

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Franklin Avenue Middle School
755 Franklin Avenue, 8:15 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 Ridgewood News* and *The Record*; 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**

Ms. Christine Christopoul, Mr. Laurence Loprete, Ms. Susan McGowan, Mr. Robert Medeiros, Ms. Shirley O'Reilly, Ms. Kathie Schwartz, Mr. Craig Urciuoli, Ms. Jackie Veliky. Mr. Michael Ben-David was absent.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly
To approve Minutes from the meeting on October 14, 2014	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.

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

None

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

None

8. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- Incidences of Violence and Vandalism – Dr. Furnari reported
- NJASK Data Testing Presentation – Ms. Ann Jameson presented
- NJASK Data Testing Presentation Q&A– 20 minutes

- Board Goal Setting – Board discussed

9. **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTES)**

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly
To approve motion to open the meeting to public discussion on agenda items	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.

None

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly
To approve motion to close the public discussion and re-enter the regular public meeting.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION #	TOPIC
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	
1CW	AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE #021
Motion by Mr. Loprete To approve 1CW	Seconded by Mr. Urciuoli. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
2CW	ADOPTION OF 2014-15 DISTRICT GOALS
Motion by Mr. Loprete To approve 2CW	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried 7-1 YES: Christopoul, McGowan, Medeiros, Urciuoli, Veliky, O'Reilly, Loprete NO: Schwartz Mr. Ben-David was absent.
3CW	APPROVAL OF 2014-15 NURSING SERVICES PLAN
Motion by Mr. Loprete To approve 3CW	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
4CW	ADOPTION OF 2014-15 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS
Motion by Mr. Loprete To approve 4CW	Seconded by Mr. Urciuoli. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS	
1BGO	APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN & M1 WORKSHEET
Motion by Ms. Christopoul To approve 1BGO	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	

1CUR	APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH WINSOR LEARNING
2CUR	APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS
3CUR	APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH THE PHOENIX CENTER
Motion by Ms. Veliky To approve 1-3CUR	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
FINANCE	
1F	APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL PTA FUNDRAISER FOR WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL FOR THE 2014/15 SCHOOL YEAR
Motion by Mr. Urciuoli To approve 1F	Seconded by Ms. Veliky. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
PERSONNEL	
1P	APPROVAL OF STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES
2P	APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
3P	APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE GATES, LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER, FRANKLIN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Motion by Ms. O'Reilly To approve 1-3P	Seconded by Mr. Loprete. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.
POLICY	
1POL	SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #6171.4: SPECIAL EDUCATION
Motion by Ms. McGowan To approve 1POL	Seconded by Ms. Veliky. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David was absent.

#1CW

RESOLUTION NO. 11565

AFFIRMATION OF HIB CASE #021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision and finding of no HIB offense in HIB Investigation No 021 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s decision to the students’ parents and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTENTIONS:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Resolution was adopted by the Franklin Lakes Board of Education by a majority vote at its duly authorized meeting on October 28, 2014.

MICHAEL J. SOLOKAS
Board Secretary/School Business
Administrator

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

#2CW

RESOLUTION NO. 11566

ADOPTION OF 2014-15 DISTRICT GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education adopts the 2014-15 District Goals for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

Attachment

#3CW

RESOLUTION NO. 11567

APPROVAL OF 2014-15 NURSING SERVICES PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Nursing Services Plan for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

Attachment

ADOPTION OF 2014-15 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes board of Education adopts the 2014-15 Board of Education Goals for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 14, 2014
Attachment

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS

#1BGO

RESOLUTION NO. 11569

APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN & M1 WORKSHEET

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves and submits Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 for the 2014-15 school year.

