

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
NEW JERSEY 08868
Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING

October 27, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order

Open 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 December 26, 2013.

II. Roll Call - Carol Delsandro, SBA/BS

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

III. Flag Salute

IV. Presentations - none

V. Resolved, to approve the following minutes:

- October 13, 2014 - Regular Meeting

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

Motion

Second

Motion Carried

VI. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Carol Fredericks

A. Information/Discussion Items:

1. PTA Update - Mrs. French and Mrs. Forbes
2. Enrollment (att. VI.A.2.)
3. Calendar Survey Responses
 - a. Staff (att. VI.A.3.a.)
 - b. Parents (att. VI.A.3.b.)
4. Lunch Menu Survey Responses
5. HIB Policy 5131.1 - Community Input and Board Training
Section C. Pupil Expectations

The Board expects pupils to conduct themselves in keeping with their levels of development, maturity and demonstrated capabilities with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other pupils and school staff, the educational purpose underlying all school activities and the care of school facilities and equipment consistent with the Code of Pupil Conduct.

The Board believes that standards for pupil behavior must be set cooperatively through interaction among the pupils, parents, school employees, school administrators, school volunteers, and community representatives, producing an atmosphere that encourages pupils to grow in self-discipline. The development of this atmosphere requires respect for self and others, as well as for school district and community property on the part of pupils, staff, and community members.

Pupils are expected to behave in a way that creates a supportive learning environment. The Board believes the best discipline is self-imposed, and it is the responsibility of staff to use instances of violations of the Code of Pupil Conduct as opportunities to help pupils learn to assume and accept responsibility for their behavior and the consequences of their behavior. Staff members who interact with pupils shall apply best practices designed to prevent pupil conduct problems and foster pupils' abilities to grow in self-discipline.

The Board expects that pupils will act in accordance with the pupil behavioral expectations and standards regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying, including

1. Pupil responsibilities (e.g., requirements for pupils to conform to reasonable standards of socially accepted behavior; respect the person, property and rights of others; obey constituted authority; and respond to those who hold that authority);
2. Appropriate recognition for positive reinforcement for good conduct, self-discipline, and good citizenship;
3. Pupil rights; and
4. Sanctions and due process for violations of the Code of Pupil Conduct.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(a)1, the district has involved a broad-base of school and community members, including parents, pupils, instructional staff, pupil support services staff, school administrators, and school volunteers, as well as community organizations, such as faith-based, health and human service, business and law enforcement, in the development of this Policy. Based on locally determined and accepted core ethical values adopted by the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1(a)2, the Board must develop guidelines for pupil conduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1. These guidelines for pupil conduct will take into consideration the developmental ages of pupils, the severity of the offenses and pupils' histories of inappropriate behaviors, and the mission and physical facilities of the school district. This

Policy requires all pupils in the district to adhere to the rules established by the school district and to submit to the remedial and consequential measures that are appropriately assigned for infractions of these rules.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1, the Superintendent must annually provide to pupils and their parents or guardians the rules of the district regarding pupil conduct. Provisions shall be made for informing parents or guardians whose primary language is other than English.

The district prohibits active or passive support for acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Pupils are encouraged to support other pupils who:

1. Walk away from acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying when they see them;
2. Constructively attempt to stop acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying;
3. Provide support to pupils who have been subjected to harassment, intimidation, or bullying; and
4. Report acts of harassment, intimidation, and bullying to the guidance counselor.

VII. Business Administrator Report

A. Information Items:

1. Reminder - Board Goals and Objectives - December 15th meeting
2. Solar Update
3. Maschio's 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.

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.

IX. Subcommittee Updates

- A. Negotiations
- B. Policy
- C. Budget & Finance
- D. Curriculum
- E. Communications

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 September 2014, which agree with each other and the bank.

(att. 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 September 30, 2014, 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.

(att. XI.A.3.)

4. **Approve** the October 2014 bill list in the amount of \$714,954.70.

(att. XI.A.4.)

B. EDUCATION

1. **Approve** the following Honorary Student Board of Education Members:

- Caroline Thompson - November, December and January
- Casey Vitiello - February, March and April
- Jonathan Murry - April, May and June

C. PERSONNEL

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

- Angela McVerry, NJ Core Curriculum Content Standard 9.2 and Career Ready Practices Regional Workshops, 11/18/14, Registration cost - \$0, Mileage reimbursement - \$0
- Dr. Fredericks and Karen Gerth, Curriculum Showcase for Pre-K (High Scopt, Tools of the Mind, and Creative Curriculum) 11/10/14, Registration cost - \$0, Mileage reimbursement - \$0

D. FACILITIES

No Consent Items

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. Carol Fredericks, to approve the above stated consent agenda items.

Motion_____

Second _____

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* _____
C. Crielly _____
R. Masino, *Pres.* _____

G. Burdick _____
K. Weiss _____

C. Cama _____
F. Yasunas _____

XII. Discussion & Action Agenda

A. EDUCATION

1. Action Items:

- a. **Resolved**, to approve the 2014-2015 Franklin Township School District Dyslexia Screening Procedures per PL 2013, Chapter 210 and 18A:40-52 et.seq. to be posted on the District Website under parent's section. **(att. XII.A.1.a)**

Motion

Second

Motion Carried

b. NJSQSAC Statement of Assurance Resolution

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education and its Chief School Administrator have reviewed the District’s New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Statement of Assurance for 2014-2015 and have determined that all items of the Statement of Assurance have been satisfactorily completed in accordance with applicable requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby affirms the accuracy of the School District’s Statement of Assurance.

(att. XII. A.1.b.)

Motion_____

Second _____

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* _____
C. Crielly _____
R. Masino, *Pres.* _____

G. Burdick _____
K. Weiss _____

C. Cama _____
F. Yasunas _____

4. **Resolved**, to amend the current 2014-2015 Legal RFP scope of services to include General Counsel Services.

Motion_____

Second _____

C. Ewing, *V.Pres.* _____
C. Crielly _____
R. Masino, *Pres.* _____

G. Burdick _____
K. Weiss _____

C. Cama _____
F. Yasunas _____

C. FACILITIES
No Action Items

D. TRANSPORTATION
No Action Items

E. POLICY
No Action Items

F. OTHER MATTERS
No Action Items

G. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. Board Matters

XIV. Personnel
No Action Items

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XVI. Resolved, to Adjourn from the Public Meeting at _____.

Motion

Second

Motion Carried