

**FRANKLIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY**

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Franklin Avenue Middle School
755 Franklin Avenue, 8:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT**

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. This does not extend to Board discussions of pending or active litigation, contract negotiation, and matters involving the confidentiality and privacy rights of students and employees. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the School website; published in the Board's designated newspapers: *The Record* and *The Suburban News*; and mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice. In addition, please be aware that employees of this School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the business of the schools and, therefore, are not public meetings, but meetings held in public. As a reminder, the Board of Education has a "BOE Suggestion Box" located on the District Website under "Board of Education." The Board welcomes your questions, input and suggestions.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Peter Koulikourdis, Dr. Jennifer Marcus, Ms. Susan McGowan, Mr. Robert Medeiros, Ms. Kathie Schwartz, Ms. Jackie Veliky. Mr. Michael Ben-David and Ms. Shirley O'Reilly were absent.

5. **SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Jeffrey Merlino

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. McGowan	Seconded by Mr. Koulikourdis
To approve Minutes from the meetings on February 10, 2015	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORTS**

None

8. **APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS CERTIFICATION**

None

9. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- 2015-16 Draft Calendar Discussion – Dr. Furnari discussed
- Update on PARCC Readiness – I had the opportunity to experience first hand some of the PARCC preparation activities going on in our schools. Practice sessions and Infrastructure Trials were conducted, during which, teachers were able to walk students through the PARCC process, while experiencing how the technology is expected to behave during the actual assessment. These activities gave our students and staff the opportunity to trouble shoot and explore the PARCC platform outside of the actual testing window.
- CSA Evaluation Process – Mr. Al Annunziata, NJSBA Field Rep
- Report of Committees
 - Community Relations – Dr. Marcus updated Board
 - Curriculum – Ms. McGowan updated Board
 - Operations – Mr. Koulikourdis updated Board
 - Negotiations - None
 - Policy – Ms. McGowan updated Board
 - Technology - None

10. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Ms. McGowan	Seconded by Dr. Marcus
To approve motion to open the meeting to public discussion on agenda items	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

FLEA Union member read statement to rectify economic losses.

Motion by Ms. McGowan	Seconded by Dr. Marcus
To approve motion to close the public discussion and re-enter the regular public meeting.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION #	TOPIC
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	
	NONE
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS	
1BGO	SYNERGY SHARED SERVICES UPDATE
Motion by Ms. Schwartz to TABLE 1BGO until liability issue is resolved	Seconded by Ms. Veilky. Motion carried 6-1-0 YES: Koulikourdis, Marcus, Medeiros, Schwartz, Veliky, McGowan NO: Merino ABSTAINED: None
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	
1CUR	APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS
Motion by Ms. McGowan To approve 1CUR	Seconded by Ms. Veliky. Motion carried unanimously.
FINANCE	
1F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION FOR 2015/2016
Motion by Ms. McGowan To approve 1F	Seconded by Ms. Veliky. Motion carried unanimously.
PERSONNEL	
1P	APPROVAL OF STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES
Motion by Ms. McGowan To approve 1P	Seconded by Ms. Veliky. Motion carried unanimously.
POLICY	
	NONE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. NONE

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS

#1BGO

RESOLUTION NO. 11650

SYNERGY SHARED SERVICES UPDATE

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Synergy Project Report of the Synergy Task Force and approves the Shared Services Agreement for Lending of Vehicles and Equipment.

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: February 24, 2015
Attachment

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

#1CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11651

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the field trips listed on the attached summary.

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: February 24, 2015
Attachment

FINANCE

#1F

RESOLUTION NO. 11652

JOINT TRANSPORTATION FOR 2015/2016

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Lakes Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region I/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2015/2016 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Franklin Lakes Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region I/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: February 24, 2015
Attachment

PERSONNEL

#1P

RESOLUTION NO. 11653

APPROVAL OF STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the attendance of staff members at the conferences listed on the attached summary.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: February 24, 2015
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POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. NONE

12. **SUSPENSION REPORT** – Dr. Furnari reported 1 suspension at FAMS and 1 at Elementary School
13. **ENROLLMENT REPORT** – Dr. Furnari updated the Board
14. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Vision Statement:

In pursuit of our district's vision to build a learning environment where all children and adults take ownership to become imaginative, reflective, information age explorers and contributors to society, by developing in students a life-long commitment to learning, a sense of personal and social responsibility, healthy self-esteem, and a respect and appreciation of diversity, I offer the following update on our progress toward District Goals.

Our first goal speaks to the importance of Student Achievement, assessment and program evaluation.

- On Friday, February 20th, I had the privilege of being invited to the Read Across America celebration at High Mountain Road School. I would like to thank Mrs. Bajzath, her staff and students for allowing me to be part of this very special event. Upper grade students performed a skit that was reflective of both their love of reading and a heartfelt plea to the audience to support their book drive. The drive is intended to bring donated books to children who do not have books of their own to read at home. After the performance, students from each class escorted one of the special guest readers to their classroom. Mr. Solokas and I, who were among those guest readers, read to second grade classes, where we not only shared a great piece of children's literature, but also spent time answering student's questions. Today, I received a thank you note from each child in the class I spent time with. What a wonderful way to spend a morning. I truly enjoy opportunities to spend time with teachers and students.
- Today I conducted the last of four Coffee Chats, held during the month of February at each of our schools. These were casual, open forum events during which parents engaged in dialogue with me as well as with other members of the administrative team, and in some cases members of the Board as well. Thank you to Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Veliky for attending. The upcoming PARCC administration, school safety, curriculum, parent workshops, and homework were some of the topics discussed as these events. I want to thank district and building administrators for joining me and for adding to the depth of these conversations. I hope parents who were able to attend found these chats informative. I know I learned a great deal from our conversations.

Our second goal speaks to the professional development of administrators and staff in support of teaching and learning.

- We continue to engage in a variety of professional learning opportunities. Recently, staff members have participated in ongoing PARCC activities, technology training, peer classroom visits, and demonstrations lessons conducted by our district staff developers.

Our third goal is about communication.

- As you can see, this evening the Board is piloting the use of Schoolboard.net. This program, which was adopted at our last meeting, is intended to help the Board to achieve its 2014-2015 goal to "Go Green". During the transition from a paper agenda and attachments to this paperless platform, we will make a few paper copies available to the public, but we encourage you to access Schoolboard.net from our district website. The link is found under the Resources menu.
- Please don't forget to look for the next issue of School News & Views, which will be published later this week.

Finally, Our fourth goal is related to Financial & Resource Management.

- Planning for the 2015-2016 budget continues. As I reported at our last meeting, there will be additional important upcoming discussions that will result in the allocation of resources to support the educational and operational needs of our Schools and our District for the 2015-2016 school year. As always, Mr. Solokas and I want to thank the Board and the public for your willingness to help us to ensure that we continue to plan for the efficient and effective use of the resources available to us.

This concludes tonight's update. I am happy to address any questions you may have. Thank you.

15. **BOARD COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS** – Ms. McGowan will attend NJSBA Legislature meetings.

16. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY TOPIC OF CONCERN – 30 MINUTES**

- Motion to open the meeting to public discussion
- Please follow the guidelines as stated under "Questions and Comments from the Audience on Agenda Items"
- Motion to close the public discussion and re-enter the regular public meeting

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. McGowan	Seconded by Dr. Marcus
To approve motion to adjourn meeting at 9:55 p.m.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

 Michael Solokas
 Business Administrator/Board
 Secretary