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of Franklin Lakes are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Lakes School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Franklin Lakes in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

Attachment

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

#1CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11570

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH WINSOR LEARNING

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the Professional Development Agreement between Winsor Learning and the Franklin Lakes Public Schools to deliver the Sunday System Reading Intervention refresher course for Special Education teachers on October 30, 2014 in the amount of \$1,375.00 funded by the Curriculum budget.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

Attachment

#2CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11571

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

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

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: October 28, 2014

Attachment

#3CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11572

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT WITH
THE PHOENIX CENTER**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the Professional Development Agreement between The Phoenix Center and the Franklin Lakes Public Schools to deliver the "Maintaining Consistency in Delivery of Services" three-hour Workshop for CAPS Teachers on October 31, 2014 in the amount of \$500.00 funded by the Curriculum budget.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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FINANCE

#1F

RESOLUTION NO. 11573

**APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL PTA FUNDRAISER FOR
WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following additional PTA fundraiser for Woodside Avenue School:

- Five Below 3-Day Fundraiser, with 10 percent of total sales to benefit Woodside Avenue School

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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PERSONNEL

#1P

RESOLUTION NO. 11574

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 _____

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Attachment

#2P

RESOLUTION NO. 11575

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the following as Substitute Teacher(s):

Rosemary Cali
Carol Hohausen-Nizza
Janice LaNeve
Eileen O'Brien

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above appointment(s) are subject to proof of compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1b, Criminal History Records Checks for Substitutes.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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**APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE GATES, LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER,
FRANKLIN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the appointment of Michelle Gates, Language Arts Teacher, Franklin Avenue Middle School to be placed at Step 1, Class BA, on the teacher’s salary guide at a salary of *\$50,885.00 (prorated) plus \$4,000 additional period stipend (prorated) effective November 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make application for approval of the employment of Michelle Gates to the Commissioner of Education on an emergent basis for a period of three months pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1c pending clearance of a Criminal History Records check.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment is expressly contingent upon Michelle Gates executing the Board’s customary employment contract, containing a sixty (60) day termination clause.

* SALARY TO BE ADJUSTED UPON RATIFICATION OF SUCCESSOR BOARD/FLEA AGREEMENT

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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POLICY

SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY #6171.4: SPECIAL EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves a second reading for revised Policy #6171.4: Special Education.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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11. **STUDENT SUSPENSION REPORT** – Dr. Furnari reported no suspensions.

12. **ENROLLMENT REPORT** – Dr. Furnari updated Board

13. **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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. This evening we heard from Mrs. Jameson about the results of the Spring 2014 NJASK, which included some key points relevant to our students' level of proficiency on grade level skills aligned to state standards. This data is relevant as one of the many indicators used by teachers and administrators to refine curriculum, instructional methods, and to gain an understanding of the needs of our students after grade level instruction has been delivered. As you know, we will be moving to the PARCC assessment this year in the state of New Jersey. There is a good deal of information regarding PARCC for teachers, parents, and the community, that can be accessed through our district website. There will be additional information provided in the next issue of School News & Views regarding these PARCC resources.

The schools have been very busy in the past couple of weeks. Schools celebrated a state-wide Week of Respect that included activities related to character education. Elementary activities included the celebration of Mix It Up Day, when students enjoyed lunchtime conversation with students they normally don't sit with to get to know one another better. The CRS Helping Hands Committee consisting of 5th grade students was organized, while staff at WAS walked in support of a member of the staff on Sunday. HMR students and staff. "Teamed Up for Healthy Goals". At FAMS, students celebrated the World Day of Bullying Prevention, viewed a multi-media presentation entitled Quest for Respect, and wrote to service men & women as a "Random Act of Kindness". During my school walkthroughs students taught me about problem-solving in Math, they demonstrated the thought process for setting up an experiment related to force & motion in science, and speculated about how it must have felt to be among those immigrating to America by ship in Social Studies. Children continue to demonstrate their eagerness to learn from our very talented teachers.

October 27th began Red Ribbon Week. All of our schools have activities planned that address Drug Prevention and Making Healthy Choices. We want to thank Mayor Bivona and Detective Jost for visiting our schools to talk with our students this week.

