

The Regular Meeting of the Township of Franklin Board of Education was called to order on the above date and time.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Barbara Ciancaglini, Board President, who made the following statement: "The chair declares that, in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate public notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with statute by the Secretary of the Board of Education."

CALL TO ORDER

The flag salute was held at this time.

FLAG SALUTE

The following members were present at roll call: Ms. Tina Toy, Mrs. Kimberly Kelly, Mr. Henry Kobik, Mr. Nicholas Christian, Mr. Stephen Ranson, Mrs. Sandra Coulbourn, Miss Marie Grochowski and Mrs. Barbara Ciancaglini. Also present were Mr. Michael G. Kozak, Superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth A. DiPietro, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and B. Michael Borelli, Board Solicitor.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Joseph Szwed was absent.

The following names were listed in the Attendance Register:

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Wanda Smith	1141 Strawberry Ave., TFEA
Margery Walsh	TFEA
John Stagliano	TFEA
Michele Busler	893 Royal Ave., Franklinville
Ryan Griffin	TFEA
Bobbie Bechta	Catherine Dr., Franklinville (parent)
Rose Marie Herman	Coles Mill Rd., Franklinville
Chrissy Rambone	Bluebell Rd., Vineland
Irene Korbach	TFEA
Sandi Ciabattoni	TFEA
Tina M. Audio	TFEA
Scott Gant	TFEA
Bonnie Zuccarini	TFEA
Melissa DiRaddo	TFEA
June Clemick	653 Garrison Rd., Monroeville
Stanley Evans, Jr.	604 Garrison Rd., Monroeville
Cindy Merckx	The Sentinel
Irene Klepac	TFEA
Sue Buriak	TFEA
Sandy Mattern	TFEA
Deborah Burrell	TFEA
Charlene Cerino	Franklinville, N.J.
Joseph C. Petsch	2370 Stanton Ave.
Glenn Pender	85 New Road
Kathi Niewoehner	TFEA
Ben Notaro	TFEA

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Mary Kientz	3890 Hancock Ave.
John Sweeney	TFSSA
Donna Herrschaft	
Kathy Rosa	TFEA
Leslie Pender	85 New Road, Malaga
Janine Norris	3554 Main Road

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to go into closed session:

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution

WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act permits a public body to exclude the public from a portion of its meeting in order to discuss certain specific matters as set forth in that act; and

WHEREAS, This body finds it necessary to meet in closed session to discuss Personnel, Attorney-Client Privilege; and

WHEREAS, Under the Open Public Meetings Act, the public may be excluded from that portion of the meeting at which such matters are discussed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting of the Township of Franklin Board of Education held on March 18, 2009 shall be closed to the public to permit discussion of the subject matter aforesaid;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this session shall last for approximately forty-five (45) minutes, and the disclosure of matters discussed in the closed session shall take place at such time as all decisions with reference thereto are complete.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 p.m.

Return to session 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ciancaglini, Board President, read the following statement:

STATEMENT - BOARD
PRESIDENT

On February 18, 2009, at a regular board meeting, Mrs. Toy read a statement to this Board and Mr. Borelli that demands a rebuttal.

Even though Mrs. Toy included herself in the statement by saying "we as a board," she has insulted this board and caused unnecessary harm by saying their behavior was 'unethical.' This board operates under attorney advice, and will continue to do so. Attorney-client privilege, personnel and potential litigation are three areas that we most commonly use to evoke the right to hold executive or "closed" sessions, and we will continue to do so.

The effectiveness of this board is now seriously impaired. Board members are rightfully concerned that future statements in closed session on any topic may be revealed to the public, when Mrs. Toy determines on her own that she is not in agreement with the majority of the board.

Disagreements, discord and difference of opinion are welcomed by this body; however, there are procedures in which to express those differences, and attempting to embarrass the board is not one of them. Mrs. Toy has attended numerous NJSBA members training on boardsmanship and should know the appropriate avenue to take when concerns of this nature arise. Contacting the president, attorney, superintendent, business administrator or a representative from NJSBA is the appropriate way to voice her opinion.

To the contrary, this board now has evidence that Mrs. Toy has sought help from the owner, editor and reporter of The Sentinel, who has charged this board with a records violation at approximately the same time Mrs. Toy rendered her statement. This has created a sense of mistrust by the board and is unacceptable. Mrs. Toy owes the board, attorney and Administration a public apology.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Mr. Christian seconded a motion to adopt the minutes from the Regular and Closed Sessions of the February 18, 2009 meeting.

MINUTES

Vote on the motion: all ayes except for Ms. Toy, who voted no. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to acknowledge receipt of all communications, and order that they be filed or forwarded to the appropriate committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent presented some district highlights:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mrs. Stacey Shute, grade 3 teacher from Main Road School, was recognized for the Emery Family Fundraiser.
- The students in Mrs. Tina Audio's art class, at Main Road School, were recognized.

The Superintendent reported:

Statistical and Informational Report as of February 28, 2009

Enrollment: 1455
 Tuition Placement: 18
 Student Attendance:
 MFJ - 93.87%
 CLR - 90.21%
 MR - 93.50%
 Lake - 94.41%
 Student Suspensions:
 MFJ - 0
 CLR - 2
 MR - 1
 Lake - 0

Fire drills were held at each school in accordance with state law.
Employee Attendance: 96.5% year-to-date

The School Business Administrator reported:

SBA/BS REPORT

Finance

- The food service report for the month ended January 31, 2009 is presented to the Board and show a year-to-date loss as of January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$2,320.12. Therefore, the food service operation is \$2,807.10 ahead of last school year as of January 31, 2009.

Ms. Toy, the district's Gloucester County School Boards Association representative, told the board she attended the legislative breakfast on February 21, 2009 and that the discussions seemed to be the same items discussed at the previous meeting.

GCSBA REPORT

Mrs. Kelly moved, Mr. Kobik seconded a motion to open the audience participation portion of the meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation I - Opened at 7:49 p.m.

Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting. Concerns stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date.

When addressing the Board of Education, please respect the following procedures:

1. Be recognized by the Board President.
2. State your full name and address before commenting.
3. Identify the resolution or agenda item on which you will comment.
4. Wait to be recognized before making your comment(s).
5. Limit your comment(s) to the specific resolution or agenda item.

John Stagliano, C.L. Reutter School Teacher - Sought clarification of ratio in field trip policy.

Mr. Kozak responded that the ratio will remain the same, but now there is flexibility to add more chaperones without the restriction of an additional bus

Mary Kientz, Hancock Ave. - Questioned the third grade field trip ratio and again expressed concern about the ratio and the impact on safety.

Mr. Kozak responded that he had to have board approval first.

Mrs. Kientz recommended that next year, parents should be asked up front to send in \$30 with a request to go on a field trip.

Mrs. Kientz also questioned the transportation motion on the agenda.

The Board responded that there would be discussion on this item when that motion was put on the table.

Michele Busler, Main Road School Teacher - Read a prepared statement regarding field trip policy and raised concerns about educational benefits and safety with the number of chaperones. Stated the benefit of smaller groups.

Rose Marie Herman, Mary F. Janvier School Teacher - Raised concerns about field trip ratio relative to children with health concerns.

Mr. Kozak explained that the issue she stated is one concern raised by the principals when he met with them about the policy. School nurses now go on trips. If an amendment to the field trip policy is approved, the superintendent will have the authority to double the number of chaperones.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Mr. Christian seconded a motion to close the audience participation portion of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Audience participation ended at 8:10 p.m.

Miss Grochowski moved, Mrs. Coulbourn seconded a motion to approve the following Curriculum Committee items:

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

1. Homeless Received/Other Received Tuition Contract Agreements, 2. Student Tuition Placement - 2008-2009, 3. School Age Child Care Program 2009-2010, 4. Revised School Calendar 2008-2009, 5. Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Assurance, 2009-2010, 6. Homebound Instruction, 7. Summer Programs - 2009, 8. Field Trip - The Philadelphia Zoo

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Move to approve the received student Tuition Contract Agreements for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

