

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 18, 2024**

**For the Regular Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education Monday, November 18, 2024  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin Twp. 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** – Dr. Calabro called the roll and declared a quorum was present.

Present: Mrs. Colleen Cummins  
Mrs. Shana Frondorf  
Mr. James Giordano  
Mrs. Caroline Licwinko  
Mr. Craig Metz  
Mr. Brett Palmer

Absent: Mrs. Allison Luciano

Also Present: Dr. Joanne Calabro  
Lindsay Gooditis

**V. PRESENTATION**

- June 30, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Laura Atwell and Kelsey Oakes from BKC, CPA's, PC presented and discussed the annual audit with the board.
- Dr. Calabro introduced Dr. Gooditis for recognition Awards as National Distinguished Principal, and New Jersey Visionary Principal of the Year/Elementary School Principal.

**VI. MINUTES**

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve action item VI.

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

- October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 17, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

**VIII. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT– Mr. Mark Kramer**

- None

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Joanne Calabro**

**Security and Fire Drills 2024-2025**

Type of Drill	Date
Fire Drill	July 15, 2024
Security Drill - Reverse Evacuation	July 24, 2024
Fire Drill	August 1, 2024
Security Drill - Shelter in Place	August 1, 2024
Fire Drill	September 12, 2024
Evacuation Drill	September 17, 2024
Bus Drill/Evacuation	October 28, 2024
Fire Drill	October 29, 2024
Security Drill - Shelter in Place	October 31, 2024

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items Only**

- Elizabeth Basile, 16 Upper Kingstown Road, Pittstown – Financial report; bond referendum
- Matt Naughton, 21 Laurelton Trail, Flemington – Teacher evaluation; organizational chart

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

Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Frondorf to approve action item XI A through G.

- Approval of the October 2024 Financial Reports
- Approval of Budget Transfers for October 2024
- Approval of October 2024 Bill List
- Use of Facilities
- Discussion and Acceptance of the 2024 Fiscal Year End Audit
- Accept Bid for the Sale of the District's Chevy Bus
- Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details of \$2,823,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of School Bonds, Series 2024 of The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, providing for their Sale and Determining Other Matters in Connection Therewith

**A. Acceptance of the October 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 October 31, 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 Report for the month ending October 31, 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 October 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 October of 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 October 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 October 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 October of 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, ratifies and approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$1,029,525.17 for October 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
PTA	May PTA meeting change of date	Library	May 15, 2025	7:00 PM -8:30 PM
PTA	April 2025 PTA meeting	Library	April 10, 2025 (Change of Date from 4/17/2025)	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
PTA	Mother's Day Plant Sale	Outside Main Entrance	May 8, 2025 (Rain Date May 9, 2025)	During school hours
PTA/QEA	Read Across America Breakfast	New APR (Cafeteria)	March 3, 2025 (Rain Date March 4, 2025)	7:00 AM to 8:30 AM
PTA	Middle School Dance	Old APR (Theatre)	February 21, 2025	4:00 PM to 9:00 PM
N/A	Book Publishing Party	New APR (Cafeteria)	December 13, 2024	1:30 PM
N/A	Cultural Night	New APR (Cafeteria)	February 12, 2025	6:00PM - 8:00PM

#### E. Discussion and Acceptance of the 2024 Fiscal Year End Audit

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Township Board of Education (the Board) caused an annual audit of the district's accounts and financial transactions to be conducted by a public school accountant for the 2023-2024 fiscal year pursuant to NJSA 18A:23; and

**WHEREAS**, said "Annual Comprehensive Financial Report" (ACFR) and "Auditor's Management Report" (AMR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, are required to be filed with the Office of the Commissioner, pursuant to NJSA 18A:23-3; and

**WHEREAS**, a presentation of the audit with discussion of the district's fiscal status, any audit findings and recommendations was made to the Board and public by members of the audit firm of BKC Certified Public Accountants at the board meeting of November 18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the presentation allowed for a public discussion of the audit results including the district's overall financial position, reserved, unreserved and excess surplus fund balances, funding of worker's compensation and compensated absences, and food services' operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the presentation further allowed for a public discussion of the audit results including any audit findings and recommendations, repeat recommendation, significant deficiency, material deficiency and any Corrective Action Plan that may be needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the synopsis of the ACFR was available to the public at the November 18, 2024 board meeting with copies of the synopsis available at the offices of the School Business Administrator upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, a Corrective Action Plan is not required for the June 30, 2024 fiscal year end as there are no findings or recommendations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Board of Education accepts the June 30, 2024 audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby incorporates the Synopsis of the Audit as part of the minutes of this meeting of November 18, 2024, and noting any public discussion of same for the minutes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be directed to forward to the Executive County Superintendent the minutes together with necessary copies of the ACFR, Synopsis, and certified board minutes adopting the above items or as stated in the Department of Education’s requirements.

