

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2024

For the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education
Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin School Multipurpose Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Giordano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mr. Giordano led all assembled in the Flag Salute.
- III. **STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:** - Mr. Giordano read the following statements:
In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice has been given of tonight's meeting in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Express Times and has been 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 and posted on the school website on January 4, 2024.
- IV. **ROLL CALL** - Mr. Kramer called the roll and declared a quorum was present.

Present:	Mrs. Colleen Cummins Arrived at 6:31 p.m.	Absent:	None
	Mrs. Shana Frondorf Arrived at 6:33 p.m.		
	Mr. James Giordano	Also Present:	Dr. Nicholas Diaz
	Mrs. Caroline Licwinko		Mr. Mark Kramer
	Mrs. Allison Luciano		Lindsay Gooditis
	Mr. Craig Metz		
	Mr. Brett Palmer		

- V. **PRESENTATION**
District Communication - **Dr. Lindsay Gooditis**
Preliminary 2024-2025 Budget - **Dr. Nicholas Diaz and Mr. Mark Kramer**

- VI. **MINUTES**
 - Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to approve action item VI.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on the dates indicated below as transcribed be approved and filed:

- February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 20, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

VII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VIII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT– Mr. Mark Kramer

- The Financing Facility Committee met on March 13 at 12:30 PM for approximately 1 hour.
- The tentative timelines for the referendum reviewed with the committee.
- Current projections for revenue and expenditures for June 30, 2024 reviewed with the committee.
- The 2024/2025 budget reviewed with the committee.
- Reviewed the resolutions under section XII Finance and Facilities XII A through G.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Nicholas Diaz

- Teacher Climate and Culture Innovation Grant
- Nataly Jimenez honored with the NJSBA's Unsung Hero Award

Security and Fire Drills – 2023-2024

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drill	7/20/23
Security Drill - Communication System Test	7/31/23
Fire Drill	8/30/23
Security Drill - Hold in Place	8/31/23
Security Drill - Shelter in Place	9/13/23
Security Drill - Secure	9/15/23
Fire Drill	9/28/23
Fire Drill	10/23/23
Security Drill- Active Shooter	10/30/23
Bus Evacuation Drill	11/7/23
Security Drill - Hold in Place	11/7/23
Fire Drill	11/30/23
Security Drill- Lock Down	12/7/23
Fire Drill	12/21/23
Security Drill - Lock Down	1/23/24
Security Drill - Bomb Threat	2/15/24

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drill	2/29/24
Fire Drill	3/15/24

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sandra Marzo, 227 Pittstown Road - Corporate partnerships to support budget.
- Rebecca Armayast, 133 Old Franklin School Road - Budget relating to pay to play and gifted and talented program.
- Angela Martin-Monshon, 40 Quakertown Road - Budget relating to reserves, bank, interest, 2.5% increase for teachers, healthcare contributions, outsourcing transportation, cost analysis of classrooms.
- James Witkowski, 243 Cherryville Road - Budget relating to inflation and the total cost of tax increases including the municipality, the regional high school and the County.
- Charlyn Lynch, 234 Quakertown Road - Budget relating to funds for technology and security.

XI. AD HOC (Board Goals, Supt Goals/Personnel)/STRATEGIC PLANNING – Mrs. Luciano*, Mrs. Frondorf, Mr. Giordano

- Mrs. Luciano - Met and discussed communications.

XII. FINANCE AND FACILITIES- Mr. Giordano*, Mrs. Licwinko, Mr. Metz

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Luciano to approve action item XII A through G.

- A. Acceptance of the February 2024 Financial Reports
- B. Approval of Budget Transfers for February 2024
- C. Approval of February 2024 Bills List
- D. Approval of Use of Facilities
- E. Adoption of the Tentative Budget for School Year 2024/2025
- F. Travel, Maximum Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
- G. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commissions Contracted Services for Public School Services

A. Acceptance of the February 2024 Financial Reports

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Franklin Township Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that the sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligation, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Franklin Township Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary’s, and Treasurer’s reports; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports for the month ending February 29, 2024 are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Franklin Township Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for the month ending February 29, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary and Franklin Township Board of Education certify that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the district’s financial obligation.

