

## **FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of October 21, 2015**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the media center at the school at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Karen Kellaher, 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:** Grace Acosta, Kim Neuffer, Vice President, Sheryl Hannam, Janet DeFilippis, David Hocking, Tricia Cowell, Lori Swistak & Karen Kellaher, President; **Absent:** Benny Perez;  
**Also Present:** Nicholas Diaz, CSA and Rita Jones, Board Secretary; **Audience Present:** None

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

### **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION-N/A**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS-N/A**

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

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Our District and BOE goals are now posted on our website.

We had a great "Week of Respect". The anti-bullying assembly from musician Brian Chevalier was well-received by the students and staff. Students were able to interact with Mr. Chevalier and his songs throughout the assembly.

We would like to thank the Green Township Fire Department for their fire prevention presentation. Students were also able to step on and off the fire trucks.

The traditional “Dried Apple Witches” grade three project was a success. The final projects have been proudly placed in our main display case.

We had many students participate in our first Spirit Day of the year. Students were very enthusiastic about Crazy Hair Day. A few students took our hashtag theme and incorporated it into their hair styles. Mrs. Wagner’s class had the highest percentage of participants and won a “no homework pass”. Students may use the “no homework pass” once this year at a time of their choosing.

As part of Crazy Hair Day, students brought in various hair products to donate to Project Self-Sufficiency. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Diaz was able to present the donations to Lisa Pachnos. She was very grateful for our students’ generosity.

We would like to thank the Blairstown Rotary Club for donating dictionaries to our grade three students. This is an annual tradition and we are grateful for their support.

Students have begun to engage in coding during computer class. The students were excited about being introduced to computer programming.

The teachers received their final day of Smart Board professional development on October 12<sup>th</sup>. They have all done an outstanding job of incorporating the technology into their lessons.

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

- A. Approve Lindsey Reed & Nicolle Siebens as Student Teachers**  
**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve Lindsey Reed and Nicolle Siebens as student teachers from Centenary College to observe and participate in the classroom. **Second: Kim Neuffer;** all in favor, motion carried.

### **REPORT THE BOARD SECRETARY**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-OCTOBER 7, 2015**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve the corrected October 7, 2015 minutes. **Second: Lori Swistak;**  
**Roll Call: Yes:** Hocking, DeFilippis, Cowell, Swistak, Hannam, Kellaheer & Neuffer; **No:** None; **Abstain:** Acosta;  
**Absent:** Perez; motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES-10/07/15**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve and release the October 7, 2015 executive session minutes. **Second: Lori Swistak**; all in favor, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS-SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to approve the bill list for September 2015 including payrolls in the amount of \$ 236,126.17 check # 14802-14859. **Second: Kim Neuffer; Roll Call: Yes:** Cowell, Neuffer, Swistak, Hannam, Acosta, DeFilippis & Kellahe; **No:** None; **Abstain:** Hocking; **Absent:** Perez; motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF CAFÉ BILL LIST-SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the board to approve the café bill list for September 2015 in the amount of \$ -0-.

**Second: Kim Neuffer; Roll Call: Yes:** Cowell, Neuffer, DeFilippis, Hocking, Hannam, Swistak, Acosta & Keller; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Perez; motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS-SEPTEMBER 2015**

**David Hocking moved** the Board to approve the budget transfers for September 2015 as follows:

Account To:	Account From:	\$
11000230590Purch.Service	11000230530Telephone	73.14
11000262490Property Svcs.	11000262622Electricity	2,139.00

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

### **ACCEPT, CERTIFY & FILE THE TREASURER'S & BD. SEC. REPORTS**

**Janet DeFilippis moved** the Board to accept, certify & file the treasurer's and board secretary's reports for September 2015 and note that no major account has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.10. **Second: Sheryl Hannam, Roll Call: Yes:** DeFilippis, Hannam, Hocking, Acosta, Cowell, Swistak, Neuffer & Kellahe; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Perez; motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1)Thank you letter from CPR staff.

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

### **REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to enter into an executive session to discuss negotiations with no action anticipated @ 7:27 PM. **Second: Janet DeFilippis;** all in favor, motion carried.

David Hocking exited the meeting @ 7:27 PM.

### **REQUEST TO ENTER REGULAR SESSION**

**Tricia Cowell moved** the Board to enter regular session @ 7:53 pm. **Second: Grace Acosta;** all in favor, motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Janet DeFilippis moved** the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education to adjourn. **Second: Sheryl Hannam;** all in favor, motion carried. at 7:54 PM, hearing no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Jones, Board Secretary