

**Franklin Board of Education  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY:**

**Time: p.m.**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Mr. Bartron</b>	<b>Mr. Friend</b>	<b>Mrs. Kabbash</b>	<b>Mr. Koger</b>	<b>Mr. Patterson</b>	<b>Mrs. Perna</b>	<b>Mr. VanKampen</b>	<b>Ms. Henry</b>	<b>Mrs. Clohessey</b>
<b>Present</b>									

**Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance**

**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.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Amended Preliminary Budget Presentation –  
Mr. Sarmiento, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Dr. Giacchi, Superintendent

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –FY 2026-2027 Amended Preliminary Budget**

A. Open the meeting for public comment on FY 2026-2027 amended preliminary budget.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board for comments on the FY 2026-2027 amended preliminary budget. Please note that public comments on the budget 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.

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.

This public session is designed for members of the public to speak on issues for Board consideration. By law, the Board of Education is under no obligation to respond to public comment. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board at the conclusion of public participation. This portion of the meeting is meant to hear public comment, not to have a dialogue between the Board and the person speaking.

B. Close the meeting for public comment on FY 2026-2027 amended preliminary budget.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

**BUDGET:**

**ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2026-2027**

*Motion:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Second:* \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the amended preliminary budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following amended preliminary budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline and to advertise said amended preliminary budget in the NJ Herald in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education according to law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a public hearing be held in the library at Franklin Borough School, 50 Washington Avenue, Franklin, New Jersey on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>
2026-2027 Budget	\$13,401,791	\$1,888,054	\$15,289,845
Less: Anticipated Revenue	\$5,761,702	\$1,888,054	\$7,649,756
Taxes to be Raised	\$7,640,089	\$0	\$7,640,089

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2026-2027**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a Board of Education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as follows:

<b>Professional Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Legal	\$25,000
Audit	\$38,964
Physician	\$8,000
Architect/Engineer	\$12,537

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAVEL MAXIMUM 2026-2027**

**WHEREAS**, school district policy and N.J.A.C 6A:23a-7.1 et seq. provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2026-2027 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$346.43 as of March 19, 2026 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Borough Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, hereby establishes the school district maximum for the 2026-2027 school year at the sum of \$32,750; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**MAINTENANCE RESERVE WITHDRAWAL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$253,844 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

**USE OF HEALTH CARE ADJUSTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin Borough Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of \$291,220. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care premiums.

**USE OF BANKED CAP**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin Borough Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$222,898 for the purpose of supporting certificated and non-certificated staff salaries along with the increase in out of district tuition. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2027.

***Discussion***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Member	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – VISITORS ADDRESS THE BOARD**

A. Open the meeting to the public for visitors to address the Board on non-agenda items.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

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B. Close the meeting to the public for visitors to address the Board.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education may exclude the public from the portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1)-9;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter closed session to discuss the following matter(s) concerning:

- Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- Personnel
- Appointment of a public official
- Matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- Pending or anticipated litigation
- Pending or anticipated contract negotiations
- Protection of the safety or property of the public
- Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government
- Matters concerning collective negotiations and/or the negotiation of terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Board of Education
- Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mr. VanKampen	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey

**OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESUME OPEN SESSION: Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: Time** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roll Call Vote:**

Member	Mr. Bartron	Mr. Friend	Mrs. Kabbash	Mr. Koger	Mr. Patterson	Mrs. Perna	Mr. VanKampen	Ms. Henry	Mrs. Clohessey