

**Franklin Board of Education
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY:

Time: p.m.

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

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Meier administers the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member filling the vacant term of September 14, 2026 to December 31, 2027:

- F. Cliff Graham

I. ACTION ITEMS – Approval of the following routine matters:

A. Approval of Regular Board Minutes

That the minutes of the following meeting be approved as presented:

1. August 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENT 1

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. To recognize Kathleen Clohessey for winning the New Jersey School Boards Association (NISBA) Unsung Superheroes in Education Award in the Crossing Guard category

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Open the meeting for public comments on agenda items.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Discussion

Voice Vote:

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

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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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- B. Close the meeting for public comment on agenda items.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Discussion

Voice Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) Annual Workshop from Monday, October 19, 2026 through Thursday, October 22, 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. School updates
- B. To report that there were no fire or security drills held during the month of August 2026.
- C. To report the following clinical placements:

Teacher Candidate	Grade Level	Clinical Educator	Clinical Dates
Michael Romanelli – William Paterson University	Grade 4	Mrs. Labance and Mrs. Black	• 3 days per week 9/3/26 - 12/11/26 • 5 days per week 1/21/27 - 5/12/27
Karissa Mor – William Paterson University	Preschool	Ms. Gori	• 1 day per week 9/2/26 - 12/11/26
Hannah Posser – William Paterson University	Grade 3	Mrs. Winters	• 3 days per week 9/3/26 - 12/11/26 • 5 days per week 1/21/27 - 5/12/27
Linda Zwolinski – William Paterson University	Grades K-5, ESL	Mrs. Morville	• 3 days per week 9/3/26 - 12/11/26 • 5 days per week 1/21/27 - 5/12/27

II. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Stephanie Perna, Chair – Committee Report

Approve Items A – O

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

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

Staff	Position	Date
Donna Moreno	Part-time Paraprofessional	Effective June 30, 2026

- B. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, rescinds the following appointment made at the July 13, 2026 Board of Education meeting:

Staff	Position	Effective Date
Daniel Engelhardt	Timekeeper/Game Clock Operator	September 2, 2026
Lynnette Whetham-Denton	Part-time Paraprofessional	August 31, 2026

- C. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2026-2027 school year:

2026-2027 Extra-Curricular Appointments		
Activity	Staff Member	Annual Stipend
Band Director	Sarah Chimileski	\$3,690, prorated from September 2, 2026 through on or about March 25, 2027
Eighth Grade Advisor	Sara Blondina	\$500

- D. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints the following personnel for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of required paperwork where applicable:

Staff Member/Appointment	Start Date	Compensation
Sabrina Hoffman (0.71 FTE) – Part-time Paraprofessional	On or about September 10, 2026	\$20.26 per hour, plus \$2.00 per hour differential for providing higher level care, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork

- E. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves compensation for the following New or Non-Stipend Club for the 2026-2027 school year:

New or Non-Stipend Club	Advisor	Compensation
Fall Session - Franklinites Dance Club	- Stephanie Correal - Lisa Dylewski	\$500 to be split equally between the two advisors
Spring Session - Franklinites Dance Club	- Stephanie Correal - Lisa Dylewski	\$500 to be split equally between the two advisors

- F. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints full-time custodian Dave McDole as Assistant to the Head Custodian/Building and Grounds Supervisor at an annual stipend of \$1,800 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints full-time custodian Jason Baldwin as Night Foreman at an annual stipend of \$1,200 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- H. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints full-time custodian Robert (Bruce) Cahill as Assistant to the Night Foreman at an annual stipend of \$250 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- I. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a \$1,200 annual stipend for the custodians below who hold a registered boiler's license:

Name
Jeffrey Hart
Michael Higgins
Dave McDole
Kristoffer Moser
Federico Nostray

- J. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints Robert Hennessy as Franklin Borough School's Workplace Impairment Recognition Expert (WIRE) for the 2026-2027 school year.

- K. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the Full-time Equivalent (FTE) for the following paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year as listed below:

Staff Members		New FTE	Effective Date
• Meghan Arxer • Wendy Awuah • Yackelin Barrientos • Samantha Becker • Aurora Brown • Kristina Fedor	• William Frye • Melissa Halter • Nancy Madera • Alyssa McCarrick • Kelly Walters	0.75	September 2, 2026

- L. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, amends the following personnel appointments for the 2026-2027 school year: *(Note that these appointments were originally made at the August 17, 2026 Board of Education meeting.)*

Staff Member/ Appointment	Start Date	Compensation
Sarah Chimileski (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Instrumental Music Teacher	September 1, 2026 until on or about March 25, 2027	\$170 per day for 60 days, not benefit eligible. Beginning on day 61, at BA Step 1 at \$63,936 per year (prorated) retroactive to day 1, benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Dawn Iadarola (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher	September 2, 2026 until on or about December 23, 2026	\$170 per day for 60 days, no benefits. Beginning on day 61, at MA+30 Step 1 at \$70,446 (prorated) per year retroactive to day 1, plus benefits, pending completion of required paperwork
Morgan Sturmfels (1 FTE) - Long-term Substitute Social Worker	August 27, 2026 through on or about February 1, 2027	\$170 per day for 60 days, no benefits. Beginning on day 61, at MA Step 1 at \$68,236 (prorated) per year retroactive to day 1, plus benefits, pending completion of required paperwork

- M. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following professional development stipend, compensation upon submission of timesheets:

Name	Purpose/Dates	Cost
Sarah Chimileski	Teacher In-Service Days: August 27 and August 31, 2026	\$170 per day

- N. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year, pending completion of required documents where applicable. Compensation upon completion of timesheets:

Name	Position	Compensation
Cheryl Bigansky	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Jessica Feder	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$115 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Moya Gallagher	Substitute Nurse	\$250 per day, not benefit eligible
Michelle LeFebvre	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Stefhanie Reis	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Sally Rinker	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Kira Shellowsky	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork
Marie Sommers	Substitute Teacher	\$150 per day, not benefit eligible, pending completion of required paperwork

- O. Resolved that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following professional development:

Staff Member	Professional Development	Cost	Date
Alexandria Lefkovits	Association of AMTNJ (Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey) meeting at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ	Registration: \$185.00	November 20, 2026

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

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

III. EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Stephen Koger, Chair – Committee Report

Approve Items A – C

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

A. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the School District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan.

B. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the annual Nursing Services Plan.

ATTACHMENT 2

C. Resolved that the Board of Education amends the 2026-2027 District Goals as listed in **ATTACHMENT 3.**

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

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

IV. FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Erin Henry, Chair – Committee Report

Approve Items A – M

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

A. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the vendor payments dated August 18, 2026 through September 14, 2026.

ATTACHMENT 4

Fund 10	Charter School/ER FICA Share	\$17,816.30
Fund 11	General Expense	\$451,440.99
Fund 12	Capital Outlay	-
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$73,099.28
Fund 30	Capital Projects	-
Fund 60	Cafeteria	\$417.30
Fund 95	Student Activities	\$3,524.52
	Total	\$546,298.39

- B. Resolved that the Board of Education accepts the attached Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies report for July 2026.

Resolved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, the Board Secretary does certify that as of July 31, 2026, no budgetary line-item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1;

Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 the Board of Education does certify that as of July 31, 2026, the Board Secretary Monthly Financial Report, did not reflect an over expenditure in any Major Account or Fund, and based on the Appropriation Balances reflected on this report and on the advice of District Officials, that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ATTACHMENT 5

- C. Resolved that the Board of Education approves between line-item transfers as required by State rules and regulations for the month of July 2026.

ATTACHMENT 6

- D. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the as-needed shared nursing services agreement between the Franklin Borough Board of Education and the Wallkill Valley Regional High School, Hamburg, Hardyston, and Ogdensburg School Districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

- E. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Consolidated Grant application for the 2026-2027 school year (project period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027), and the acceptance of the grant award funds upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Education in the total amount of \$129,127, allocated as follows:

Grant	Allocation
ESEA - Title I, Part A	\$106,292
ESEA - Title II, Part A	\$12,835
ESEA - Title IV, Part A	\$10,000
Total	\$129,127

Be it further resolved, that the Franklin Borough Board of Education formally refuses the Title III allocation listed below as the award falls below the \$10,000 minimum threshold required to operate a standalone program:

Grant	Refused Allocation
ESEA - Title III	\$2,676

- F. Resolved that the Board of Education approves a contract with William Paterson University in the amount of \$24,000 to provide Master Teacher/Preschool Instructional Coach support services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- G. Resolved that the Board of Education approves Franklin Borough School's continued participation in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern New Jersey mentoring program for the 2026-2027 school year, with services valued at \$5,000 provided at no program cost to the District, with the understanding that the District remains responsible for providing necessary student transportation.
- H. Resolved that the Board of Education acknowledges the District's completion of eligible work under the New Jersey Department of Education's School Lead Filters Program and approves the submission of a reimbursement application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of eligible filtered bottle-filling stations and/or filtered faucets; and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute and submit the application and all required supporting documentation.
- I. Resolved that the Board of Education accepts the \$500 NFL PLAY 60 Active Recess Grant from the American Heart Association, Grant ID G-2603-19548, for use in accordance with the grant requirements through December 31, 2026, and to extend the Board's appreciation to Yuri Missenheim for securing this grant for Franklin Borough School.
- J. Resolved that the Board of Education recognizes and accepts the donation of LifeVac airway-clearance devices and related staff training provided by Darrin Chambers of Maverick's Legacy, a New Jersey-based nonprofit organization, with sincere appreciation for its generosity and commitment to student and staff safety.
- K. Resolved that the Board of Education accepts a \$250 donation from the Franklin Education Foundation (FEF) to fund the Kay Shephard Award presented to a graduate on June 17, 2026.
- L. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the renewal with Curriculum Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$26,632.50, for the districtwide i-Ready Assessment and Personalized Instruction Math and Reading license, Teacher Toolbox Math access, and related implementation support services for the 2026–2027 school year, in accordance with Quote No. 445268.1.

M. Resolved that the Board of Education approves the following facility use requests for the 2026-2027 school year in accordance with Policy and Regulation 7510 - Use of School Facilities and provided there are no conflicts with school activities. This approval is pending receipt of required documentation.

Organization	Time/Date	Space/Cost
<u>Class II –</u> The Franklin Band	Tuesdays during the 2026-2027 school year from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. (Inclusive of set-up and clean-up) <i>Note that The Franklin Band may not use the school on the following blackout dates:</i> September 8, 15 November 10 December 29 February 16 March 30 <i>The Franklin Band will be notified should additional blackout dates arise.</i>	- Auditorium - Access to music stands and 40 chairs - Access under the stage to store music and percussion equipment - Costs: - Facility Use costs for each four hours' use: - Auditorium Waived - \$1,500.00 - Other Fees: - Service Fee Waived - \$300.00 TOTAL COSTS: \$0
<u>Class II –</u> Wallkill Valley Youth Football and Cheer League	<u>Cheerleaders:</u> From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from September 21, 2026 to October 29, 2026 <u>Football:</u> As needed during inclement weather from September 21, 2026 to October 29, 2026, times TBD. <i>Note that neither the cheerleaders nor the football team may use the school on the following blackout date:</i> October: 12 <i>Wallkill Valley Youth Football and Cheer will be notified should additional blackout dates arise.</i>	Facility Use costs for each four hours' use: - Main Gymnasium/Zoom Room Waived - \$1,500.00 - Service Fee Waived - \$300.00 TOTAL COST: \$0

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

Voice Vote:

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

OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time: _____

RESUME OPEN SESSION: Time: _____

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: Time _____

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Roll Call Vote:

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