B. Approval of Budget Transfers for February 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line-item accounts for each line-item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:22-8; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy #3160 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, transfers in the report “Budget Transfers” for the time period of February 2024 were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that Franklin Township Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the report “Budget Transfers” for February in fiscal year 2023-2024, approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line-item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district’s financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators.

C. Approval of February 2024 Bill List

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Boards of Education to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

WHEREAS, a list of bills for the month of February 2024 are being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified, approved and paid; and

WHEREAS, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$1,259,693.65 for February 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the list of bills is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting.

D. Use of Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following use of facilities requests.

Name of Group	Purpose	Location	Days/Dates	Time
goHunterdon	Parking Lot Safety Presentation	Gymnasium	April 9, 10, & 12, 2024	Push in to PE Clas
goHunterdon	Protect Your Melon Presentation	Gymnasium	April 9, 10, & 12, 2024	Push in to PE Clas
FTS PE & PTA	Field Day/ Fun Fair	Cafeteria, Theatre, Gymnas Baseball Field, Soccer Field, Softball Field	5/30 & 5/31/24	All Day
FTS Staff - Preschool	Mother’s Day Tea	Cafeteria	5/9/24	9:15 - 10:15 AM
FTS Staff - Preschool	Preschool Graduation	Gymnasium and Theatre	6/4/24	10:45 AM

FTS PTA	Q-Crew BBQ	Parking Lot	4/26/24	4-5 PM
FTS Staff	Masked Reader Assembly	Theatre	6/7/24	During the day
FTS Staff	Eighth Grade Graduation	Gymnasium	6/10/24	Evening

E. Adoption of the Tentative Budget for School Year 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Franklin Township Board of Education, to adopt the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget, administration will provide to the New Jersey Department of Education, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget and supporting documentation as required by the Commissioner of Education to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for their review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget was prepared to be consistent with the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) focusing on quality performance indicators in all five areas of school district effectiveness; Operations Management, Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Personnel and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget was prepared consistent with the district’s Finance Policy 3100 addressing budget preparation, with primary consideration given to educational priorities identified by the Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget is designed to carry out the educational plan in a thorough and efficient manner, to maintain school district facilities, and to honor continuing obligations of the district; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget evolved primarily from the needs of the schools as expressed by the Principal, the Supervisor of Special Services, the Supervisor of Curriculum and the Supervisor of Facilities and as expressed by the Superintendent of Schools, and is compatible with approved district plans; and

WHEREAS, the tentative 2024/2025 budget was constructed consistent with the School Funding Reform Act of 2008, under which a district could apply for some tax levy adjustments to cover extraordinary conditions such as, for health benefit cost increase above two (2) percent; an enrollment adjustment, and banked cap, the results which would increase local taxes above the two (2) percent cap; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education tentative 2024/2025 budget will not include the use of the health care cost adjustment to offset the various costs associated with the increased cost of healthcare due to not being eligible; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education tentative 2024/2025 budget will not include the use of the enrollment adjustment to offset the various costs associated with the increased of students to the district due to not being eligible; and

WHEREAS, the proposed base budget includes adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1, where the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and will increase the base budget in the amount of \$299,380 for the purposes of maintaining the academic programs, educational services and programs in compliance with the state and local academic goals, including funds to support staffing needs; the addition of staff and benefits associated with the additional staff; the loss of revenue sources from the reduction in school choice aid,

reserves not available for use in 2024/2025; increased special services costs; where said needs will be completed by the end of the budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time; and

WHEREAS, included in budget line 620, Budget Withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$523,933 for addressing the districts needs in a capital project; and

WHEREAS, included in budget line 630, Budget Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve, is \$7,807 for addressing the districts needs in various maintenance activities; and

WHEREAS, included in budget line 580, Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating, is \$520,294; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget being submitted to the Department of Education consists of general fund tax levy that should be raised for General Funds in the amount of \$6,831,875 for the ensuing 2024/2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, the district’s tentative 2024/2025 budget being submitted to the Department of Education also consists of a required debt service fund tax levy that shall be raised for Debt Service Funds in the amount of \$644,800 for the ensuing 2024/2025 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves for the 2024/2025 school year using the 2024/2025 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A 1 and F-6:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2024-2025 Total Expenditures	\$ 9,203,069	\$ 580,061	\$ 644,800	\$ 10,427,930
Less: Anticipated Revenues & Sources	2,371,194	580,061	-	2,951,255
Taxes to be Raised	6,831,875	-	644,800	7,476,675