**HOMELESS RECEIVED/
OTHER RECEIVED TUITION
CONTRACT AGREEMENTS**

Student	Classification/Program/Grade/ Tier/ASSA	School	District Received from	Effective Date	Tuition
A.W.	CI/LLD/2/Tier III/ Elementary	MFJ	Glassboro Public Schools Glassboro, N.J.	2/9/099	\$13,903 prorated
D.N.	4/Elemtnary	MR	Last District of Residence was Nevada. Tuition to be paid by State of N.J. Dept. of Ed.	2/11/09	\$8,538 prorated
D.N.	3/Elementary	MR	Last District of Residence was Nevada. Tuition to be paid by State of N.J. Dept. of Ed.	2/11/09	\$8,538 prorated

2. Move to approve the Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary arranging transportation and making tuition placement of the following student for the 2008-2009 school year:

**STUDENT TUITION
PLACEMENT - 2008-2009**

Student	2008-2009 Grade/Classification	Placement	Effective Date	2008-2009 Tuition
B.M.	PSD/PSD	Hollydell 610 Hollydell Drive Hurffville, NJ 08080	2/25/09	\$275.75 per day (will attend 4 days per week Mon-Thur)

- 3. Move to approve a contract with Archway Programs to provide a before- and after-school child care program for the 2009-2010 school year. SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM 2009-2010
- 4. Move to approve the revised 2008-2009 school calendar, as attached. REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-2009
- 5. Move to authorize submission of the proposed Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Assurance for the academic years 2009-2010. COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN ANNUAL ASSURANCE, 2009-2010
- 6. Move to approve homebound instruction for the following student: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

Name	Grade	Effective Date	School
G.L.	6	March 2, 2009	CLR

- 7. Move to approve the following in-district 2009 summer programs SUMMER PROGRAMS - 2009

Program	Location	Dates*	Grades
ESY - Special Education	TBD	July 6, 2009 - August 7, 2009	PSD-6
Basic Skills Summer Program	TBC	July 6, 2009 - August 7, 2009	K-5

- 8. Move to approve a field trip for Ms. Ritz's class, grades K-2, to the Philadelphia Zoo on April 30, 2009. FIELD TRIP - THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Mrs. Kelly moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to approve the following Finance Committee items: **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1. Bills - March, 2. State Aid Deductions, 3. Payroll, 4. Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report, 5. Budget Transfers - March, 6. Budget Overexpenditure Certification - Board Secretary, 7. Budget Overexpenditure Certification - Board of Education, 8. Anticipated Revenue Summary, 9. Maximum Travel Expenditure Amount for 2009-2010, 12. Grant Application

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Move to approve the list of bills for the month of March in the amount of \$453,090.41 as submitted by the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary: BILLS - MARCH

Bill List	Amount
Bill List #1 - March 9, 2009	\$ 265,947.06
Bill List #2 - March 18, 2009	\$ 187,143.35

- 2. Move to approve amounts withheld from State Aid payments for the month of February and paid to County Special Services, Katzenbach, N.J. Commission for the Blind and State Facilities in the amount of \$30,354.00. STATE AID DEDUCTIONS
- 3. Move to approve the payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$984,866.06 as submitted by the Board President, Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. PAYROLL
- 4. Move to accept the reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period ending February 28, 2009 and acknowledge that they are in agreement. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES REPORT
- 5. Move to approve budget transfers for the month of March in the amount of \$50,725.25 as submitted by the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary. BUDGET TRANSFERS - MARCH
- 6. Move to approve the Board Secretary's Monthly Certification that as of February 28, 2009, no budgetary line item account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c)3. BUDGET OVEREXPENDITURE CERTIFICATION - BOARD SECRETARY
- 7. Move to certify that as of February 28, 2009, after review of the Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (appropriations sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. BUDGET OVEREXPENDITURE CERTIFICATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION
- 8. Move to approve the anticipated Revenue Summary as of February 28, 2009 as submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. ANTICIPATED REVENUE SUMMARY
- 9. Move to approve, in accordance with Policies #0147, 3440, 4440 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), the establishment of a maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$37,037. This maximum travel amount applies for the following types of expenditures: travel, staff training and seminars, conventions and conferences, mileage reimbursement, meals, lodging, and other such travel and expense reimbursements. The YTD travel expenditures for 2008-09 as of February 28, 2009 are \$10, 651.24. MAXIMUM TRAVEL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FOR 2009-2010

- 12. Move to approve the submission of a grant application for the 2009 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Insurance Group's ERIC South Sub fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$6,495.00, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

GRANT APPLICATION

Mrs. Coulbourn moved, Mrs. Ciancaglini seconded a motion to approve the following Policy Committee items:

POLICY COMMITTEE

- 1. Amending Policies, 2. Amending Policy 2340

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 1. Move to adopt the following changes to policy and regulations 2460 and 2467:
 - A. 2460 - Special Education (M) Policy & Regulation
 - B. R2460.1 - Special Education - Location, Identification and Referral (M) - Regulation
 - C. R2460.5 - Special Education - Participation in Statewide Testing (Abolished)
 - D. R2460.7 - Special Education - Free and Appropriate Public Education (M) - Regulation
 - E. R2460.8 - Special Education - Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs (M) - Regulation
 - F. R2460.10 - Special Education - Maintenance, Access to and confidentiality of Pupil Records (Abolished)
 - G. R2460.14 - Special Education - Inservice Training (Abolished)
 - H. R2460.16 - Special Education - Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Pupils (M) - Regulation (New)
 - I. 2467 - Special Education - Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents (M) - Policy

POLICY AND REGULATION CHANGES

- 2. Move to amend Policy 2340, Field Trips. The only change is to delete the last sentence of the policy, which is "In no case shall chaperones in addition to the number required, necessitate the use of an extra transportation vehicle."

AMENDMENT - POLICY

Ms. Toy moved, Mr. Kobik seconded a motion to approve the following Property Committee item:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- 1. Toilet Room Waiver - Lake School

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Move to adopt a resolution regarding a toilet room waiver at the Lake School for the 2009-2010 school year.

TOILET ROOM WAIVER

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to approve the following Transportation Committee item:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Rescind Transportation Jointure

Discussion followed regarding the transportation committee motion.

Mrs. Kelly expressed concern about the safety issues. She asked about the seating arrangements on the bus. She also asked about high school students being able to get on the 3:15 p.m. (Delsea) bus, which would be carrying younger students, later in the day.

Mr. Kozak explained the jointure concept and the concern about the age of the children on the bus. He said that the children would be assigned seats on the bus according to age. The older students would be seated in the back, and the younger students in the front. He also said that no high school students would be permitted to ride the 3:15 p.m. bus.

Mr. Christian suggested that Mr. Kozak give a summary of what the jointure would entail.

Mr. Kozak explained that the State has been encouraging all districts to share services. The Executive County Superintendent met with the Ad Hoc committee (Elk, Franklin and Delsea) in July 2008. The Executive County Superintendent identified four areas to be explored in a way to save money for the districts. One of these areas was transportation.

The transportation efficiency rating would be improved by sharing services. The Transportation Supervisors of Franklin Township and Elk met to explore the possibility of transporting grades three through eight and using Delsea and Franklin Township buses as one fleet to accomplish this task. Establishing one fleet of buses would impact the bell schedules. There would be a slight adjustment to the high school and middle school. Main Road School would remain the same, Caroline L. Reutter School would be pushed back by approximately one-half hour, and Mary F. Janvier School would be pushed back by approximately one-quarter hour.

Mrs. Coulbourn had some comments regarding the transportation jointure issue. She reminded everyone that courtesy busing impacts the transportation efficiency rating and increases cost. Another factor is the size of the district, which is 56 square miles.

Another area that Mrs. Coulbourn mentioned was the bus garage. Delsea and Franklin could combine to use our district's facilities. She wondered about the status of the sharing of our garage.

Mrs. Coulbourn expressed concern over the impact of the bell schedule. She felt that a change of one-half hour could impact parents and their work schedules. She suggested that all other areas of savings be fully explored, and their potential impact analyzed, before the transportation jointure is finally approved.

Miss Grochowski asked if the projected savings is worth combining the buses and grades.

Mr. Christian asked if Elk elementary school students were combined with Delsea middle school students. Mr. Christian was told that they were not. He inquired as to the savings.

Mrs. DiPietro responded that approximately \$135,000 would be saved in bus replacement and salaries.

Mr. Kobik asked if a student's time on a bus would be reduced. Mrs. DiPietro said that theoretically, a bus route would be shorter because there would be more students at each bus stop.

Mr. Kobik asked the status of cameras on the district's buses. Mrs. DiPietro told him that the district's fleet is not entirely fitted with cameras.

