MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CAMPUS ALL PURPOSE ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 – 6:33 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL

Mr. Nicolas DiMeglio - ***Present***	Mr. Jimmie Parker - ***Present***	Student Liaison
Mr. William Grippo - ***Present***	Ms. Meher Pervaaz - Rafiq - ***Present, Arrived at 6:38 pm***	Dharti Shastri
Dr. Dennis Hopkins, President - ***Present***	Ms. Jennifer Welch - ***Present***	Heidy Vera Parra
Ms. Erika Inocencio, Vice President - ***Present, Arrived at 6:39 pm***	Ms. Clara Wilson - ***Present, Arrived at 6:35 pm***	
Ms. Laurie Merris - ***Present***		

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Daniel C. Loughran, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Brian Bonanno, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Mr. Stephen Fried, School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary
Dr. Nicholas Solomon, Director of School Management
Dr. Brenda Sofield, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Mary L. Clark, Senior Manager of Policies, Regulations & Communications

17 Members of the Public

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT - Read by Mr. Bonanno
In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), Copies of the public meeting notice were sent to the **Courier News,** the **Home News Tribune, The Star-Ledger, The Franklin Reporter, Tap Into Franklin Township,** Franklin Township Clerk/Manager, District Schools, Offices and Associations, PTO Presidents, and posted on the District website.

Executive Session *(If deemed necessary) (B.A.C. Building #1, Room 113)*
Moved: Mr. Grippo Seconded: Mr. Parker

Unainmously approved by voice vote at 6:37 pm..

The board of Education of the Franklin Township School District in the County of Somerset, adjourn into a closed session meeting to discuss the item(s) which fall within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.A.A 10:4-12 b.:

a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule;
b. Individual Privacy;
c. Collective bargaining agreements;
d. Purchase of lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected;
e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected;
f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
g. Pending or anticipated litigation;
h. Attorney-Client privilege; and
i. Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific, prospective, or current employee.

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential by individual privacy and attorney-client privilege including personnel matters. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

_X_ We anticipate board action to be taken following the Executive Session.
___ We do not anticipate action to be taken following the Executive session.

Motion to return to public session made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Mr. Parker at 7:25 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Ms. Welch

MISSION STATEMENT OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Read by Mr. Grippo

Franklin Township Public Schools embraces its diversity, fosters excellent educational innovation and empowers all students to achieve their highest potential.

DISTRICT GOALS 2025-2026

- Promote policies and programs that support academic growth, whole-child development, and a passion for learning. Expand innovative college and career technical readiness through industry collaboration initiatives that increase academic rigor and broaden students' future pathways.

- Recognize, nurture, and invest in talent within our district by providing high-quality, personalized professional development that reflects current and emerging educational needs, including technological advancements and leadership preparation. Support and empower staff to develop self-awareness and relational skills to deepen connections with students and inspire them to develop emotional wellness and lifelong intellectual curiosity.

- Eliminate systemic barriers to equity by promoting diversity, inclusion, and belonging across the FTPS community. Ensure all students have equitable access to the district's curriculum, instruction, and academic programs. Reinforce that discrimination in any form will not be tolerated. Inclusion will remain a core value, guiding all aspects of the educational environment.

- Safeguard the well-being of students, staff, and community by implementing targeted wellness programs to address food insecurity and promoting comprehensive physical, mental, and emotional health.

- Strengthen community and stakeholder partnerships to support district needs and promote a vibrant school culture. Foster meaningful family engagement. Expand extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities that build Warrior Pride.

- Advance environmental sustainability through education, climate responsibility, and community engagement, while supporting each school's pursuit of top-tier Sustainable Jersey certification.

