

## **FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of April 13, 2016**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in the all purpose room at the school at 7:02 PM. Mrs. Kim Neuffer, President called the meeting to order.

Please let the minutes show that the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education has complied with the Open Public Meetings Act which requires that advance notice of this meeting be given and that the public has the right to attend such meetings. This advanced notice was published in The Express Times and The New Jersey Herald. All discussions and official actions of this meeting, unless specifically exempted, will take place in public.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### **ROLL CALL**

A roll call by the Board Secretary indicated:

**Present:** Kim Neuffer, President, Tricia Cowell, Janet DeFilippis, Lori Swistak, Vice President; David Hocking, Sheryl Hannam, Lowell Forbes, Benny Perez-arrived @ 7:14 pm & Karen Kellaher;  
**Absent:** None; **Also Present:** Nicholas Diaz, CSA & Rita Jones, Board Secretary; **Audience Present:** None

### **HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS-N/A**

### **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

David Hocking reported that Hopatcong school has lead in their water.

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders won the virtual debate against Liberty School. The debate took place over Google Hangouts and was highlighted in the Lehigh Valley Live paper

[http://blog.lehighvalleylive.com/education/2016/03/liberty\\_frelinghuysen\\_4th\\_graders\\_hold\\_debate\\_without\\_leaving\\_their\\_classrooms.html](http://blog.lehighvalleylive.com/education/2016/03/liberty_frelinghuysen_4th_graders_hold_debate_without_leaving_their_classrooms.html)

Our Kindergarten students learned about the importance of recycling and preserving the environment through their Litter Bugs assignment. Students created the Litter Bugs from recycled materials and nature items.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade pasta dinner was a great success and was well attended. Proceeds benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip.

PARCC testing has commenced. Students in grades 3-6 will take the assessments throughout the month of April.

The two math pilots are coming to an end. We are currently piloting Go Math and en Vision. The Math Pilot Committee will meet and present the positives and challenges of each program to the staff. Based on the data, we will purchase a new math series for the 2016-17 school year.

A final letter on the water situation will be sent home on Friday to the community. Despite our last testing series that resulted in normal readings, bottled water will be provided until the end of the school year because our readings are still above the norm based on the running average.

mSGPs and SGOs will be reviewed with individual staff members, mSGPs and SGOs are averaged into teacher's evaluations and are a part of the achieveNJ mandate. <http://www.state.nj.us/education/AchieveNJ/teacher/objectives.shtml>

Attached is the Health Office report.

### **CSA Recommendations/Action Items**

#### **A. Change the School Calendar in June**

**Janet DeFilippis moved** the Board to change the school calendar in June due to not using all six snow days. Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:40 dismissal, Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten promotion & 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation – 12:40 dismissal and Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Student & Staff Last Day – 12:40 dismissal. **Second: David Hocking**; all in favor, motion carried.

#### **B. Approve 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Booster Club Meeting Facility Use Request**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade booster club meeting facility use request for Wednesday, April 27, 2016; 7 pm to 8:30 pm; use of all purpose room, which is in accordance with Board Policy #1330 and recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

**REPORT THE BOARD SECRETARY**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-MARCH 23, 2016**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes.

**Second: Karen Kellahe**r; **Roll Call: Yes:** DeFilippis, Hocking, Cowell, Neuffer, Swistak & Kellahe;r; **No:** None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** Forbes, Hannam & Perez; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES 3/23/16**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve and release the

March 23, 2016 executive session minutes. **Second: Karen Kellahe**r; **Roll Call: Yes:** Neuffer, DeFilippis, Cowell, Swistak, Hocking & Kellahe;r; **No:** None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** Forbes, Hannam & Perez, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS-MARCH 2016**

**David Hocking moved** the Board to approve the bill list for March 2016 including payrolls in the amount of \$ 238,442.45 check # 15104-

15138. **Second: Karen Kellahe**r; **Roll Call: Yes:** Cowell, Kellahe;r, Neuffer, DeFilippis, Forbes, Hannam, Perez, Swistak; **No:** None; **Abstain:** Hocking; **Absent:** None, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CAFÉ BILL LIST-MARCH 2016**

**David Hocking moved** the Board to approve the café bill list for March 2016 in the amount of \$ 5,530.27, check # 1392.

**Second: Karen Kellahe**r; **Roll Call: Yes:** Cowell, Kellahe;r, Hocking, DeFilippis, Neuffer, Forbes, Hannam, Perez & Swistak; **No:** None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS-APRIL 2016**

**David Hocking moved** the Board to approve the bill list for April 2016 excluding payrolls in the amount of \$ 105,772.64

checks not printed. **Second: Karen Kellahe**r; **Roll Call: Yes:** Kellahe;r, Swistak, Neuffer, DeFilippis, Forbes, Hannam, Perez, & Cowell; **No:** None; **Absent:** None; **Abstain:** None; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS-MARCH 2016**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve the budget transfers for March 2016 as follows:

Account To:	Account From:	Dollar Amt.
11000230331Legal Services	11000260270Health Benefits	\$ 5,156.35
11000262300Tech Services	11000262624Energy-Oil	1,014.00
110002662610Supplies	11000262624Energy-Oil	320.00
11000261420Clean, Repair Svcs.	11000262624Energy-Oil	1,217.83

**Second: David Hocking: Roll Call: Yes:** Kellahe;r, Hocking, DeFilippis, Swistak, Forbes, Hannam, Perez, Neuffer, Cowell; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** None; motion carried.

## **ACCEPT, CERTIFY & FILE THE TREASURER'S AND BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

**Janet DeFilippis moved** the Board to accept, certify & file the treasurer's and board secretary's reports for March 2016 and note that no major account has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.10. **Second: Lowell Forbes; Roll Call: Yes:** Forbes, Cowell, DeFilippis, Hannam, Hocking, Neuffer, Perez, Swistak Kellahe; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** None. motion carried.

## **REGENERATED FRELINGHUYSEN STRATEGIC PLAN**

Nicholas Diaz, CSA facilitates the Board discussion on a new strategic plan for Frelinghuysen Township School. Reimagine Frelinghuysen Township School with its strengths, opportunities, treats and weaknesses.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1) Mustang Messenger-April 07-14, 2016

## **HEARING OF PETITION OF CITIZENS-N/A**

Benny Perez exited the meeting @ 8:40 pm.

## **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to enter into executive session @ 8:41 pm to discuss legal updates with no action anticipated. **Second: Lori Swistak**, all in favor, motion carried.

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Lori Swistak **moved** the Board to return to regular session @ 8:52 pm. **Second: Karen Kellahe**, all in favor, motion carried.

David Hocking exited the Board meeting @ 9:10 pm.

## **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to enter into executive session @ 9:10 pm to discuss negotiations with no action anticipated. **Second: Lori Swistak**, all in favor, motion carried.

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to return to regular session @ 9:23 pm. **Second: Sheryl Hannam**, all in favor, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Karen Kellaher moved** the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education.  
to adjourn. **Second: Janet DeFilippis**; all in favor, motion carried.

At 9:25 PM, hearing no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Jones, Board Secretary