**MEETING MINUTES**
**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CAMPUS MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM**
**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:16 P.M.**

**CALL OF ROLL**

Mr. Nicolas DiMeglio **-** ***Absent***
Mr. William Grippo **-** ***Present***
Dr. Dennis Hopkins, President **-** ***Present, Departed at 8 pm***
Ms. Erika Inocencio, Vice President **-** ***Present***
Ms. Laurie Merris **-** ***Present***
Mr. Jimmie Parker **-** ***Present***
Ms. Meher Pervaaz - Rafiq **-** ***Present***
Ms. Jennifer Welch **-** ***Present***
Ms. Clara Wilson **-** ***Present***

Mr. Brian Bonanno, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary

0 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** *(B.A.C. Building #2, Main Conference Room)*
Moved: Mr. Parker Seconded: Ms. Inocencio

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 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.
X We do not anticipate action to be taken following the Executive session.

| DiMeglio | Grippo | Hopkins | Inocencio | Merris | Parker | Pervaaz-Rafiq | Welch | Wilson |
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| __Y___ | __Y___ | __Y___ | __Y___ | __Y__ | __Y__ | __Y____ | __Y__ | __Y__ |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Mr. Parker**

**MISSION STATEMENT OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**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.

**Purpose:** The Board of Education will discuss personnel matters.

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

*Motion to open and close public comments made at 8:12 pm by Ms. Welch and seconded by Ms. Wilson. Unanimously approved by voice vote. No public for comment.*

**II. Adjournment**
Moved: Ms. Pervaaz-Rafiq Seconded: Ms. Inocencio

Action to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Unanimously approved by voice vote.