I. **Action to Adopt the Agenda**
Moved: Ms. Pervaaz-Rafiq Seconded: Ms. Merris

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

II. **Student Representative Report -** *The Student Representative provided the Student Representative Report to the board and public.*

III. **FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation-** Mr. Fried, School Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary & Dr. John Ravally, Superintendent

IV. **Superintendent's Report -** *Dr. Ravally provided the Superintendent's Report to the board and public.*

V. **Board President's Report** - *Dr. Hopkins provided the Board President's Report to the board and public.*

VI. **Comments From The Public** *(5 minutes per speaker – agenda items only)*

Motion to open public comments made by Mr. DiMeglio and seconded by Mr. Grippo at 8:39 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

No comments made.

Motion to close public comments made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Inocencio at 8:40 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

VII. Committee/Liaison Reports Safety Communications Curriculum Facilities Finance Personnel Policy

Committee/Liaison Reports available for review online.

VIII. New Business

Moved: Ms. Inocencio Seconded: Mr. Grippo

Roll call on the following agenda items:

R-01, M-01, A-01 to A-09, B-01 to B-10, C-01 to C-04, and P-01 to P-02

Unanimously approved by voice vote with the following exceptions:

Mr. DiMeglio abstained from motion M-01.c

R-01 Monthly Reports

Acknowledge the receipt of the following report attached hereto and made a part of the minutes:

a.	Principals' Reports	February	Exhibit R-01.a
b.	Attendance Officer's Report	February	Exhibit R-01.b
c.	Enrollment Report	February	Exhibit R-01.c
d.	Emergency Drill Report	February	Exhibit R-01.d
e.	Suspension Report	February	Exhibit R-01.e
f.	H.I.B. Report	February	Exhibit R-01.f

M-01 Minutes of Board Meetings

Approve the minutes of the following meetings of the Franklin Township Board of Education:

a.	February 26, 2026	Regular	Exhibit M-01.a
b.	February 26, 2026	Confidential	Exhibit M-01.b
c.	March 10, 2026	Confidential	Exhibit M-01.c

Administration

A-01 Adoption of the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

1. FY2027 Preliminary Budget

Be it Resolved, that the preliminary budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Somerset County Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

FY2026	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
Total Appropriations	$220,518,992	$18,485,744	$7,579,839	$246,584,575
Less: Anticipated Revenue	$26,127,677	$18,485,744	$858,749	$45,472,170
Taxes to be Raised	$194,391,315	$0	$6,721,090	$201,112,405

And to advertise said preliminary budget in the Courier News in the form recommended by the State Department of Education and according to Law; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a public hearing be held in the All Purpose room of the Franklin Township Board of Education Administrative Campus located at 2301 Route 27, Somerset, NJ on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Adjustment for HEALTH CARE COSTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of $11,316,634. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

4. <u>Maximum Travel</u>

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of $130,012 for 2026-2027. The maximum travel expenditure amount for 2025-2026 is $119,829, of which, $38,010 has been spent and $15,527 is encumbered as of 3/16/2026.

5. <u>Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement</u>

WHEREAS, The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;

AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;

AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $1,500 per staff member or district board of education member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out-of-District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

6. Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Other Capital Projects in the amount of $125,000 for Other Capital Project costs of $125,000. The total cost of this project represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

A-02 Travel & Related Expense Reimbursement

Adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Franklin Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district, and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

Whereas, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 16-11-OMB, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

Whereas, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of $1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed school board members and district employees at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the attached training, seminars, conferences and conventions as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit A-02)

A-03 Affirm Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Decisions

Whereas, these HIB Investigation Reports indicated each reported case of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying and the results of the investigation also known as the Superintendent's decision – including any services provided, training established or discipline imposed; and

Whereas, the parties involved in those cases reported were notified of the results of the investigation, Superintendent's decision, and the rights of those parties to request a hearing before the Board of Education; and

Whereas, no requests for a hearing before the Board of Education have been received; and

Whereas, the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights provides the Board of Education the opportunity to affirm, modify or reject the Superintendent's decisions on reported cases of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decisions in the cases listed in the HIB Investigation Reports previously accepted by the Board at its regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting on February 26, 2026.

