

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of September 23, 2015

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 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: Kim Neuffer, Vice President, Grace Acosta, Janet DeFilippis, David Hocking, Tricia Cowell, Benny Perez, Lori Swistak & Karen Kellaher, President; **Absent:** Sheryl Hannam; **Also Present:** Nicholas Diaz, CSA and Rita Jones, Board Secretary; **Audience Present:** James Fox, Esquire Morris, Downing & Sherred

HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS-N/A

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Janet DeFilippis moved the Board to enter into executive session @ 7:30 PM to discuss legal matter with no action anticipated. **Second: Lori Swistak;** all in favor, motion carried.

REQUEST TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Lori Swistak moved the Board to return to regular session @ 8:19 PM. **Second: Janet DeFilippis;** all in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-N/A

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Back-to-School Night was very successful. Parents were able to experience what it is like for their children to enter the building in the morning as music was playing for the parents (as it is for

students every day). Teachers were introduced in the multi-purpose room and then parents proceeded to the classrooms to visit with their child's teachers.

The Mustang Messenger was sent out in two new formats. our weekly newsletter is available in digital format and audio through our student created podcast. The Mustang Messenger can be accessed through our school website, Facebook, Twitter, and eventually through our new district app (coming late fall).

Our new website has launched. We feel that our new site properly reflects our proud school.

The first episode of "Our School. Our Pride" (our district's new vodcast) has been posted. "Our School. Our Pride" will be posted periodically and will highlight our district. The vodcast can be accessed through our school website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Students and teachers have been doing an outstanding job these first few weeks of school. Mr. Diaz enjoys visiting each classroom on a daily basis and interacting with our staff and students.

Our Science NJ ASK scores have come in. The NJ ASK (Science) is still in place for 4th grade students throughout New Jersey. Mr. Diaz is proud to report that 100% of our students scored "proficient" or "advanced proficient". Two students received a perfect score of 300. We continue to be proud of our students' academic achievements.

We were proud to host the Assistant Commissioner of Education, Mrs. Bari Erlichson, on September 18th. Mrs. Erlichson met with curriculum representatives from school district in both Warren and Sussex County.

The Week of Respect is observed annually during the first week of October. This week is dedicated to promote positive peer interactions and the anti-bullying message. This year our Week of Respect will culminate with an anti-bullying assembly from musician Brian Chevalier. Visit his website at <http://www.songspun.com/>.

Mr. Diaz, CSA distributed to the board members possible district goals for their review.

Benny Perez exited the meeting @ 8:23 PM.

CSA Recommendations/Action Items

A. Approve Facility Use Request

Tricia Cowell moved the Board to approve Frelinghuysen Basketball practice and games facility use; starting Nov. 30, 2015 to March 31, 2016; Monday thru Friday 4 pm to 8 pm, Saturdays times to be determined; use of all purpose room; which is in accordance with Board Policy #1330 and recommended by the Chief School Administrator. **Second: Lori Anne Swistak**; all in favor, motion carried.

B. Approve Field Trips

David Hocking moved the Board to approve field trips for the 2015-2016 school year. Pre K-10/9/15 to Race's Farm, registration cost \$130.00, 5th grade-05/20/16 to Sterling Hill Mines Museum, registration cost \$ 241.00 and Kindergarten-October 27, 2015 to Turtle Back Zoo, registration cost \$ 171.00. **Second: Tricia Cowell; Roll Call: Yes:** Hocking, DeFilippis, Acosta, Neuffer, Swistak, Cowell & Kellaher; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Hannam & Perez; motion carried.

C. Approve Steve Parigi and Nicholas Diaz to be Staff Evaluators

Janet DeFilippis moved the Board to approve Steve Parigi, CST Director and Nicholas Diaz, CSA to be staff evaluators for the 2015-2016 school year.

Second: Tricia Cowell; all in favor, **Abstained:** David Hocking, motion carried.

D. Approve Kevin Newman, Teacher in Charge to be Staff Evaluator

Janet DeFilippis moved the Board to approve Kevin Newman, Teacher in Charge to be a staff evaluator for the 2015-2016 school year with no stipend. **Second: Tricia Cowell**; all in favor, **Abstained:** David Hocking, motion carried.

E. Appoint Kevin Newman as Anti-Bullying Specialist & Testing Coord.

Lori Swistak moved the Board to appoint Kevin Newman as the Anti-Bullying Specialist/Coordinator and Testing Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year with no stipend. **Second: Janet DeFilippis**, all in favor, motion carried.

F. Approve for First Reading Policy # 4112.8 & Policy # 4212.8 Nepotism

David Hocking moved the Board to approve for first reading Policy #4112.8 Nepotism and Policy #4212.8 Nepotism. **Second: Tricia Cowell**, all in favor, motion carried.

G. Approve Joint Transportation Agreement with North Warren Reg. School

David Hocking moved the Board to approve joint transportation agreement with North Warren Regional School District for two Ridge & Valley Charter School students in the amount of \$ 3,342.84 for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

REPORT THE BOARD SECRETARY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 09, 2015

David Hocking moved the Board to approve the September 09, 2015 corrected minutes. **Second: Tricia Cowell;**

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS-AUGUST 2015

David Hocking moved the Board to approve the budget transfer for August 2015 as follows:

Account To:	Account From:	Amount
12000100730Inst. Tech.	11000260270Health Benefits	14,759.00

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

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

David Hocking moved the Board to accept, certify & file the treasurer's and board secretary's reports for August 2015 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations and that no major account has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.10.

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

CORRESPONDENCE-N/A

HEARING OF PETITION OF CITIZENS-N/A

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tricia Cowell moved the Board to enter into a second executive session to discuss negotiations with no action anticipated @ 8:50 PM. **Second: Lori Swistak;** all in favor, motion carried.

David Hocking exited the meeting @ 8:50 PM.

REQUEST TO ENTER REGULAR SESSION

Tricia Cowell moved the Board to enter regular session @ 9:15 pm.

Second: Grace Acosta; all in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Lori Swistak moved the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education to adjourn. **Second: Grace Acosta;** all in favor, motion carried.

at 9:16 PM, hearing no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Jones, Board Secretary