

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
226 QUAKERTOWN ROAD, P.O. BOX 368  
QUAKERTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08868  
908-735-7929



**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 30, 2024**

For the Special Public Meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education  
Monday, September 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Franklin School Multipurpose Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Giordano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mr. Giordano led all assembled in the Flag Salute.

**III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE** - Mr. Giordano read the following statements:

In accordance with requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice has been given of tonight's meeting in the Hunterdon County Democrat, Express Times and has been posted on the bulletin board by the main office of the Franklin Township School, sent to the Township Clerk and to all Board of Education members and posted on the school website.

**IV. ROLL CALL** - Mr. Kramer called the roll for Franklin Township and declared a quorum was present.

Present:	Mrs. Colleen Cummins	Absent:	None
	Mrs. Shana Frondorf – Arrived at 6:39 PM		
	Mrs. Caroline Licwinko	Also Present:	Mr. Mark Kramer
	Mrs. Allison Luciano		
	Mr. Craig Metz		
	Mr. Brett Palmer		
	Mr. James Giordano		

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

- Elizabeth Basile, 16 Upper Kingstown Road, Pittstown – Suggestions on what the new superintendent should focus on.
- Brian Roztki, 212 Quakertown Road, Quakertown – Matters regarding the referendum.

**VI. 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 the interviewing of Interim Superintendents; and

**WHEREAS**, the length of the executive session is expected to be approximately 2 hours and 30 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 interview Interim Superintendents; wherein the length of time for the executive session is expected to be approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, after which the meeting shall reconvene and proceed with business wherein action may be taken.

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko, to approve action item VI at 6:39 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

**Motion Passes**

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko for the board to reconvene into public session at 9:03 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

**Motion Passes**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Motioned by Mrs. Licwinko, seconded by Mr. Palmer, to approve action item VII A.
- A. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Township Board of Education appoints Joanne Calabro as Interim Superintendent of Schools, effective October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with tentative approval from the Executive County Superintendent subject to final approval from the Executive County Superintendent and pending the state required criminal background check.

**Board of Education Roll Call Vote on Action Item VII. A.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Motion Passes**

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**IX. NOTEWORTHY DATES**

**Next meeting - October 14, 2024**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motioned by Mrs. Luciano, seconded by Mrs. Licwinko to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 PM.

**Voice Vote:**

Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
7	0	0	0

**Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Kramer  
Board Secretary