

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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 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. Shirley O'Reilly, Ms. Kathie Schwartz, Ms. Jackie Veliky. Mr. Michael Ben-David and Mr. Jeffrey Merlino were absent.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. O'Reilly	Seconded by Mr. Koulikourdis
To approve Minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2015	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.

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

None

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

None

8. **PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

- 2015-16 Budget Hearing – Mr. Solokas
- Update on Gifted & Talented Assessment Process – Dr. Furnari
- Report of Committees
 - Mr. Koulikordis updated Board on Operations
 - Ms. Schwartz updated Board on Technology
 - Ms. McGowan updated Board on Policy and Curriculum
 - Dr. Marcus updated Board on Community Relations
 - Ms. O'Reilly updated Board on Negotiations and thanked both negotiating teams.
- Update on Progress Toward Board Goals – Completed after resolutions

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

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

A parent asked about Woodside Principal search process/plans.

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

10. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #	TOPIC
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	
1CW	RATIFICATION OF THE BOE-FLEA AGREEMENT FOR 2014-2017
2CW	APPROVE FINAL FY2015-16 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
Motion by Ms. O'Reilly To approve 1-2CW	Seconded by Ms. McGowan. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS	
1BGO	APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT LENDING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT
2BGO	APPROVE DATA BUSINESS SYSTEMS PAYFORIT.NET PRODUCT FOR COLLECTION OF STUDENT LAPTOP INSURANCE
3BGO	APPROVAL OF FIELD FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
4BGO	AMENDMENT TO FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN DOCUMENT AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION
5BGO	CHAPTER 192/193 SERVICES
Motion by Mr. Koulikourdis To approve 1-5BGO	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION	
1CUR	APPROVE REVISED CRITERIA FOR STUDENT SELECTION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM
2CUR	APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS
Motion by Ms. McGowan To approve 1-2CUR	Seconded by Ms. O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.
PERSONNEL	
1P	APPROVAL OF STAFF TRIPS AND CONFERENCES

2P	APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
3P	APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR ADMINISTRATORS
4P	APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR TEACHERS
5P	APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR SECRETARIES
6P	APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY FABER AS SPECIAL EDUCATION LEAVE REPLACEMENT TEACHER AT FRANKLIN AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
7P	ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GERI NOLDIN, PLAYGROUND/LUNCH AIDE, WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL
8P	HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT
9P	APPROVE SALARIES FOR NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES
10P	APPOINTMENT OF KYLEE NICHOLS, PARAEDUCATOR, CAPS PROGRAM, COLONIAL ROAD SCHOOL
11P	ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KRISTINE CECERE, PRINCIPAL OF WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL
12P	ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BRENDA CONYNGHAM, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, FRANKLIN LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
13P Walk-In	USE OF SICK DAY BANK
Motion by Ms. O'Reilly To approve 1-13P	Seconded by Ms. McGowan. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.
POLICY	
	NONE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

#1CW

RESOLUTION NO. 11688

RATIFICATION OF THE BOE-FLEA AGREEMENT FOR 2014-2017

WHEREAS, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the Franklin Lakes Education Association (hereinafter referred to as the "FLEA") have negotiated a successor collective negotiations agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CNA") for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years; and

WHEREAS, the FLEA has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the CNA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the CNA for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the CNA by and between the Board and the FLEA.

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 April 28, 2015.

MICHAEL SOLOKAS
Business Administrator/Board
Secretary

DATED: April 28, 2015

#2CW

RESOLUTION NO. 11689

APPROVE FINAL FY2015-16 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the final school district budget for the FY2015-16 for submission to the Executive County Superintendent as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
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Total General Fund	\$27,950,248	\$24,696,449
Total Special Revenue Fund	450,736	N/A
Total Debt Service	836,650	836,650
TOTALS	\$29,237,634	\$25,533,099

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 Passed _____ Failed _____

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BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND OPERATIONS

#1BGO RESOLUTION NO. 11690

APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT LENDING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education adopts and approves the Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement Lending of Vehicles and Equipment by and between the Board, the Borough of Franklin Lakes and the Franklin Lakes Library.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015
 Attachment

#2BGO RESOLUTION NO. 11691

APPROVE DATA BUSINESS SYSTEMS PAYFORIT.NET PRODUCT FOR COLLECTION OF STUDENT LAPTOP INSURANCE

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves Data Business Systems PayForIt.net program to collect student laptop insurance payments.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
 Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#3BGO RESOLUTION NO. 11692

APPROVAL OF FIELD FOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves an application for use of School Facilities for purpose of IronMatt Softball Tournament for the Matthew Larsen Foundation on June 27, 2015 at High Mountain Road School.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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#4BGO

RESOLUTION NO. 11693

**AMENDMENT TO FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN DOCUMENT
AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves to amend the Flexible Spending Plan Document and Summary Plan Description to modify the "use or lose" rule to permit use of up to \$500 of unused amounts in a health FSA plan in the immediately following plan year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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#5BGO

RESOLUTION NO. 11694

CHAPTER 192/193 SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the contract with Bergen County Special Services School District to provide Chapter 192/193 Services to non-public schools for the 2015/2016 school year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

Attachment

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

#1CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11695

**APPROVE REVISED CRITERIA FOR STUDENT SELECTION FOR THE
GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the revision to the criteria used for student

selection for the Gifted and Talented Program for implementation during the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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Attachment

#2CUR

RESOLUTION NO. 11696

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 _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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Attachment

PERSONNEL

#1P

RESOLUTION NO. 11697

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 _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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Attachment

#2P

RESOLUTION NO. 11698

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):

Rebecca Dalton
Dara D'Urso
Lillian Francess
Samantha Guarneri

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

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#3P

RESOLUTION NO. 11699

APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR ADMINISTRATORS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the personnel report for administrators for 2015-2016 as per the attached list submitted by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and recommended by the Superintendent as per salaries set forth in the Board/FLAA contract.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

Attachment

#4P

RESOLUTION NO. 11670

APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the personnel report for Teachers for 2015-2016 as per the attached list submitted by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and recommended by the Superintendent as per salaries set forth in the Board/FLEA contract.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

Attachment

#5P

RESOLUTION NO. 11671

APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR SECRETARIES

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the personnel report for Secretaries for 2015-2016 as per the attached list submitted by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and recommended by the Superintendent as per salaries set forth in the Board/FLEA contract.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015
Attachment

#6P

RESOLUTION NO. 11672

**APPOINTMENT OF BRITTANY FABER AS SPECIAL EDUCATION LEAVE REPLACEMENT
TEACHER AT 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 Brittany Faber as Special Education Leave Replacement Teacher at Franklin Avenue Middle School from April 29, 2015 – June 19, 2015, to be placed at Step 1, Class BA on the 2013-14 teacher’s salary guide at a salary of \$50,885.00, prorated, effective April 29, 2015.

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

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#7P

RESOLUTION NO. 11673

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GERI NOLDIN, PLAYGROUND/LUNCH AIDE,
WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education accepts the resignation of Geri Noldin, Playground/Lunch aide, Woodside Avenue School, effective April 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Geri Holdin.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#8P

RESOLUTION NO. 11674

HORIZONTAL MOVEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the Horizontal Movement for the following teachers based on graduate level studies completed. Official graduate transcripts on file in Central Office.

Kristen Miller	Resource Room-CRS	From BA/2	To MA/2	Effective 9/1/14
Jamie Schechter	Grade 3-CRS	From MA/4	To MA+30/4	Effective 9/1/14
Emily Kolankowski	Speech-District	From MA/1	To MA+30/1	Effective 9/1/14
Michelle Rotella	Grade 1-CRS	From MA/12	To MA+30/12	Effective 9/1/14
Susan Appaluccio	Grade 4-CRS	From BA/18	To MA/18	Effective 9/1/14
Eileen Antonison	Science-FAMS	From MA/7	To MA+30/7	Effective 1/5/15

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

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#9P

RESOLUTION NO. 11675

APPROVE SALARIES FOR NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the salaries for non-certificated employees for the 2015-16 school year. Contracts on file in Central Office.

Motion by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

Seconded by _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#10P

RESOLUTION NO. 11676

**APPOINTMENT OF KYLEE NICHOLS, PARAEDUCATOR,
CAPS PROGRAM, COLONIAL ROAD SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the appointment of Kylee Nichols, ParaEducator, CAPS Program at Colonial Road School, for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year, at a salary of *\$24,963.00, prorated, effective May 6, 2015 – 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 Kylee Nichols 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 contingent upon Kylee Nichols executing the Board’s 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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#11P

RESOLUTION NO. 11677

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KRISTINE CECERE, PRINCIPAL OF
WOODSIDE AVENUE SCHOOL**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kristine Cecere, Principal of Woodside Avenue School, effective June 30, 2015.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

DATED: April 28, 2015

#12P

RESOLUTION NO. 11678

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF BRENDA CONYNGHAM, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST,
FRANKLIN LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education accepts the resignation of Brenda Conyngham, Occupational Therapist, Franklin Lakes School District, effective June 30, 2015.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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USE OF SICK DAY BANK

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Franklin Lakes Board of Education approves the use of 12 days from the sick day bank pursuant to FLEA contract stipulations for employee #64033913.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
Passed _____ Failed _____

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POLICY

RESOLUTION NO. NONE

11. **SUSPENSION REPORT** - None
12. **ENROLLMENT REPORT** - High Mountain Road School increased by 1.
13. **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.