**F. Accept Bid for the Sale of the District’s Chevy Bus**

**WHEREAS**; the Franklin Township Board of Education at its October 17, 2024 board meeting authorized the selling of a school district bus utilizing the Hunterdon County Educational Service Commission services for such sale; and

**WHEREAS**; the Hunterdon County Educational Service Commission place an advertisement into their official newspaper on October 17, 2024 for the purposes of selling school transportation vehicles including the districts 2014 Chevy bus; and

**WHEREAS**; the Hunterdon County Educational Service Commission opened bids on October 31, 2024 at 1 PM at the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Offices in Califon, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**; the Hunterdon County Educational Service Commission received a total of 13 bids for the 2014 Chevy bus as follows:

Jersey One Auto \$4,831	Holcomb \$18,880	Shepherd Bus \$21,166
Neliv Transit \$14,000	Garas Transportation \$18,001	Car Country USA \$2,986
Maytay Bus Company \$10,550	Mayor Transportation \$10,550	St. Paul \$12,000
Shore Van Inc. \$10,000	Emmanuel Transportation \$13,500	Layla Transportation \$7,850
NW Transport \$24,000		

**WHEREAS**; NW Transport was the highest bidder bidding \$24,000;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-51, et.seq., the Franklin Township Board of Education, via active Inter-Local Vehicle Sale Agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission accept the highest bid offer from NW Transport of \$24,000 at a sealed-bid public bid opening held on October 31, 2024 at the Hunterdon County Education Services Commission Administration Office, located at 37 Hoffmans Crossing Road, Califon, New Jersey 07830 at 1:00 PM on the 2014 Chevy bus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, no vehicles or titles shall be released to NW Transport until Franklin Township Board of Education and the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission receive these amounts paid in full by NW Transport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to sign any documents on behalf of the Franklin Township Board of Education with regard to exercising the intent of this resolution.

**G. RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$2,823,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The \$2,823,000 School Bonds, Series 2024 of The Board of Education of the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) authorized by virtue of a proposal adopted by the Board on August 19, 2024, and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the legal voters present and voting at a special School District election held on September 17, 2024 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, shall be issued as School Bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on August 15 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2025	\$ 83,000	2035	\$150,000
2026	105,000	2036	155,000
2027	110,000	2037	160,000
2028	115,000	2038	165,000
2029	120,000	2039	165,000
2030	120,000	2040	165,000
2031	130,000	2041	165,000
2032	135,000	2042	165,000
2033	140,000	2043	165,000
2034	145,000	2044	165,000

The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as set forth therein. The Bonds shall be twenty (20) in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity and shall be numbered SCH-1 to SCH-20 inclusive. The Bonds are entitled to the benefits of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, 1980 N.J. Laws c. 72, as amended and supplemented.

**SECTION 2.** The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry form, without certificates. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds (the "Securities Depository"). The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers of such beneficial interests. Individual purchases of the beneficial interests in the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$1,000 each or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required, through book entries made on the books and the records of DTC and its participants.

Individual purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds, but each book-entry Bond owner will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee, and this credit balance will be confirmed by an initial transaction statement stating the details of the Bonds purchased.

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and will bear interest from such date, which interest shall be payable, commencing August 15, 2025 and semiannually thereafter on the fifteenth day of February and August in each year until maturity or prior redemption, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of one-eighth (1/8) or one-twentieth (1/20) of one per centum (1%), as proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized and defined herein. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board on the respective maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the respective maturity dates and due dates to the participants of DTC as of each next preceding February 1 and August 1 (the "Record Dates" for the Bonds). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Board President under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, imprinted, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

Date of Bonds:	Date of Delivery
Principal Payment Dates:	August 15, 2025 and each August 15 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption
Interest Payment Dates:	Semiannually on each February 15 and August 15 of each year beginning August 15, 2025 until maturity or prior redemption
Place of Payment:	Cede & Co., Brooklyn, New York

**SECTION 3.** The Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC.

**SECTION 4.** The Notice of Sale (the "Notice of Sale") and the Official Form of Proposal for Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC.

