

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of October 19, 2016

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 in the Media Center at the school at 7:04 PM. Mrs. Lori Swistak, Vice 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: Tricia Cowell, Janet DeFilippis, Lowell Forbes, Sheryl Hannam,
David Hocking, Karen Kellaher, Lori Swistak,

Absent: Kim Neuffer, Benny Perez

Also Present: Nicholas Diaz, CSA & Karin Laraway, Interim Board Secretary

Audience Present: Michael Mai, Barbara Hicks, Peter Norell, Stacy Galante, Mike Galante, Lynn Lubrecht, Carolyn Stracco,
Scott Schreiber, Anna Hackelberg, Gene Jones, Abbi Gurba, Edyta Martewin, Dana Pasela, Dawn Benincasa,
Angelo Benincasa, Shannon Maza, Angela D'Auria, Cheryl Forbes, Cristina Castillo.

HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mr. Michael Mai read a letter from his wife, Diana Mai, a teacher in the district. With the leave of absence of the 6th grade teacher, parents had concerns regarding the continuity of instruction. The BOE assured parents that it was their desire to ensure the continuity of instruction to the best of their ability.

Other parental concerns involved having staff members substitute for their colleagues which results in disrupted instruction. Also of concern was the World Language program.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION –None at this time.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Diaz presented the results of the 2015-16 PARCC testing. Overall, math scores rose from 47% met or exceeded expectations in 2014-15 school year to 49% met or exceeded expectations in 2015-16 school year. The district is using a new math program this year – Go Math.

Overall, Language Arts scores rose from 69% met or exceeded expectations in 2014-15 to 80% met or exceeded expectations in 2015-16. Mr. Diaz credited the staff for their continued efforts to achieve such positive results.

CSA RECOMMENDATIONS /ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. DeFillippis to approve the attached donation of music equipment from Randall Walker in the estimated amount of \$1,000.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Kellaher, to approve the following substitutes for the 2016-17 school year as recommended by the CSA.

Diane Jensen
Shannon Bet
Carla Kubrin
Angela Marziaz
Susan Hamel

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. DeFillippis, to approve the Preschool Report Card.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approve the following facility usage request:

Sixth grade parents Halloween party	Dates to be determined 3:00 – 5:00 PM	Planning for 6 th grade classroom
Sixth grade parents dining set up state	Friday, October 28, 2016 3:15 – 5:00 PM	6 th grade haunted All purpose room

PTO

Fundraising duties	Wednesdays-every October 2016-June 2017 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Library
Meeting- Lifetouch (pictures/yearbook)	Friday – October 21, 2016 AM 1-2 hrs	Conference room
PTO meeting	11-9-16 1:30 – 3:00 PM	Conference room
Change of date	4-13-17 1:30 – 3:00 PM	

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to authorize the CSA to hire personnel for the 2016-17 school year on an as needed basis.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

1. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, for approval of transfers – August 2016 as attached.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Motion made by Mrs. Hannam, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to accept, certify and file the Board Secretary/Treasurer's financial reports for August 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:23A16.10.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Motion made by Mrs. Kellaher, seconded by Mrs. DeFillippis, to approve the bills list for October 19, 2016, check #15424-15475, in the amount of

\$132,782.44.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE – None at this time.

HEARING AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS – None at this time.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adjourn the regular meeting.
The time was 7:45 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Interim Business Administrator