Mr. Kobik asked if it was possible to put a bus aide on each bus. Mrs. DiPietro responded that putting a bus aide on each bus would defeat the purpose of savings.

Mr. Kobik inquired if Delsea has a safety patrol. He was told that they do not.

Mr. Kobik asked Mr. Borelli if the Executive County Superintendent has the legal authority to tell districts when to make cuts would the district be under legal obligation to comply?

Mr. Borelli responded that new regulations appear to give Executive County Superintendents more authority and power to make reductions, but that authority has not been tested. Mr. Borelli advised that, in his opinion the decision relative to combined transportation still rests with the local Board of Education.

Mrs. Toy asked if any other superintendent has responded to Mr. Kozak's survey (regarding transporting younger and older children on the same bus).

Mr. Kozak told the board that he'd sent the survey to the Gloucester County Superintendent. One district had second to eighth graders on the same bus. That district indicated that initially there was some concerns, but it was found that the older students actually helped the younger students. Other districts said they don't have buses and others split the students to maximize efficiency.

Mrs. Kelly asked about the Efficiency Rating and consequences of not meeting minimum requirement.

Mrs. DiPietro explained that Franklin Township is okay right now. In the future, if the district falls below the rating, there may be a reduction in state aid.

Mrs. Ciancaglini reminded everyone that the ratings are available online and that the Efficiency Rating is negatively impacted by the large size of the district. All districts within Gloucester County are within the limits.

Mrs. Ciancaglini asked what savings Delsea would reap from the jointure. Mrs. DiPietro responded that Delsea's business administrator did mention that they would be able to save in bus purchases.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Mrs. Coulbourn seconded a motion to open the floor to the public for questions on the Transportation Committee motion to rescind the jointure with Delsea.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON
RESCINDING JOINTURE
WITH DELSEA

Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Griffin, Caroline L. Reutter School Teacher - Asked if Dr. Stanwood gave a directive for the districts to consolidate. Mr. Kozak explained that districts are being encouraged to share services.

Mr. Griffin expressed concerns about having high school students on the buses with elementary school students. Mr. Kozak said that would not occur and only grades three through eight would be combined.

Mr. Griffin expressed the concern he has regarding bullying and safety on a bus if grades three through eight are combined.

Mr. Griffin asked for clarification on 'rescind.' Does that mean 'undo' the jointure? Mr. Kozak responded that yes, it means the jointure would not occur.

Janine Norris, Main Road - Questioned which principal has jurisdiction if there were issues between sixth and seventh graders? Mr. Kozak indicated that the principals from both districts would work together.

Mrs. Norris expressed her concern about third graders commingling with older students. She thought it would be difficult for drivers to police the seating.

Cindy Merckx, The Sentinel - Asked how many of the district's buses have cameras and if all buses were outfitted with child minders.

Mrs. Merckx asked Mr. Kozak if he reached out to parochial schools regarding busing older and younger students. Mr. Kozak told Mrs. Merckx that he had not emailed any parochial school districts, but through conversation, found that parochial schools have combined older and younger students for a long time.

Mrs. DiPietro told Mrs. Merckx that she would email the camera information to her.

Mrs. Kelly commented that parochial schools have same discipline code within their districts, but two districts may not share the same code. The districts involved in a transportation jointure would have to make sure their discipline codes were aligned.

Donna Herrschaft, Bluebell Road - Asked if the decision to rescind the jointure could wait until April 1, 2009. Mrs. DiPietro responded that April 1 is the public hearing of the budget and the transportation arrangements had to be solidified before that date.

Glenn Pender, New Road - Asked about Delsea sharing Franklin's bus garage and why the matter was out of our hands. Mrs. Ciancaglini responded that the district cannot force the issue upon Delsea.

Mr. Pender explained that in middle school, zero tolerance means simple assault charges and a juvenile complaint. He asked if there was a fight with third to sixth graders, would they be charged? Mr. Pender suggest that this issue be explored.

Stanley Evans, Garrison Road - Said that the savings with Franklin plus Delsea may be closer to two or three cents. Said that Delsea and Elk should negotiate and combine and use Franklin's bus garage.

John Stagliano, Caroline L. Reutter School Teacher - Urged the board to hold off for one more year to investigate the issue further.

Chalie Dains, Tuckahoe Road - Asked the board about transportation and consolidation. Mrs. DiPietro clarified that the Executive County Superintendent must develop a plan to submit to the Commissioner of Education regarding consolidation, but that ultimately, the voters have the final say on the change in district model.

Mary Kientz, Hancock Ave. - Said there was a huge assumption that safety would not be an issue on buses transporting older and younger students together. She encouraged the board to look at other ways to save money and to wait for one more year before making a decision about a jointure with Delsea. She felt that the issue needs more planning.

Ms. Toy moved, Mr. Kobik seconded a motion to close the public discussion on the rescinding of the transportation jointure with Delsea

Motion carried unanimously.

Public discussion on transportation issue closed at 9:27 p.m.

Mr. Kobik asked Mr. Borelli for clarification regarding the Executive County Superintendent's power. Mr. Borelli responded that the Executive County Superintendent does have the power to affect the budget process. However, the board does not have to vote a certain way because the Executive County Superintendent says so.

Mrs. Coulbourn asked if the appointment of an Executive County Superintendent was a political appointment and was done by the Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Ciancaglini responded that it was a political appointment.

Motion to rescind transportation jointure with Delsea carried unanimously by roll call vote.

1. Move to rescind approval of jointure agreements with Delsea Regional School District as needed, for the combined transportation of grades three through eight beginning in the 2009-2010 school year, as discussed at the Ad Hoc meetings.

RESCIND TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE

Mrs. Ciancaglini called for a 10 minute recess from 9:31 p.m. to 9:41 p.m.

RECESS

Mrs. DiPietro made a presentation about the tentative 2009-2010 school budget.

PRESENTATION - TENTATIVE 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mrs. Kelly moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to approve the following Finance Committee items:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

10. Resolution - Tentative Budget 2009-2010, 11. Tentative Tuition Rates - 2009-2010

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Move to approve the following resolution to adopt the tentative 2009-2010 budget:

RESOLUTION - TENTATIVE BUDGET 2009-2010

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin Board of Education has developed a tentative school district budget for the 2009-2010 school year according to the guidelines as set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to approve the tentative 2009-2010 school district budget for submission to the County Superintendent as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,553,413	\$ 8,069,128
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 527,787	\$ ----
Debt Service Fund	\$ 198,611	\$ 198,611
Total	\$ 18,279,811	\$ 8,267,739

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for no waiver requests to the tentative 2009-2010 school budget.

11. Move to establish the tentative tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year as follows:

TENTATIVE TUITION RATES - 2009-2010

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kindergarten	\$ 8,828
Grades 1-5	\$ 9,658
Grade 6	\$ 9,346
Multiple Disabilities	\$ 21,826
Learning/Language Disabilities	\$ 13,887
Pre-School Disabilities	\$ 14,975

Note: Estimated calculated rate per Department of Education 2009-2010 school year budget program.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Mrs. Coulbourn seconded a motion to open public comment.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion carried unanimously.

The Open Public Comment portion of the meeting began at 10:23 p.m.

This meeting will now be open to the public. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel items, or negotiations, we would ask that you see the superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.____

Cindy Merckx, The Sentinel - Had a question for Mr. Kozak regarding the bus to Washington, D.C. which the parents have to pay for.

Mr. Kozak explained the costs to the parents.

Mrs. Merckx questioned the amount of money budgeted for the superintendent's desk. She said that in the budget book, there was a 'consumable' account. Asked for the definition of 'consumable.'

Chalie Dains, Tuckahoe Road - Suggested to the board that they budget for a ramp at Caroline L. Reutter School in 2009-2010 budget.

Donna Herrschaft, Bluebell Road - Asked the amount budgeted in 2009-2010 for air conditioning at the schools. Mrs. DiPietro responded that \$171,000 was budgeted for Main Road and Caroline L. Reutter Schools.

Stanley Evans, Garrison Road - Indicated that he submitted an OPRA request for the statement Mrs. Toy read at the February 18, 2009 meeting. He commented that, as a past board member, it was his understanding that confidential information be kept confidential until such time that the closed session minutes are released.