**SECTION 5.** The Bonds shall be sold upon receipt of electronic bids on December 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board on i-Deal's Bidcomp®/PARITY® electronic competitive bidding system ("PARITY") in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The use of the services provided by PARITY and the fees associated therewith are hereby approved. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary or Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel ("Bond Counsel") is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the publication of the Notice of Sale, such publication to be not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of sale, in summary form in The Bond Buyer, a nationally recognized local government bond marketing publication devoted to financial news and municipal bonds, and the full text of such Notice of Sale in The Express-Times. The Board hereby delegates to and designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the officer authorized to sell and to award the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall report in writing the results of the sale to this Board as required by law. **Furthermore, the Board hereby delegates to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to postpone and reschedule the sale of the Bonds, upon consultation with Bond Counsel, without readvertisement in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein and to adjust the maturity schedule of the Bonds up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of sale indicated herein and/or within twenty-four (24) hours after the award, which adjustment shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the principal amount of any maturity or in the aggregate, the overall issue.**

The Board President, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors LLC. (the "Municipal Advisor"), the Board Auditor and the Board Attorney, are each hereby further authorized and directed to do and accomplish all matters and things necessary or desirable to effectuate the offering and sale of the Bonds.

**SECTION 6.** The Bonds shall have affixed thereto a copy of the written opinion with respect to the Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel to the Board.

**SECTION 7.** The Official Statement to be distributed in preliminary form on or about December 11, 2024 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), prepared in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, is hereby "deemed final" for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, with the exception of certain information permitted to be omitted thereby and is hereby approved and authorized for the information of purchasers of the Bonds, with such changes and corrections not inconsistent with the substance thereof, including those required to reflect the effect of the sale of the Bonds, as are deemed necessary and advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary in consultation with Bond Counsel.

**SECTION 8.** Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the printing of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the Board to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds. The Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Official Statement to the purchaser of the Bonds for its use in connection with the sale, resale and distribution of the Bonds, where and if applicable. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement as necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and the Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Official Statement and any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement. Bond Counsel is hereby further authorized and directed to arrange for the printing of the Bonds.

**SECTION 9.** The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds.

**SECTION 10.** The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Board Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with DTC, as may be necessary in order to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with DTC and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

**SECTION 11.** The Board reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the school project paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds. No funds from sources other than the Bonds have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or have otherwise been set aside by the Board, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Board, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section 11 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Board's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project, as described above, to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action (or inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-10 to avoid, in whole or in part, arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148 of the Code. The proceeds of the Bonds used to reimburse the Board for any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project to be financed by the Bonds will not be used directly or indirectly (i) to "refund" an issue of governmental obligations within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(d), (ii) to create or increase the balance in "replacement proceeds", within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1 of the Bonds, or any other Bond issue, with respect to any obligation of the Board or to replace funds or (iii) to reimburse the Board for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Board (other than borrowing by the Board from one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same "Controlled Group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e)). The Bonds used to reimburse the Board for any expenditures toward certain costs of the school project, as described above, will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$2,823,000. The costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the Bonds will be "capital expenditures" in accordance with the meaning of section 150 of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1. This section shall take effect immediately, but will be of no effect with regard to expenditures for costs paid outside the permitted reimbursement period set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2(d)(2).

**SECTION 12.** In the event that DTC may determine to discontinue providing its service with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Board and if no successor securities depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry only form shall be converted to registered Bonds (the "Registered Bonds") in denominations of \$1,000, or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner's name, will become the registered owner of the Registered Bonds. The Board shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the Registered Bonds in certified form.

**SECTION 13.** The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Certificate") which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provisions of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Certificate evidencing the Board's undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

**SECTION 14.** The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are each hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds by the Board not determined by this or a subsequent resolution, all in consultation with Bond Counsel and the manual or facsimile signature of the Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, including but not limited to, Bond Counsel and the Board Attorney, are each hereby authorized and directed to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary to consummate the transaction contemplated by the issuance of the Bonds by the Board and any and all such actions or inactions heretofore taken by the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and any other Board representative, including, but not limited to Bond Counsel and the Board Attorney, are hereby ratified and confirmed. Wherever herein the Board President is authorized and directed to act or execute and deliver documents, including the Bonds, the Board Vice President is hereby authorized and directed to do the same in the Board President's place.