- As you know, students have begun to take the End of Year portion of the PARCC assessment, as posted on the district calendar. As a reminder, this portion of the assessment is made up of short response questions that are computer scored. We have been informed by NJDOE that PARCC score reports should be returned to us in October 2015. It is important to note that in order to receive a score report, students will have needed to participate in both the first and second parts of the PARCC administration. New Jersey school districts have been informed by the Commissioner of Education, that schools with less than a 95% participation rate for PARCC will be required to complete a corrective action plan, and may be in jeopardy of losing state funding. While all elementary schools continue to meet the 95% participation rate, FAMS participation rate is approximately 70% and the district participation rate overall is approximately 83%.
- Mr. Solokas and I had the opportunity to visit a number of classrooms at FAMS, including an instrumental music lesson, GT and 8th grade art, Health, Language Arts, Public Speaking and Algebra. Students were eager to share what they were learning, and were able to describe and demonstrate the processes used. High

School math teachers were also visiting FAMS and told me that they were very impressed by our students and staff. The math visit was part of an initiative designed by FLOW curriculum leaders to enable high school and middle school math teachers to gain a better understanding of middle and high school math instructional practices, as well as the requirements that will support our students as they transition to high school mathematics.

- Woodside Avenue School held Read Across America activities on April 14th. The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2 helped to get the day started, and HMR held their Drama Day on April 24th. As you know, the months of April, May and June are packed with events, celebrations, and end of year activities. This is certainly an exciting time of year.

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

- Over the course of the 2014-2015 school year, teachers and administrators have been engaged in a variety of professional learning opportunities, as part of school and individual professional growth plans. The NJDOE requires all teachers to complete no less than 20 hours of Professional Development each year, and our staff work very hard to improve their practice while fulfilling this requirement. One very exciting opportunity for professional growth comes from teachers sharing best practices through peer visitations. This year, one focus of these peer visitations has involved the integration of technology into classroom practice. At other times, new teachers have visited the classrooms of their more experienced peers, to gain insight into aspects of best practices. Additionally, our Literacy Staff Developers have modeled lessons for staff, specifically with a focus on small group instruction, guided reading, and citing textual evidence in non-fiction text.
- As a point of information and to follow up on our discussion with Mr. Annunziata from NJSBA, as promised, I have completed Part 1 of the CSA evaluation process for 2014-2015 online, and recently notified the Board of its availability for their review.

Our third goal is about communication.

- I am happy to announce that our District Satisfaction Survey is available to parents. A link to the survey was e-blasted to families, and we will send out periodic reminders of its availability. The link will also be available in the next issue of School News & Views. I encourage you to complete the survey, as it will provide the district with a wealth of information that we intend to use to improve the way we serve our community.

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

- Tonight, Mr. Solokas presented our plans for the 2015-2016 budget, which as you heard is aligned with several milestones under District Goal 4. I would like to thank Mr. Solokas for his continued dedication and diligence with regard to the fiscal health of our district.
- Goal 4, also includes objectives, indicators and milestones related to QSAC monitoring. As you know, a significant achievement under Goal 4 includes NJDOE identifying Franklin Lakes as a high performing district, earning an exemption from QSAC monitoring for another three years. As a reminder, in order to earn this designation, a school district had to meet certain requirements in the areas of governance, instruction and programs, fiscal management, operations and personnel.
- Another key area of Goal 4 concerns Emergency Management and School Safety. Mr. Solokas and I continue to serve as members of a FLOW ad hoc committee that includes school officials from all 4 FLOW districts, police chiefs and other representatives from the police departments of Franklin Lakes, Oakland, and Wyckoff. Recently, Indian Hills High School hosted a drill, inviting the committee to act as observers of the process. This activity gave us the opportunity to share

insights with high school leadership and to share perspectives from a variety of points of view. We will continue to work together to ensure that our schools remain safe and secure.

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

14. **BOARD COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS** – Ms. O’Reilly announced that FAMS Jazz Band will be at Bergen County School Board meeting on May 5th. Ms. O’Reilly also announced NJSBA Legislative leaders and Ms. McGowan Ms. O’Reilly will be official Delegate at NJ School Boards Delegate Assembly.

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

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

Two CRS parents requested the Board to consider a 3rd section for next years 1st Grade at CRS.

Another CRS parent endorsed the 3rd section at CRS and spoke in favor of Ms. Diane Thomas rehiring.

A teacher spoke in support of Ms. Thomas.

A retired paraprofessional supported Ms. Thomas.

Five additional parents supported Ms. Thomas.

A Woodside Avenue School parent expressed frustration at 3 principals in 4 years.

Mr. Thomas (Diane’s husband) spoke in support of rehiring his wife.

Diane Thomas addressed the Board and requesting being considered for a tenure track position.

A CRS parent asked about Gifted and Talented selection criteria.

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

16. **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 Ms. O'Reilly	Seconded by Ms. McGowan
To approve motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m.	On roll call. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben-David and Mr. Merlino were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Solokas
Business Administrator/Board
Secretary