Glenn Pender, New Road - Questioned the costs for overnight stays incurred by legal team. *The Sentinel* reported that they were paid by the Newfield school district. The board stated that they would review those types of expenditures, if incurred, to make sure they were appropriate.

Mrs. Ciancaglini moved, Miss Grochowski seconded a motion to close public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried unanimously.

The Open Public Comment section of the meeting was closed at 11:01 p.m.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:02 p.m.

Ms. Toy left the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

Return to open session 11:35 p.m.

Miss Grochowski moved, Mrs. Ciancaglini seconded a motion to approve the following Personnel Committee items:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- 1. Substitute Employment, 2. Awarding Tenure, 3. Retirement Resignation - Teacher, 4. Retirement Resignation - Teacher, 5. Retirement Resignation - Speech/Language Specialist, 6. Leave of Absence Request - Lake Road School Nurse, 7. Employment - Bus Aide, 8. Bus Driver Route Assignment, 9. Transportation Reassignments, 10. Employment - Priority Substitute Teacher, 11. Principal Waiver, 12. Principal - Lake School, 13. Revised Employee Calendar 2008-2009, 14. Employee Calendar 2009-2010, 15. Field Experience - Student Placement Request, 16. Travel Expense - Professional Staff, Non-Unit Staff and Support Staff, 17. Resolution - Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check

Roll call vote on the motion: motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 - all ayes; motions 11 and 12 - all ayes except for Mr. Kobik, who abstained. Motion carried.

- 1. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the N.J. Dept. of Education, the employment of the following substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year:

SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT

<u>Teacher</u> William Berger Lauren O'Shea	<u>Secretary</u> Donnamarie Selfridge	<u>Custodian</u> Terri Mangini Lisa Thomas
<u>Bus Driver</u> Sharon Clair	<u>Bus Aide</u> Terri Mangini	

- 2. Move to award tenure to Elizabeth A. DiPietro, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective March 19, 2009.

AWARDING TENURE

- 3. Move to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Sandra Mattern, teacher, effective July 1, 2009. (Mrs. Mattern has been employed in the district since September 1968.) RETIREMENT RESIGNATION
- TEACHER

- 4. Move to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Betty Nichols, teacher, effective July 1, 2009. (Mrs. Nichols has been employed in the district since September 1987.) RETIREMENT RESIGNATION
- TEACHER

- 5. Move to accept, with regret, the retirement resignation of Mary Vrabel, speech/language specialist effective July 1, 2009. (Mrs. Vrabel has been employed in the district since September 1976.) RETIREMENT RESIGNATION
- SPEECH/LANGUAGE
SPECIALIST

- 6. Move to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Judith Krauss, School Nurse, under the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act, effective March 3, 2009 through March 10, 2009, returning on March 11, 2009. LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST - LAKE SCHOOL
NURSE

- 7. Move to approve the employment, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and N.J. Dept. of Education, of Maria Staszewski as bus aide (Route FSE8 - Out of District) for the 2008-2009 school year at an hourly rate of \$10.48 per hour, in accordance with the TFSSA Negotiated Agreement, Step 1, effective March 19, 2009. EMPLOYMENT - BUS AIDE

- 8. Move to approve the following individual to the indicated bus route effective March 19, 2009: BUS DRIVER ROUTE
ASSIGNMENT

Name	Route and Description
Calamity Singleton	FSE4 (Bus Route - Larc School)

- 9. Move to approve the following transportation reassignments for the 2008-2009 school year: TRANSPORTATION
REASSIGNMENTS

Driver	Original Assignment	New Assignment
Linda Ruiz	FSE5	MR4, MJ7, KAM2
Christina Wagner	MR4, MJ7, KAM2	FSE5

- 10. Move to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the employment of the following individual as priority substitute teacher for the respective term indicated: EMPLOYMENT - PRIORITY
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Name	Term
Donna Antonelli	February 24, 2009 - June 16, 2009
Note: Was previously approved to start March 12, 2009. The effective date needs to be adjusted to reflect earlier start date.	

