

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education  
Minutes of Remote Video Meeting of April 22, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Remote video meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 7:03 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. Galante, Mrs. Hannam, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. Neuffer

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Presentation**

Mrs. Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA presented the NJSLA Science 2019 test results and the School Performance Report for 2018-19.

The Science test was a brand new test in 2019 given to fifth graders. There is a three year phase in with scores beginning to count for QSAC in 2022. FTS results indicated that 43% were above or at grade level, 50% were approaching grade level and 11% were below grade level. The new science series implemented in the 2018-19 school year is expected to make a significant difference moving forward.

The School Performance Report for 2018-19 indicated that the district is meeting state standards. The full report is on the district website.

**Hearing & Petitions of Citizens** – None at this time.

**Request for Executive Session** - None at this time.

**Report of the CSA**

Mrs. Bonaparte reported that distance learning is evolving as it progresses. Input from parents ranges from parents requesting more instruction to parents being overwhelmed. The focus is

online sessions with teachers doing their best to introduce new content. All field trips have been cancelled for the school year. The Frelinghuysen Education Association received a Pride Grant and used it to provide a free meal to health care workers.

### **Personnel-as recommended by the CSA**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve P1-P2.

- P1. To accept the resignation of Molly Petty, Interim Business Administrator, effective April 30, 2020.
- P2. To appoint Karin Laraway as Interim School Business Administrator, effective May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Finance/Facilities**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to approve F1-F2 as listed.

- F1. Approve the list of bills dated April 22, 2020 in the amount of \$365,099.90.
- F2. To enter into a Joint Transportation agreement with Sussex County Regional Cooperative on an as needed basis.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Curriculum/Policy – None at this time.**

### **Report of the Board Secretary**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to approve R1 – R3 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes:  
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- R2. Motion to approve the transfers for February and March 2020.
- R3. Motion to accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for February and March 2020 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 6-0-3 roll call vote with Mrs. Cowell, Mrs. Hannam, Mrs. Neuffer abstaining on R1. Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote on R2 and R3.

## **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Neuffer requested that all BOE members please complete the CSA evaluation.

## **New Business**

Mrs. Neuffer reported the following:

Policy Committee met to discuss the policy alerts and the policies will be on the May agenda for first reading.

Facility Committee met and discussed the PA/phone system, additional security measures.

Personnel Committee met to discuss 2020-21 staffing recommendations which will be on the May agenda.

Mr. Galante emailed the Facilities Committee an article on solar for schools and available opportunities. Mr. Hocking stated that there is has been information circulating about screen time for children and perhaps the district should put something on their website.

**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 7:30 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway  
Board Secretary

