

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of November 8, 2017

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Media Center at Frelinghuysen School at 7:02 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, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer

ABSENT: Mrs. Hannam, Mr. Galante, Mr. Perez, Mrs. Swistak

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

HEARING & PETITIONS OF CITIZENS - None at this time.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Bonaparte reported that there were two HIB investigations that were determined unconfirmed.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to accept the Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated 11-8-17:

#1718-01, unconfirmed

#1718-02, unconfirmed

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion Items

- Met with North Warren administration to discuss curriculum alignment and placement for our students in the 7th grade. A major topic for discussion was the ELA curriculum.
- School Boards Convention: All attended many engaging and informative workshops. Some of the takeaways for the CSA were the use of data to inform instruction, the possibility of becoming a sustainable school and the uses of technology in schools.
- CSA has been in contact with the State Police to discuss how to increase communication and to debrief the Memorandum of Agreement, which will be on the December agenda for approval.

Painting fundraiser

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

- F4. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the following travel request:

Amanda Caravito Practical work stations that increase student learning \$249 + mileage
January 11, 2018, West Orange, NJ

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- F5. Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve a joint transportation agreement between North Warren Regional School District and the Frelinghuysen Township School District for Route Non Public NP04 in the amount of \$4,320 and Aid-in-Lieu in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM/POLICY

Ms. Bonaparte discussed the process to be used in writing curriculum with the math curriculum being a priority. Also discussed was using Strauss Esmay policy writing services.

TECHNOLOGY – None at this time.

REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY

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

October 18, 2017 Regular & Executive session

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- NB1. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the 2017-18 District Goals as listed:

Frelinghuysen Board of Education District Goals SY 2017-18

1. Enhance English Language Arts instruction through the use of benchmark assessments to effectively provide individual enrichment and intervention as needed.
2. Evaluate the Special Education program to determine areas of strength and weakness and develop a plan of action to optimize instruction.

3. Effectively and efficiently use the 1:1 learning environment to integrate technology into English Language Arts and Math instruction through individualized and specific learning opportunities.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

NB2. Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve the 2017-18 Board of Education goals as listed:

Frelinghuysen Board of Education Board Goals SY 2017-18

1. Update Policy Manual and concurrently move to an online Policy Manual.
2. Regularly recognize student and staff achievements at public BOE meetings.
3. Institute regular BOE professional development presentations/opportunities at BOE meetings.
4. Continue to practice fiscal responsibility.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

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. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:41 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary