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to advertise said tentative budget in the Hunterdon Democrat in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law in the public hearing on the budget for the 2024/2025 school year will be held at the Franklin Township Elementary School located at 226 Quakertown Road, Quakertown New Jersey 00868 on Tuesday, April 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for banked cap in the amount of \$299,380, in accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:23A-10.3(b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority in the adjustment will be used to/for the purposes of maintaining the academic programs, educational services and programs in compliance with the state and local academic goals, including funds to support staffing needs; the addition of staff and benefits associated with the additional staff; the loss of revenue sources from the reduction in school choice aid, reserves not available for use in 2024/2025; increased special services costs; where said needs will be complete this by June 30, 2025 and acknowledges that it cannot be deferred were we currently completed over a longer period of time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the budget a capital reserve withdraw in the amount of \$523,933 for:

- \$378,933 Upgrade Technology/Video Management Server/Cameras
- 75,000 Architectural Services
- 55,000 Door Hardware
- 15,000 Track Upgrade and Exercise Stations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdraw in the amount of \$7,807 for the purpose of supporting the purchase of maintenance equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the budget a budgeted fund balance - operating withdraw in the amount of \$520,294; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools hereby certifies that the 2024/2025 budget submitted does present a balanced budget with an adequate amount of funds to provide for a thorough and efficient education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall hereby forward to the Commissioner of Education the budget statement, budget statement certification, form A4F (Certification and Report of School Taxes, 2024/2025 school year), supporting documentation, as required by statute and code and make any necessary adjustments to the budget in order to receive approval from the County Offices in order to advertise for public hearing the 2024/2025 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2(a), the board establishes for public relations and each type of professional service, a maximum level of spending for the ensuing 2024/2025 school year as follows:

SERVICE	NOT TO EXCEED
Legal	\$28,000
Audit	\$25,000
Architect	\$100,000
Other Administrative Services	\$460,000
Extraordinary Services	\$500,000
Professional Development	\$25,000

F. Travel, Maximum Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., and

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:23A Subchapter 7 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 \$1,500 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:23A Subchapter 7, but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Franklin Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 school year is \$75,000.00, which, \$20,679.00 has been spent and \$2,675.00 is encumbered to date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Franklin Township Board of Education out of district travel and reimbursement forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$35,000.00 for all staff and board members for the 2024-2025 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

G. Hunterdon County Educational Services Commissions Contracted Services for Public School Services

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve an Agreement between the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Board of Education and the Franklin Township Board of Education for Public School Services for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with the 2024/2025 rate schedule.

- Motioned withdrew by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded withdrew by Mrs. Luciano to approve action item XII A through G.
- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to approve action item XII A through G excluding E.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Items A through G excluding E.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Frondorf to approve action item XII E.

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item E.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XIII. CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION - Mrs. Luciano*, Mrs. Frondorf, Mrs. Cummins

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Frondorf to approve action item XIII A through D.

A. Preschool Expansion 2024-2025 Application

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Franklin Township Board of Education approves administration to submit the application to the State of New Jersey for the Preschool Expansion Grant for the 2024-2025 school year as attached.

B. Teacher Culture and Climate Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the application for the Teacher Culture and Climate Grant Application in the amount of \$75,000.

C. Approval of Field Trips

Grade	Destination	Date
8th Grade	Hershey Park	June 4, 2024
Preschool	Whispering Pines Alpaca Farm	April 30, 2024
Art Club	Hunterdon Art Museum	April 11, 2024

D. Shared Services Agreement - Union Township School District - Physical Therapist - Amended

BE IT RESOLVED, to amend the August 21, 2023 resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education enter into a shared services agreement with the Franklin Township Board of Education to share the services of a Physical Therapist at a cost of \$29,798.90 and a per diem rate of \$62.05 per hour for the extended school year program.