Earlier today the Department of Curriculum & Instruction in collaboration with our elementary principals, presented to a group of parents on the district's CSI program. After the overview and introduction of staff, parents had the opportunity to visit 4 centers where they experienced some of the activities in which their children engage in the CSI classroom. I would like to thank Mrs. Jameson, principals and the CSI teaching staff for making this opportunity possible.

September 15th - October 15th was Spanish Heritage Month. Students participated in a variety of activities including virtual visits to Spanish speaking countries, author studies, and learning about famous artists, sports figures, performers, authors, explorers, and scholars, as well as cultural celebrations like El Día del los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead.

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

October 31st is the district's next Professional Development opportunity for staff. Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Caliso, and school principals have many important opportunities planned with a focus on professional learning pertinent to each teacher.

Our Special Education staff will participate in Step Up to Writing training on October 30th and 31st, and the Phoenix Center will be providing training for CAPS staff as well.

Our third goal is about communication.

Preliminary results are in with regard to the district's Kindergarten survey. Data gathered from families within our district indicate that 86% of respondents would consider sending their child to a Full Day Kindergarten program if it was offered by the Franklin Lakes Public Schools, and 66% indicated that they preferred a Full Day program to a modified day program. Some of the reasons for this preference

given were that children are “already enrolled in full day Pre-K programs, so it seemed logical to send them to a full day Kindergarten program” , that “children are ready for a full day” , and since the expectations of the curriculum are so rigorous, that “it makes sense to spend more time in school to maximize time with teachers” . A few contrasting comments included preferences to have children “home for family activities during the week” , and that some children “might not be ready yet for a full day program” . We are still in the process of gathering information from non-public Pre-K programs in our area. I will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

You may have seen notices forwarded including a flyer from the Municipal Alliance about Halloween candy that has been tampered with, and a notice from the Borough about the October 30th & 31st curfew. These important messages were e-blasted yesterday for your information.

Last month, the Board approved the Statement of Assurances for the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum. Our district is one of approximately 204 school districts in our state that may receive a QSAC visit this year. We continue to wait for additional information from the NJ Department of Education regarding their plans to evaluate all of the identified districts, or if that plan will be revised. I will continue to provide updates as we learn more.

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

Budget planning is underway for the 2015-2016 school year. The District Administrative team will be working together to inform the budget with regard to school and district needs.

Just a reminder that the Table Top exercise related to Crisis Management will take place on November 20th. District administrators, the police department and invited guests will work with Stonegate Associates, who will provide this training activity. In addition, schools continue to engage in safety and security drills

As you know, road closures on Colonial Road will continue for at least 6 weeks. Just a reminder that this will mean traffic delays, including possible delays for our bus routes. We are working with the police department to plan for changes in traffic patterns at arrival and dismissal time. You will find the most up to date information on the borough website.

This concludes my update to the Board. I am happy to address any questions you may have. Thank you.

13. **BOARD COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS** –

Ms. Schwartz clarified her “no” vote on the Board Goals.

Ms. McGowan promoted “Healthy Lifestyle” from the Borough.

Mr. Loprete spoke in favor of Read and Ride.

Mr. Loprete and Ms. Christopoul also spoke about the article in paper about teacher security badges with immediate panic button.

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

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O’Reilly
To approve motion to open the meeting to public discussion on any topic of concern.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Michael Ben-David was absent.

Parent asked about how to request a new policy. Answer was to send request to the BOE suggestion box.

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O’Reilly
To approve motion to close the public discussion and re-enter the regular public meeting,	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Michael Ben-David was absent.

15. **PRIVATE WORK SESSION TIME:**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Franklin Lakes Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Session; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Private Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin Lakes Board of Education recess into Private Work Session to discuss exempt matters pertaining to personnel, legal matters and any such matters that may come before the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed regarding the topics discussed in Private at a later date undetermined at this time.

OFFERED BY _____ SECONDED BY _____

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Loprete	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly
To approve motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20 p.m.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Michael Ben-David was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Solokas
Business Administrator/Board
Secretary