

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of January 23, 2019**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a regular business meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 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 (arrived at 7:17 PM), Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Swistak

ABSENT: Mrs. Hannam

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Presentation: Officer Chris Medea of the State Police, who is also the School Resource Officer, Presented information to the BOE about the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program for the sixth grade. It is a 10 week, 50 minutes a session, program that not only focuses on drugs, but also on tobacco use, vaping, and social and emotional issues.

Report of the Chief School Administrator

Great Kindness Challenge: 6th grade students and Mrs. Puzio leading event---Received “Kindness Certified” status

Students have been participating in a Read to Succeed Event in partnership with Six Flags—Mrs. Wagner is running this event for the school

Teachers are in the planning stages for another Academic Night---this year’s event will focus on Math and STEM

Kindergarten and PreK registration is next week---ad in township newsletter
CSA has a meeting with Mr. Bill King, former Superintendent for the district

Personnel

Special education needs

Facilities/Security

- Roof Repairs completed
- MOA
- Report from Parkland

Final Report on the Commission for School Safety
Center for Homeland Defense and Security
December 18, 2018

- Commissioned after Parkland
- Fact: 2018 saw highest number of school shootings ever recorded
- Recommendations:
 - Training staff
 - Mental health—trauma informed training
 - Evaluate procedures and make changes as necessary
 - Situational awareness---know your location, environment, etc all have an effect on safety and procedures
 - School Safety Specialist: basic recommendations regarding safety---numbering classrooms for law enforcement, identification measures for subs, visitors, workers, etc.
 - We have implemented many of the best practices recommended
 - Will continue to work with our partners at the state and police to assess and reassess our practices

Curriculum/Policy

- Mid-year Goals update
- SSDS Report
- Financial literacy-6th grade---library options
- Meeting with Education Specialist from Warren County to assess our QSAC readiness regarding curriculum and programs

School Funding

- Application for technology grant through Century Link submitted for early literacy tools (\$5000)
- Working on Sustainability Grant
- Additional personnel for special education and related services are unbudgeted cost
- Meeting held regarding Ed foundation

Personnel-as recommended by the CSA

P1. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to appoint Kate Lorenzo as mentor to Diana Puzio.

Motion approved on a 7-1 vote with Mrs. Peterson voting no.

- P2. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to appoint Lisa Naomi as Special Education Teacher, .6 FTE, Step 6 BA, for the 2018-19 school year, at a salary of \$32,462, which will be prorated to start date of January 24, 2019.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- P3. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to appoint Jessica Pryor of Stanhope as a paraprofessional, 6 hrs/day, \$15/hr for the 2018-19 school year pending criminal history review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018. C.5.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- P4. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to appoint Jennifer Nause of Hardwick as a paraprofessional, 6 hrs/day, \$12/hr for the 2018-19 school year pending criminal history review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018. C.5.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- P5. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to appoint Heather Podmayersky of Knowlton as a substitute teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- P6. Motion Made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve Richard Ohl as a substitute custodian for the 2018-19 school year pending criminal history review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018. C.5.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

- F1. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the list of bills dated 1/23/19, in the amount of \$147,572.08.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- F2. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the Preschool Tuition Rate for the 2019-20 school year as follows:

\$300 monthly	Frelinghuysen Resident
\$350 monthly	Non-resident

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

- F3. Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve the following facility use requests:

Frelinghuysen Ed Assn	Family Reading/STEM night	3-28-19	3-8 PM
CST Cluster	Sped Ed Parent Advisory Grp	3-5-19	6:30-8 PM
PTO	Gardening Club	Feb-Jun 19	3-5 PM
PTO	Culture Club	Feb-Jun 19	3-5 PM
6 th grade booster club	Pasta Dinner	2-8-19	3:15 – 8 PM
6 th grade booster club	Dance	3-1-19	5:30 – 9 PM
PTO	Book Bingo	3-7-19	3-8:30 PM
PTO	Shed access	Feb-Mar	3-8:30 PM

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

- F4. Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education’s 2019-20 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

- C1. Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the following workshop requests:

C Wagner	Schoolwide reading instruction	2-1-19 Somerset	\$119.99
K Lorenzo	Schoolwide reading instruction	2-1-19 Somerset	\$119.99
C Wagner	Conference 3-4 gr teachers	3-18 & 3-19 New Brunswick	\$449
K Allen	Conference Kind teachers	2-25 & 2-26 New Brunswick	\$419
J Moriarty	Legal One	6-21-19 New Providence	Free
J Moriarty	Legally Compliant IEP’s	4-8-19 Monroe	\$150
J Moriarty	NJ Spec Ed Summit	2-12-19 Monroe	\$149

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

well prepared, they were on point, and very professional. Mrs. Moriarty did an amazing job and it is an excellent program.

Mrs. Neuffer informed the BOE of the committee assignments.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing and Petitions of Citizens

Mrs. Soldano stated that perhaps the PTO can donate towards the water filling stations. Mrs. Soldano also informed the BOE about the Blairstown-Frelinghuysen Municipal Alliance which she attends.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:26 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary