# Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education Minutes of January 15, 2020

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 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. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Hannam, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs.

Peterson, Mrs. Swistak

ABSENT: Mrs. Cowell

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA

Molly Petty, Interim Business Administrator

Jenny Deuel, Secretary

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda.

None at this time.

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

# Personnel – as recommended by the CSA

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve item P1 as listed and as recommended by the CSA.

P1. To accept the retirement of Mrs. Barbara Hicks, effective June 30, 2020.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote. The Board wishes Mrs. Hicks the best in retirement.

# Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to approve items F1-F3 as listed.

F1. To approve the bills list dated January 15, 2020 in the amount of \$314,179.24.

F2. To approve the following facility use requests as listed:

Sixth Grade Booster Club Dance	Gym	
PTO – Art Club	Art Room	
PTO – Garden Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Room	

F3. To approve the Preschool tuition rates for the 2020-21 school year:

Residents \$3,000 per school year Non-Residents \$3,500 per school year

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

# **Curriculum/Policy**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approved C1-C2 as listed.

C1. To approve the following trips for the 2019-20 school year:

Kalahari	Sixth Grade	
Chess Club	WC Tournament	
Spelling Bee 5/6 Grade Winners	WC Spelling Bee	
6 <sup>th</sup> Graders (2 Students)	WC 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade All Star Band	

C2. To approve the following workshop requests:

J Moriarty	Legal One – Issues in Spec Ed March 25, 2020, New	Mileage
	Providence, NJ	
J Moriarty	NJSLA Training	Mileage
	Feb 26, 2020, Whippany, NJ	

Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

# **Report of the Board Secretary**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approved R1-R3 as listed.

R1. To approve the following minutes:

December 11, 2019 Regular & Executive session January 7, 2020 Reorganization Meeting

R2. To approve the transfers for November 2019.

R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for November 2019 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 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

# **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Neuffer discussed shared services with North Warren and was advised that the Principal of North Warren will be spearheading the discussion. The Principal will be reaching out to Mrs. Neuffer in the future.

Mrs. Neuffer asked if the committee member representatives were satisfied with their placements or were interested in sitting on a new committee. Mrs. Peterson noted she may like to try another committee. Mr. Galante noted that the committees should meet more often.

Kathy Helewa will be attending the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for ethics and CSA evaluation training.

#### New Business - None at this time.

Mrs. Bonaparte spoke about school security and that the school may be eligible for grant money and reimbursement on security projects.

Mrs. Bonaparte spoke about a visit from the Warren County Prosecutors office regarding GEO Mapping. The initial set up cost is \$2-3K and a recurring cost of approximately \$800 per year. Grants are not available at this time to assist with the cost of this particular project. The State Police have offered to come out to speak with the Board regarding the project. Mr. Hocking suggested that FTS could label our school building maps in our security plans with North and South to match the GEO Mapping maps.

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

### **Request for Executive Session**

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adjourn to executive session for CSA contract discussion. The time was 7:32 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Bonaparte, Ms. Deuel, and Mrs. Petty left the meeting. The time was 7:32 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking to return to the regular meeting. The time was 8:05 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

# Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:06 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel Secretary