A-04 Women's History Month

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

Whereas American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas American women have served our country courageously in the military;

Whereas American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

"Whereas despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American history:"

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Franklin Township Board of Education hereby proclaims that March is designated as "Women's History Month" and calls upon citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges to observe **March as Women's History Month** with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

A-09 Week of the Young Child April 11–17, 2026

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) sponsors the annual Week of the Young Child to celebrate young children and highlight the importance of high-quality early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's high-quality preschool program, aligned with state preschool standards and implemented through a mixed-delivery system of district classrooms and community provider partners, supports strong developmental foundations during the most critical years of brain development; and

WHEREAS, these programs promote school readiness, inclusive learning environments for children with disabilities, and strong family engagement that benefits children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, young children thrive when supported by skilled, caring, and diverse early childhood educators dedicated to developmentally appropriate teaching and learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Franklin Township School District hereby recognizes Week of the Young Child, April 11–17, 2026, and commends the district's preschool educators, staff, community provider partners, and families for their commitment to high-quality early childhood education and the success of the district's youngest learners. (NAEYC)

A-06 Donation

Pursuant to Policy 7230: Gifts, Grants and Donations, the Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donations:

- A donation of $2,500 as well as $1,000 worth of Art Tools from Crayola/ MFS Investment Management to be used for Expansion of Financial Literacy and Creativity Programs at Conerly Road School
- A donation of $500 from Mr. Thomas J Kavanaugh of the VFW 2290 Progressive for the Franklin High School JROTC program.
- A donation of 8 bicycles, valued at approximately $2,000, from Schneider Electric for student rewards and incentives at Franklin Middle School - Hamilton Street Campus.
- A donation of Indoor / Outdoor sensory items for sensory play, valued at $7, 500, from the Triple B Foundation, for Franklin Park School.

A-07 Revised Policy - Second Reading

Approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised policy, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes: Policy 2530 Resource Materials (Exhibit A-07)

A-08 Revised Policy - First Reading

Approve the first reading of the following revised policy, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes: Policy 5841 Secret Societies (Exhibit A-08

A-09 Facilities Use

Pursuant to Policy and Regulation 7510/R7510: Use of School Facilities, the Board of Education approves the use request made by:

a. YMCA of Greater Somerset County, Franklin Branch, for use of the facilities at Elizabeth Avenue School or other district location for the purposes of conducting a summer camp on Mondays through Thursdays from June 29, 2026 through August 6, 2026. ;

b. YMCA of Greater Somerset County, Franklin Branch, for use of the facilities at Elizabeth Avenue School or other district location for the purposes of conducting a summer camp when inclement weather or emergency conditions require the camp to be held indoors, during the months of July and August;

c. YMCA of Greater Somerset County, Franklin Branch, for use of the parking lots of district schools from June 29, 2026 through the months of July and August for the purposes of picking up and dropping off children who will be attending its summer camp;

d. P.E.A.R.L.S., Inc, a not for profit organization, for the use of facilities at Franklin High School on May 2, 2026 for the purposes of hosting a Designer Bag Bingo fundraising event, fees limited to a registration fee and any applicable staffing costs;

e. Further authorizes the Superintendent to approve the use of classrooms and common areas, including applicable outdoor fields, by Franklin Township Mayor, Council or Township Manager; the Franklin Township Police, Recreation Department, Cultural Arts Commission and/or Franklin Township Youth Services Commission, during the months of July and August, in the school facilities of the Franklin Township School District in accordance with and including any applicable fees as outlined in the regulation.

Business

B-01 Warrants & Payrolls

Approve the following on the certification of the Board Secretary that sufficient funds are available to meet these claims (attached hereto and made a part of the minutes):

General Warrants - March 2026	$12,714,122.71
Payroll - February 15, 2026	$5,131,419.06
Payroll - February 28, 2026	$5,264,682.71
Enterprise Fund Warrants - March 2026	$174,646.08

(Exhibit B-01)

B-02 Financial Reports

Accept the financial reports attached hereto and made a part of the minutes as follows:

a. Report of the Board Secretary (A-148) (Exhibit B-02.a) (February)
b. Report of the Treasurer (A-149) and Cash Reconciliation of A-148 & A-149 (Exhibit B-02.b) (February)
c. Void Check Report (Exhibit B-02.c) (February)
d. Transfer Report (Exhibit B-02.d) (February)

B-03 Monthly Financial Certification

Motion to accept the following monthly financial certification:

The Assistant Superintendent for Business does hereby certify that they have examined the major budgetary accounts of the FY 2026 budget as advertised and verified that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6a:23a-16.10(c)(3) for the period ending February 28, 2026. Based upon the financial information available to them, to the best of their knowledge, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B-04 Contract Approval *(All contracts are LEA-funded, unless otherwise noted.)*

Approve the following:

a. The purchase of MLC Bridges curriculum materials for Kindergarten from The Math Learning Center for the amount of $21,065.00.

b. A quote from Savvas Learning Company, identified as Q-224398, for the purchase of enVision Annual Renewal of SIte Subscription Licenses and Consumable for grades 6, 7, and 8 for the total amount of $26,778.75.

c. A quote, identified as quote #026003 v1, from Arctiq, for the purchase of Meraki school cameras to replace and/or enhance the existing CCTV surveillance systems throughout the district's schools, in an amount not to exceed $13,000 for the 2025–2026 fiscal year.

d. A security order for St. Matthias School, Quote # 1153, from Mar-Nic General Contractors LLP for removal and disposal of old fencing materials and the installation of 411 linear feet of industrial grade chain link fence around the playground for the total amount of $16,634.00. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

e. A technology order for St. Matthias School, Quote #PTPR461, from CDW-G for the purchase of 18 Dell Chromebooks with Google Chrome Education Upgrade for the total amount of $7,954.20. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

f. A security order for Cedar Hill Prep School, Quote # PVDZ458, from CDW-G for the purchase of one Tripp Lite Network Cable Continuity Tester for the total amount of $52.49. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

g. A technology order for Cedar Hill Prep School, Quote #PTMV491, from CDW-G for the purchase of seven Bytecc HDMI video cables for the total amount of $118.58. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

h. A proposal, #290, from Lorraine's Jr. Dept Store for the purchase of food service staff uniforms for the total amount of $14,080.00.

i. A professional service agreement between Child Study Team Services LLC and Franklin Township Board of Education to provide Psychological Evaluations and attend CST Meetings for Franklin Township students during the 2025- 2026 school year. Not to exceed the amount of $10,000.00.

Additional amount of $5000.00 needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Total amount not to exceed $15,000.00.

j. An agreement between Franklin Township Board of Education and the Township of Franklin concerning collaborative use of the partnership health center facility at 61 Veronica Ave, Somerset, NJ as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-04.j)

k. A security order for Sadiq School, Quote # 10092025, from Tech Casa for the purchase and installation of an on-premises DELL Security Server/Domain Controller for the total amount of $5,950.00. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

l. A security order for YingHua International School, Quote # Q-163032, from Data Center Warehouse for the purchase of an Apple iPad, iPad stand, Brother Label Printer and Labels, and one-year workplace K-12 Verkada License for the total amount of $1630.00. To be paid using non-public funding through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

B-05 Change Orders

a. Change Order #CO-08 - Zufall Health Clinic - Scozzari Builders, Inc.

As recommended by SSP Architects, the architect for the Zufall Health Clinic project, approval is granted for the following change order as presented by SSP Architects on behalf of Scozzari Builders, Inc..

CO-08 - Supply and install new exhaust fan, thermostat, electrical connections and components; Replace existing electrical outlet; Installation of louver in door $15,567.96

Original Contract	$839,243.00
Net Change by Previous Approved Change Orders	$35,393.64
Contract Amount Prior to Change Order	$874,636.64
Contract Sum Changed by Change Order CO-08	$15,567.96
New Contract Amount	$890,204.60

B-06 Purchasing Manual

Approve the 2026-2027 Purchasing Manual, as detailed in the exhibit hereto, and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit B-06)

B-07 Receipt of Bids - Bid # 2027-01 Commercial Appliance Repair- Hot & Cold

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for Commercial Appliance Repair on February 24, 2026.

Bidder - Cold Service Only	Hourly Rate	Overtime Rate	Percentage Discount
ATV Inc	$95	$143	10%

B-08 Award of Bids - Bid # 2027-01 Commercial Appliance Repair- Hot & Cold

Based on the advice of board counsel, award a contract to ATV Inc from Parsippany, NJ, for commercial appliance repair. The term of this contract shall begin on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. The board reserves the right to renew this contract for an additional 24 months. This contract shall not exceed $100,000.

B-09 Receipt of Bids - Playground Project for Franklin Park School

It is recommended that the Franklin Township Board of Education receive bids for the playground project on March 17, 2026.

Vendor	Base Bid	Alternate - Add
T. Fiotakis Construction LLC	$238,750	$75,000
Seacoast Construction Inc	$193,750	$29,000
Sunset Creations Inc	$144,040	$10,000

B-10 Award of Bids - Playground Project for Franklin Park School

Based on the advice of board counsel, award a contract to Seacoast Construction INC, located in East Brunswick, NJ for the playground project including the base bid and alternate. The term of this contract shall begin around June 27, 2026 and end around August 3, 2026. This contract shall not exceed $222,750.

Curriculum and Instruction

C-01 Out of District Students: 2025-2026 School Year

Approve out of district placements for students, as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-01)

C-02 Field Trip Destinations

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 requires prior approval of field trip destinations by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves, in advance, field trip destinations, all trips within district, local community locations, and all other schools and universities in New Jersey; be it further

Resolved, that the Franklin Township Board of Education authorizes, in advance, the list of destinations. As detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit C-02)

C-03 Field Trip Applications *(Involving overnight, over 150 miles, or air travel)*

Motion to approve the following:

- FHS Student Government overnight trip scheduled for July 7-9, 2026 to The College of New Jersey for the Annual Summer Leadership Training Conference. (**Confidential** Exhibit C-03)

C-04 Application New Jersey Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant -Cohort 3

Motion to approve a grant application in response to the NJ Learning Acceleration Program: High Impact Tutoring Grant--Cohort 3 NGO made available through the NJDOE. If awarded, this grant would provide $160,000 to address students' increased academic needs and accelerate learning by implementing a High-Impact Tutorial program.

Personnel

P-01 Workers Compensation Settlement

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve settlement of Workers' Compensation claims in the matter of the following employee. As detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

a. **Confidential** Exhibit P-01.a
b. **Confidential** Exhibit P-01.b

P-02 Personnel Report No. 09

As recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, approve Personnel Report No. 09 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. (Exhibit P-02)

Comments From The Public *(5 minutes per speaker – any topic)*

Motion to open public comments made by Mr. DiMeglio and seconded by Mr. Parker at 8:57 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ms. Zou made comment about the budget.

Motion to close public comment made by Mr. Grippo and seconded by Ms. Pervaaz-Rafiq at 9 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

IX. Good of the Order

Note: Any matters which arise after this agenda is posted which are so urgent that their omission would seriously affect the operation of the district will be considered at this point in the agenda.

Alternate Location

Executive Session *(If deemed necessary) (B.A.C. Building #1, Room 113)* ***N/A***

The board of Education of the Franklin Township School District in the County of Somerset, adjourn into a closed session meeting to discuss the item(s) which fall within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.:

a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule;
b. Individual Privacy;
c. Collective bargaining agreements;

d. Purchase of lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected;
e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected;
f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
g. Pending or anticipated litigation;
h. Attorney-Client privilege; and
i. Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific, prospective, or current employee.

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential by Personnel -employment matters affecting a specific, prospective or current employee. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

__ We anticipate board action to be taken following the Executive Session.
__ We do not anticipate action to be taken following the Executive session.

X. Adjournment

Moved: Mr. Grippo Seconded: Ms. Parker

Action to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.