

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
52 ASBURY-BROADWAY ROAD
WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY 07882**

DATE: October 6, 2020

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS - REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to order

TIME IN: _____

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT: Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Star Gazette on January 17, 2020. This was a legal public notice. Notice of this meeting was also posted at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, the Franklin Township School, and with the Express Times. (Virtual meeting access information was also provided to the Star Ledger and the Express Times and was posted at the Franklin Township School, on the Franklin Township School website and at the Franklin Township Municipal Building.)

2. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence

3. Executive Session

- 3.1.** Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss items related to personnel matters and litigation, with information to be released at a date, not yet determined. (It is estimated that the Board will be in Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes.)

(Motion____ Second____ / Yes____ No____ Abstain____)

Board entered Executive session at _____ pm.

- 3.2.** Motion to reconvene Public Session.

(Motion____ Second____ / Yes____ No____ Abstain____)

Board left Executive session at _____ pm

4. Approval of Minutes:

- 4.1.** Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2020. (**Attachment A1**)

(Motion____ Second____ / Yes____ No____ Abstain____)

- 4.2.** Motion to make public the executive session minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020.

(Motion____ Second____ / Yes____ No____ Abstain____)

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Input on Agenda Items – Anyone addressing the Board must state their name, prior to speaking.

7. Nurses Report For September, 2010 (Attachment A2)

8. Work Session

Policy -

- Alert 219 FYI (**Attachment A3**)

Program, Curriculum, and Instruction –

- LBGT Q/A (**Attachment A4**)

Technology –

- SmartBoard Projectors – We are in the process of replacing five SmartBoard projectors that were from our original installation approximately 12 years ago. The original projectors do not have a lumen rating that allows them to function well with our virtual instruction. Total component cost should only be about \$2,400.00, given that we already had some projectors in stock as backups.
- Bandwidth Upgrade – Given the greater demands on the school district's internet, as a result of the integration of virtual learning, it was necessary to increase the district's bandwidth. Fortunately, Comcast was able to provide us with a new package of services (telephone and internet) that increased our bandwidth from 100/20 to 600/34, yet reduced the price by approximately \$1000 annually.

Building and Grounds –

- Fire Panel – The installation of our replacement fire panel was completed the week of 9/28.

Finance –

- Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant – We have been allocated \$7,978.00, to be used for specified COVID-19 related expenses, through 12/30/20.
- SSO Program - Effective 9/28/20, the district implemented the Department of Agriculture's SSO program, which provides the district with funding to provide free lunch to all resident students, regardless of their enrollment status (in-school, virtual, home-schooled, or private school). Under the SSO program, the State will also provide funds for certain non-school days (Columbus Day, NJEA Convention, etc.)
- Budget Calendar – Approval of the annual budget calendar is included in this meeting's agenda. (**Attachment A5**)

Personnel –

- Health Insurance Refund - Amerihealth has awarded us a premium refund of \$7,292.19, per ACA guidelines regarding profitability limitations for health insurance companies. This refund, which is based on 2019 activity, will be shared with currently-insured employees, to the extent that they contribute to the health insurance program. Per ACA guidelines, we will be applying this refund to their regular health insurance employee contributions.

- Premium rates for new Educators Health Plan and Complications of Fully Insured Health Plans Offering Identical Plan – To be discussed at the Board meeting.

Legislation –

- State Budget - New Jersey's annual budget has been approved, with the following provisions that directly impact Franklin Township:
 - No cuts were made to the revised budget figures.
 - Funding for Extraordinary Aid was increased by 10%. This should take the reimbursement level from 56% to almost 62%.
 - No modifications were made to the State Aid formula to address the reduction in enrollment resulting from the COVID-19 impact. This anomaly will negatively impact Franklin Township for three years, as the formula uses a three-year averaging methodology.

Board –

- Action Plan for 2020-2021 Board Goals

9. Financial Reports:

9.1. Motion to approve Payroll and Payroll Agency/FICA as follows:

September, 2020 <i>Net Payroll</i>	\$171,620.55
September, 2020 <i>Agency and Board Share FICA</i>	\$122,023.24
<i>TOTAL PAYROLL September, 2020</i>	\$293,643.79

ROLL CALL

(Motion ____ Second ____)

☐ Mr. Hansen ☐ Mrs. Hart ☐ Mrs. Sbriscia ☐ Mr. Klus ☐ Mr. DiGilio
☐ Mrs. Butler ☐ Mrs. Fitzsimmons ☐ Mrs. Ames ☐ Mrs. Hansen

10. Public Input Prior to Action Items – Anyone addressing the Board must state their name, prior to speaking.

11. Action Items:

11.1. Motion to approve the following block of Finance-related items, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

- Approve accepting the FY'21 Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant, in the amount of \$9,978.00
- Approve the 2020-2021 district Budget Calendar.

ROLL CALL

(Motion ____ Second ____)

☐ Mr. Hansen ☐ Mrs. Hart ☐ Mrs. Sbriscia ☐ Mr. Klus ☐ Mr. DiGilio
☐ Mrs. Butler ☐ Mrs. Fitzsimmons ☐ Mrs. Ames ☐ Mrs. Hansen

11.2. Motion to approve the district's 2020-2021 School Safety and Security Plan, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

(Motion ____ Second ____ / Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____)

11.3. Motion to approve the Action Plan for the 2020-2021 Board Goal.

(Motion ____ Second ____ / Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____)

11.4. Motion to approve the following block of Personnel-related items, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

- Retroactively approve summer nursing hours for Cynthia Hudock at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, with hours determined by the CSA.
- Approve a request by Lynn Roberto for an unpaid leave of absence for the full 2020-2021 school year.
- Amend the annual salary of Jenifer Rodriguez to \$11,511.04, to correspond with the 20-21 salary guide.
- Approve establishing an Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee to negotiate a successor collective bargaining agreement with the FTEA, with committee membership to be determined by the Board President.

ROLL CALL

(Motion ____ Second ____)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Hansen	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Hart	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Sbriscia	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Klus	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. DiGilio
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Butler	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Fitzsimmons	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Ames	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Hansen	

12. Motion to approve the 9/30/20 through 10/6/20 bill list, in the amount of \$99,960.02. (9/30/20 warrants were physically held until receiving Board approval for release.)
(Attachment A6)

(Motion ____ Second ____ / Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____)

13. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

(Motion ____ Second ____ / Yes ____ No ____ Abstain ____)

Meeting adjourned at _____.