- 11. Move to request a waiver of the provision of N.J.A.C. which requires a full-time non-teaching principal at Lake School for the 2009-2010 school year. PRINCIPAL WAIVER
- 12. Move to appoint Anthony Ettore as principal of Lake School for the 2009-2010 school year. PRINCIPAL - LAKE SCHOOL
- 13. Move to approve the 2008-2009 employee calendar, as attached. REVISED EMPLOYEE CALENDAR 2008-2009
- 14. Move to approve the 2009-2010 employee calendar, as attached. EMPLOYEE CALENDAR 2009-2010
- 15. Move to approve the following request for placement as follows: FIELD EXPERIENCE - STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUEST

Student Name	University/College	School	Placement (Staff Member)	Date	Experience Description/ College Year
Toni Maiatico	Camden County College	MR	Michael Capecci	Spring 2009	Observation

- 16. Move to approve travel expenses, as attached. TRAVEL EXPENSE - PROFESSIONAL STAFF, NON-UNIT STAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF
 - 17. Move to approve the following resolution: RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENT HIRING PENDING COMPLETION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK
- RESOLUTION
- WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin Board of Education seeks to employ William Berger, Sharon Clair, Terri Mangini, Lauren O'Shea, Lisa Thomas, on an emergent basis for a period not to exceed three months, pending completion of a criminal history records check; and
- WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin Board of Education seeks to demonstrate to the Commissioner of Education that special circumstances exist which justify the emergent employment; and
- WHEREAS, William Berger, Sharon Clair, Terri Mangini, Lauren O'Shea, Lisa Thomas, has attested that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq, N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et seq, as applicable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Franklin Board of Education approves the application for emergent hiring of William Berger, Sharon Clair, Terri Mangini, Lauren O'Shea, Lisa Thomas.

Mr. Ranson, Board Member, read the following statement:

STATEMENT - BOARD MEMBER

Dear Fellow Board Members and Public - I am very concerned about the statements and conduct of Ms. Toy during and after the February Board of Education meeting. After carefully reading and trying to understand her concerns, I find myself confused and disappointed. Let me be very clear about what I believe our conduct should be and what is expected by NJSBA. If you or a member of the public has an issue that needs clarification, then we should gather all information to better clarify your concerns. If you know the issue is divisive or is a matter of concern in the community, pick up the phone and call the superintendent or solicitor beforehand. If Ms. Toy's intent was to gain information, her concerns would be answered. But, in my opinion, based on Ms. Toy's own statement and subsequent email was only to embarrass the president and all board members! Ms. Toy's actions are, in my opinion, unethical. Ms. Toy's total disregard for the School Board Member Ethics is inexcusable. Ms. Toy was entrusted to do the public work, watching over our schools and children. Ms. Toy, in my opinion, has broken that trust based on her involvement with Cindy Merckx of The Sentinel, to discuss and manipulate closed session discussions. I ask that the Board President remove Ms. Toy from all executive sessions and from the negotiations committee due to her breach of trust. Also, I would like to ask Mr. Borelli to gather information to see if any laws were broken with the reckless actions of The Sentinel newspaper and Ms. Toy. Thank you.

Mrs. Kelly, Board Member, read the following statement:

STATEMENT - BOARD MEMBER

One of the important issues is boardsmanship and ethics. Board Members should not have any personal agendas, should not grandstand, and work towards the best interest of the district. All Board Members receive training during the first year of their first term, informing us on board ethics.

Ms. Toy's actions of collaborating with people not on the board have made us ineffective. If every action that is discussed in closed session is disseminated to the public, particularly the press, this action hurts the capabilities of this Board to discuss and debate the issues affecting this school district.

She should be removed from any committees where information is privy.

Mrs. Coulbourn, Board Member, commented as follows:

STATEMENT - BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Toy showed blatant disregard for the trust and integrity of the process which we are all sworn to uphold. Regardless, Mrs. Toy had an obligation, if she was concerned over the past year, to recuse herself from any meetings, not to participate in them, and to come out and then say otherwise.

I want to have her speak specifically to a statement in The Sentinel newspaper where Mrs. Toy was quoted as saying she was ignored by this Board - the Board at the time - in closed session. Mrs. Toy as well as I, and every other person who was involved in any executive session, knows that Mrs. Toy was never ignored. That was a lie.

Miss Grochowski, Board Member, commented as follows:

Mrs. Toy really showed unethical behavior and totally humiliated this Board and me.

Mr. Christian moved, Mrs. Coulbourn seconded a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. DiPietro
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Typed by: jmp