To read,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Franklin Township Board of Education enter into a shared services agreement with the Franklin Township Board of Education to share the services of a Physical Therapist at a cost of \$29,798.90 plus an additional \$5,521.12 (\$62.74 x 4 hrs/wk = \$250.96 x 22 wks) for a total of \$35,320.02 and a per diem rate of \$62.05 per hour for the extended school year program.

- Motioned by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to amend resolution D to read ...shared services agreement with the Union Township Board of Education.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XIII A through D as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XIV. POLICY - Mrs. Frondorf*, Mrs. Licwinko, Mrs. Cummins

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve action item XIV A through D.

Action Items

- Adopt- Regulation 5131.1 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying - Second Reading
- Adopt- Policy 5615 - Suspected Gang Activity - Second Reading
- Adopt- Policy 6471 - School District Travel - Second Reading
- Adopt- Policy 9001 - Identification - Second Reading

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XIV A through D.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in “Executive Session,” i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Education has determined that the following issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10: 4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the matter(s) to be discussed, reviewed, or heard before the Franklin Township Board of Education, detailed as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.2 et. seq., shall include HIB investigation(s); and

WHEREAS, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 15 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for the above stated reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the subject will be made public at such time as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion to approve the above executive session resolution for the Franklin Township Board of Education adjourning to closed session to discuss student matters relating to HIB investigation(s), wherein the length of time for the executive session is expected to be approximately 15 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to approve action item XV at 8:20 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mr. Palmer for the board to reconvene into public session at 8:31 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XVI. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Frondorf*, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Licwinko

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve action item XVI A through C.

A. Appointment - Spring Drama Club Advisor - Stipend Position

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education approve the following employees for the stipend positions listed below for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Position	Amount
Jessica Mauceri	Spring Drama Club Advisor	\$1,592

B. Approve Professional Day Requests

BE IT RESOLVE, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following professional day requests:

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Cost	Mileage & Other Costs	Total Cost Not To Exceed
3/20/24	Courtney Panerali	CPR Training	\$60	\$5.64	\$65.64
3/20/24	Katherine Matassa	CPR Training	\$60	\$5.64	\$65.64
3/21/24	Lillian Bickhardt	Sustainable Jersey - TCNJ	N/A	\$23.50	\$23.50
3/21/24	Trina Lahman	Sustainable Jersey - TCNJ	N/A	\$23.50	\$23.50
3/21/24	Dr. Lindsay Gooditis	Sustainable Jersey - TCNJ	N/A	\$23.50	\$23.50
4/11/24	Dr. Lindsay Gooditis	Regional Preschool Administrator Meeting - Mercer County Library	N/A	\$14.10	\$14.10
4/10/24 thru 4/12/24	Austin van-Spanje	Nurtured Heart Training	N/A	N/A - Virtual	No cost to the district

4/12/24	Courtney Panerali	NHA Sensory Processing Strategies	N/A	N/A - Virtual	No cost to the district
4/12/24	Kate Paquette	NHA Sensory Processing Strategies	N/A	N/A - Virtual	No cost to the district
6/4/24 thru 6/7/24	Mark Kramer	NJASBO Annual Conference	\$0.00	\$675.00	\$675.00

C. Approve Substitute Teachers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year through June 30, 2024 at the rate of \$135.00 per day, pending fingerprints, background check and health exam.

Parul Shah	Tracy Jenkinson
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Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XVI A through C.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XVII. None

XVIII. BOARD MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS

Information only - Hunterdon County - ESC - Mrs. Licwincko

- Attended a meeting on March 5 and updated the board.

XVIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Stephanie Palmer, 16 Wolverton Road - parent welcoming information and student drop-off.

XX. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on unfounded HIB Case #261781
- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to affirm the Superintendent’s decision on unfounded HIB Case #261772

Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XX A & B.

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Cummins	X			
Mrs. Frondorf	X			
Mrs. Licwinko	X			
Mrs. Luciano	X			
Mr. Metz	X			
Mr. Palmer	X			
Mr. Giordano	X			
Totals:	7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

XXI. NOTEWORTHY DATES

Next meeting is April 30, 2024 - Public Budget Hearing and Adoption

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Frondorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Voice Vote:

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kramer
Board Secretary