**SECTION 15.** After a process seeking proposals, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to invest the proceeds of the Bonds and provide arbitrage/rebate services.

**SECTION 16.** The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Code.



**SECTION 17.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XI A through G.**

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:	6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

**XII. CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION** - Mrs. Luciano\*, Mrs. Frondorf, Mrs. Cummins

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve action item XII A through H.

The Curriculum Committee met on November 4, 2024 and reported out to the board.

**A. Approve the District Mentoring Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the District Mentoring plan.

**B. Approval of student 29143, to graduate 8th grade with the class of 2025 as a non-resident student, tuition free, in accordance with Policy #5118**

**C. Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following field trips to be paid for utilizing student funds:

Grade/Class	Destination	Date
Fourth Grade	Essex County Turtle Back Zoo	06/16/2025
Pre-K	Frenchtown Market	12/11/2024
8th Grade	N. Hunterdon HS	01/14/2025
7th Grade	Museum of Natural History & Ray's Pizza, NYC	05/22/2025

**D. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the District organization chart.

**E. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Instrument

**F. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching: <https://danielsongroup.org/the-framework-for-teaching/#planning-and-preparation>

**G. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract with Behavioral Consultants, L.L.C., account code 11-000-218-300-05-0000; not to exceed \$63,250.00.

**H. BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for 2024-2025.

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XII A through H.**

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:	6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

**XIII. POLICY** - Mrs. Frondorf\*, Mrs. Licwinko, Mrs. Cummins

The Policy Committee met on November 6, 2024 and reported out to the board.

**XIV. 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 contractual, legal and personnel matters relating to current contract obligations; current litigation, negotiations, and personnel agenda items; and

**WHEREAS**, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 45 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 contractual, legal and personnel matters relating to current contract obligations; current litigation, negotiations, and personnel agenda items; wherein the length of time for the executive session is expected to be approximately 45 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Cummins, to approve action item XIV at 7:08 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

- Motioned by Mr. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Cummins for the board to reconvene into public session at 8:11 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

**XV. PERSONNEL** - Mrs. Frondorf\*, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Licwinko

Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mr. Palmer to approve action item XV. A through H.

**A. Approval of Volunteers**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals as Library Volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year through June 30, 2025, pending fingerprints.

Sylvia Naughton	Allison Banken	Sarah Casuscelli	Sophia Toolan
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**B. Accept Resignation**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of para-professional 10316, effective November 25, 2024.

**C. Approval of Volunteers**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following individuals as general technical volunteers for the production of the Spring Play from November 19, 2024 through March 14, 2025.

Madison Hladky	NHHS
William Piotrowski	NHHS
Nataly Jimenz	NHHS
Izzy Brygier	NHHS
Emilia Winkler	NHHS

**D. Professional Day Request**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following professional development.

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Fee	Mileage & Other Costs	Total Cost Not To Exceed
12/06/2024	Van-Spanje, Austin	HCSCA Fall conference/Presentation on currently available resources for students and families	n/a	TBD	n/a

**E. Accept Revised Resignation**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Laura Sretenovic, effective November 30, 2024.

**F. Professional Day Request**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following professional development.

Date	Employee	Name of Professional Development Program	Registration Fee	Mileage & Other Costs	Total Cost Not To Exceed
December 4, 2024	Lindsay Gooditis	To be honored and recognized at the NJ State BOE regular monthly business meeting	n/a	49.2 Round Trip	Mileage \$23.12

**G. Accept Resignation**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, the resignation of Jenna Baranek, Basketball Coach, effective November 25, 2024.

**H. Appointment of Stipend Positions**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approve the following employee, Shannon Mahoney for the stipend position, Basketball Coach at the full rate of \$2,809.00, for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item XVI. A through H.**

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:	6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

**XVI. BOARD MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS**

- Retreat will be held immediately following the organization meeting on January 7, 2025
- District will be terminating the contract with the Haddon Board of Education which provides the district with public relation services effective immediately.

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS -**

- None

**XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

**XIX. NOTEWORTHY DATES**

Next Board of Education meeting - December 16, 2024

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
6	0	0	1

**Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kramer  
Board Secretary