

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of February 22, 2017**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Media Center at Frelinghuysen School at 6:04 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 NJ Herald and the Express Times. All discussions and official actions of this meeting, unless specifically exempted, will take place in public.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mrs. Cowell, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Hannam (left at 8:43 PM), Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking (arrived at 6:06 PM), Mr. Perez (arrived at 6:20 PM, left at 7:25 PM), Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Swistak

ALSO PRESENT: Nicholas Diaz, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mrs. Toronzi stated that a letter has been sent to the BOE addressing concerns of the staff.

ETHICS TRAINING

Kathleen Helewa, NJSBA Field Service Representative, conducted mandatory ethics training for the BOE.

The BOE took a short break at 7:24 PM and resumed the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Mr. Perez left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

- The Warren County Spelling Bee had two FTS students. Congratulations to Mariana H. for finishing 6th and Jack A. for finishing 14th. Thanks to Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Hicks.
- On March 3, FTS will be hosting Read Across America Day. Special guests such as the mayor were invited to read to our students.
- Students have enjoyed working on their STEAM Faire projects. Special area teachers (PE, Music, Spanish, etc.) are also collaborating with Mrs. O'Neil to act as facilitators. Students are focused on solving a problem locally and/or globally.
- Author Lauren Magaziner visited FTS last month and shared writing tips with our students.

- Thanks to a recycling grant from the Warren County Clean Communities our students received a free assembly from The Grand Falloons entitled the Ways of Water.
- Our first session of updating our mission statement was a great success. We will continue to include the community in the process as we plan to culminate the series with an updated mission statement, vision statement, and mantra.
- Mr. Newman led our students in the 2017 Jump Rope for Heart. The program is an initiative of the American Heart Association and seeks to encourage students to live a healthier life free of cardiovascular disease.
- Our new clubs (photo and makerspace) have begun. A special thank you to the PTO for assisting us in providing additional extra-curricular activities for our students.
- PARCC testing begins on March 27th. Thanks to our additional technology devices, we will significantly shorten our testing window.

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approve the following facilities usage requests:

Girl Scouts – Fundraising dance April 7, 2017, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, All Purpose Room

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

1. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve the bills list dated 1-19-17 to 2-22-17 in the amount of \$240,481.98.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Motion to approve the following minutes:

January 18, 2017 Executive session minutes

February 8, 2017 Regular and executive session minutes

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adjourn to executive session for personnel matters for approximately one hour. The time was 7:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Hannam left the meeting while in executive session at 8:43 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 9:11 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking:
Resolved, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that employee #00307 is hereby terminated effective immediately; and that said employee receive 60 days pay in accordance with the employment contract.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 9:13 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Interim Business Administrator