sutton

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Evans	X			
Mr. Falcon	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mrs. Sutton	X			
Mrs. Tomasini	X			
Mr. Yasunas	X			
Mr. Cama	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

14. **Other Business** – nothing at this time.

15. **Adjournment**

15.01 **Resolved to** Adjourn from the Public Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion Luciano	Second Sutton	By Voice Vote	Yes 7	No 0	Abstain 0	Absent 0
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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Martucci, SBA/Bd. Secretary