

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of January 18, 2017**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the Media Center at Frelinghuysen School at 6:02 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 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, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Perez, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Swistak (arrived at 6:07 PM)

ABSENT: Mr. Galante

ALSO PRESENT: Nicholas Diaz, CSA
Karin Laraway, Interim Business Administrator

HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS- None at this time.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

- Congratulations once again to our 2017 Governor's Educators of the Year award recipients. Mr. Newman and Mrs. Toronzi are a great example to us all. Mr. Newman is also eligible for the NJ Teacher of the Year award.
- We were proud to host our Post-ECET2 Institute on 1/13/17. We had over fifty participants and were fortunate to learn from our keynote speaker, Tom Murray, of the Alliance for Excellent Education. A special thank you to Mr. Barry Saide for organizing the event.
- Preschool and Kindergarten registration is set for January 30th and 31st from 9am-2pm. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2017. Potty trained children ages 3-5 are eligible to enroll in our tuition based preschool.
- Last month, a total of 97 hats, gloves, and scarves were collected from the mitten tree. A special thank you to Mr. Arena and the Early Act students for organizing this drive.
 - Frelinghuysen will be represented at Techspo 2017. I will be presenting on the power of social media with Centenary University and Ms. Sarah Bilotti, Superintendent of NWR.
- Congratulations to former FTS student Dorian P. for appearing on an episode of Wonderama on January 15th.
- This month, students will be engaged in "Project: We All Matter". The purpose is to showcase the pillar of good character for kindness and caring. Our school counselor, Ms.

Megan Schmidt, will be showing students how kindness can be contagious through random selfless acts.

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to acknowledge and accept the report of administrative findings and financial compliance and the performance report submitted by Ardito & Co, LLP for the 2015-2016 school year with no recommendations as recommended by the Chief School Administrator and the School Business Administrator.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the Resolution to Participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the 2017-2018 Pre-school tuition rates as follows:

Resident	Half day	\$300
Resident	Full day	\$415
Non-Resident	Half day	\$330
Non-Resident	Full day	\$445

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to amend motion #3 as follows: Resident-Half day \$300; Resident- Full day \$425; Non-resident-Half day \$330; Non-resident-Full day \$450.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion #3 as amended approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

4. MOTION TABLED -Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Public School Districts Located within Warren County for the Prosecutor's Office to enter into a contract for the acquisition and implementation of an advanced geospatial mapping software program.
5. Motion made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the FTSD World Language Curriculum.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve the FTSD Social Studies Curriculum.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

1. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve the bills list for January 18, 2017.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll vote.

2. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the cafeteria bills list for January 2017.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll vote.

3. Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve the transfers for November and December 2016.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll vote.

4. Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for November and December 2016 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.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll vote.

5. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approve the following minutes:

November 9, 2016	Regular and Executive session minutes
November 16, 2016	Special meeting minutes
December 14, 2016	Regular meeting minutes
January 4, 2017	Regular and Executive session minutes
October 5, 2016	Executive session minutes

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The CSA will invite Representatives from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, State Police and County OEM representatives to discuss the geospatial mapping project.

The CSA and Interim Business Administrator are reviewing the School Lunch Program for ways to increase sales. The State is conducting the district's 3 year Administrative Review of the School Lunch Program in the spring.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Neuffer read a thank you notes from Mrs. Toronzi regarding her Educator of the Year Award recognition and Pastor Harvey from the First Presbyterian Church in Blirstown for the Early Act coordination of collecting of new hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens to be distributed to those in need.

HEARING AND PETITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Norell spoke about the music program and concerts.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel for approximately 30 minutes. The time was 7:04 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Interim Business Administrator