

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of January 29, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in the Media Center at Frelinghuysen School at 7:08 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, Mrs. Neuffer, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Hocking

ABSENT: Mrs. Cowell, Mrs. Hannam, Mrs. Swistak

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary
Molly Petty, Interim Business Administrator

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda.
None at this time.

Request for Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to go into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to review the CSA contract. The time was 7:11 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law. Mrs. Bonaparte and Mrs. Petty left the meeting at 7:11 PM. Mrs. Bonaparte returned to executive session at 7:27 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:33 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Report of the CSA

School evets

- Winter concerts were great. There were plenty of seats for all in attendance.
- Great Kindness Challenge – 6th grade will present the videos that they created to each grade.
- Professional Development – January 13, Schoolwide consultants went into classrooms to observe teachers and modeled lessons for teachers.

Safety for After School Events given by the NJDOE School Safety Department:

- Locked doors at all times
- Watch details on social media for events
- Close events to latecomers
- Event assignments for chaperones
- Sign ins for events
- Bag searches
- Fan/Visitor Code of Conduct
- Signage outside
- New Law just signed (will likely come down in policy soon) to train all rec program and PTO volunteers on school security

New Jersey Task Force on Bias Crime—trending this way

Scheduling Facilities Committee, Personnel Committee and will be discussing process and dates for Strategic Planning in the next few months

QSAC Facilities Walk Through-January 8 – went extremely well with minor suggestions
Audit – BOE approval on agenda.

Personnel – as recommended by the CSA - None

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve F1-F5 as listed.

F1. Approve the bills list dated January 29, 2020 in the amount of \$48,871.91.

F2. Approve the following facility requests:

PTO-Tricky Tray	Feb - Music Room
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F3. Accept the audit for the 2018-19 school year with no recommendations submitted by Ardito & Co, LLP - as recommended by the Chief School Administrator and the School Business Administrator.

- F4. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education's 2020-21 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students.
- F5. Accept the grant donation of 12 STEM kits from the Hess Toy Truck Company valued approximately at \$600.

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 Mr. Hocking, to approve R1-R3 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
January 15, 2020 Regular & Executive session
- R2. Approve the transfers for December 2019.
- R3. Accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for December 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 approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Neuffer reported that after doing initial research and meetings, that pursuing the possibility of creating an Educational Foundation for the district is not going forward at this time.

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to approve NB1 as listed.

- NB1. Accept the Student Safety Data System Report for Report Period 1 (July1-December 31, 2019).

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Bonaparte has had interest regarding an out of district student attending the Frelinghuysen School on a tuition basis. The BOE is interested in exploring this possibility.

Correspondence – The district received a Certificate of Appreciation from UNICEF USA for participating in Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

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 8:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary