

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING October 29, 2025

AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Kathleen Clohessey, Wayne Bartron, Stephanie Perna,
Christopher Patterson, Rachel Kabbash
John R. Giacchi, Superintendent
Carlos Sarmiento, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ABSENT: John Friend, Stephen Koger, John VanKampen, Erin Henry

The Board President opened the meeting at 7:07p.m.

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PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act – Chapter 231 – Public Laws of 1975.” Advance written notice of at least 48 hours was given specifying the time, date and to the extent known, the agenda, and stating whether formal action may or may not be taken and has been properly posted at the school, mailed to the Clerk/Administrator, and mailed to the New Jersey Herald and the Star Ledger.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Agenda Items

On motion by Mrs. Kabbash, seconded by Mr. Bartron and carried unanimously by voice vote, opened the meeting to the public for comment on Agenda items.

The Board Secretary read the following statement:

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with Policy 0167 - Public Presentation at Board meetings. Each statement made by all participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, please raise your hand to be called upon. Once called, please come to the microphone and state your name, municipality of residence, and/or group affiliation and the agenda item you will address.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse comments, nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments made by a member of the public about a staff member or any other individual that may be considered defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

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No one addressed the Board

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bartron, and carried unanimously by voice vote, closed the meeting to the public for comment on the Agenda items.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Stephanie Perna, Chair – Committee Report

On motion by Mr. Bartron, seconded by Mr. Patterson, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, approved the following resolutions:

- A. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the following resignation:

Staff Member	Position	Last Day Worked
Karen LoPorto	Full-time Middle School Teacher	December 12, 2025

- B. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints the following personnel for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of required paperwork:

Staff Member/Appointment	Start Date	Compensation
Polina Acurol (1 FTE) – Elementary Education Teacher	On or about January 5, 2026	BA Step 8 at \$64,637 per year (to be prorated based upon start date), benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork

OLD BUSINESS - N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mrs. Kabbash updated everyone on the School Board Convention. She stated it was awesome and encourages all the Board Members to attend next year.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Discussion – N/A

On motion by Mrs. Kabbash seconded by Mr. Bartron, and carried unanimously by voice vote, opened the meeting to the public for visitors to address the board.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Bartron, and carried unanimously by voice vote, adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Sarmiento
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary