

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of April 25, 2018**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the Media Center at Frelinghuysen School at 7:00 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 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, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking
Mr. Perez, Mrs. Swistak

ABSENT: Mrs. Hannam, Mrs. Neuffer

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

Student Recognition – Chess Club

Mrs. Jennifer Fowles, Chess Club facilitator, spoke about the students who participated in Chess Club this year. There are many benefits to playing chess some of which are that it raises IQ, exercises both sides of the brain, and improves memory. Chess Club this year placed First in the Warren County Consortium Chess Tournament.

The Board of Education congratulated the students and Mrs. Fowles.

The Board of Education took a break to enjoy refreshments with the Chess Club and their families. The time was 7:11 PM.

The Board of Education meeting resumed at 7:29 PM.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Public Budget Hearing – 2018-19 district budget

Mrs. Bonaparte presented the 2018-19 school district budget. Revenues include a 2% tax levy increase,

funds budgeted from Capital Reserve for updating security and facility repairs, and funds budgeted from Maintenance Reserve for required maintenance. There was a very slight increase in state aid of \$8,000.

Expenditures include \$161,000 out of district tuition and transportation, charter school tuition, a new

Interventionist position, and summer custodial help. Staff that were hired in 2017-18 but not budgeted in 2017-18 will be maintained and budgeted in the 2018-19 school year-Media specialist, 3 paraprofessionals, social worker.

Report of the CSA

- The CSA and BA met with Strauss Esmay for 2 ½ hours to review the district policies.
- PARCC trials were held.
- The fire alarm was triggered by dusty smoke detectors. The Fire department responded.
- Spring concert-the afternoon concert will be cancelled due to heightened security.

Personnel – as recommended by the CSA – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

F1. Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adopt the 2018-19 district budget, travel and expense resolution, and capital reserve and maintenance reserve resolution.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

F2. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the bills list, March 29 – April 25, 2018 in the amount of \$162,910.04.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

F3. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve entering into an agreement with NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education for consulting services in the amount of \$750.00.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

F4. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the following facility usage request:

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| a. PTO | May 22 | 8:30 – 10:30 | Set up | Library |
| BOGO Book Fair | May 23-24 | 8:30 – 4:30 | | Library |
| b. PTO Book Bingo | May 23 | 3:30 – 7:00 | | Gym |

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Curriculum/Policy – None at this time.

Technology- None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

R1. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the following minutes:

March 28, 2018 Regular & Executive Session

April 11, 2018 Regular & Executive Session

Motion approved on a 6-0-1 vote with Mrs. DeFilippis abstaining the March 28 minutes and Mr. Hocking abstaining the April 11 minutes.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business – None at this time.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary