

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of October 30, 2019**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 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. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Hannam (arrived at 7:06 PM), Mrs. Cowell Mrs. Neuffer, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Hocking

ABSENT: 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 – None at this time.

Report of the CSA

School Events

October events: week of respect, day of unity, book fair, and red ribbon week
Math Night collaboration between PTO and teachers
Halloween alternate plans for rain
Conferences next week
Veteran's Day: active civic projects—schoolwide movie

District Updates

School Boards Convention: attended sessions on school law, school finance, social and emotional learning, strategic planning and QSAC
QSAC Committee Meeting and Self-Assessment complete—waiting on state numbers

Board Business

Addendum: approve an aide—currently employing subs because we did not receive appropriate notice

Legislative Committee meeting today

- Senator Oroho: “School regionalization has never been about the money. We know it won’t save.” –about educational opportunity; knows they have to address the impediments (debt, contracts) to regionalization before it’s an option; acknowledges there are “winners and losers” in the deal
- Healthcare, pension reform and special education costs are being pushed
- We brought up grant applications requiring certain percentages of free and reduced lunch—didn’t realize that was a measure being used prior to applying for grants

Miscellaneous

Thank you for Mayor Frank for fixing our flag pole for us.

Personnel

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to approve items P1-P3 as listed and as recommended by the CSA.

- P1. To approve the resignation of Catherine Morreale, aide, dated 10-11-19, with consideration for early release from 60 day notice when a suitable replacement is approved for employment.
- P2. To approve Lisa Deutsch of Lafayette, as an aide, \$12/hr, 6 hrs/day, beginning November 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020, pending criminal history review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018. C5.
- P3. To approve Clair Brennan of Newton, as a substitute, for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

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

- F1. To approve the following facility use requests as listed:

PTO	Shed access for Dec 4 event	11/4, 11/12, 11/18 After 3 PM	PTO Shed
PTO	Set up for Dec 4 event	12/2 3-4:30 PM	Stage, PTO shed, Library
PTO	Yankee Candle pick up	Week of 11/4 – will confirm 2:45 – 4 PM	Foyer-hallway

F2. To approve the bills list dated October 30, 2019 in the amount of \$295,768.14.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approved C1-C3 as listed.

C1. To approve the following policies and regulations as recommended by the Policy Committee on second reading:

Policynumber	Policy Name	Policy or Regulation
1642	Earned Sick Leave	Policy and Regulation
3159	Teaching Staff Members Reporting Responsibilities	Policy
3218	Use, Possession or Distribution of Substances	Policy and Regulation
4218	Use, Possession or Distribution of Substances	Policy and Regulation
4219	Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing	Policy
6112	Reimbursement of Federal and other Grant Expenditures	Policy and Regulation
7440	School District Security	Policy and Regulation
8600	Student Transportation	Policy
8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility	Policy
8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures	Regulation
8670	Transportation of Special Needs Students	Policy
9210	Parent Organizations	Policy
9400	Media Relations	Policy

C2. Motion to approve policy 9191-Booster Club, as recommended by the Policy Committee on first reading.

C3. Motion to approve the following professional development workshops:

B Hicks	Spec Ed – How to Maximize Progress and Performance	Sparta HS Nov 18, 2019	\$149 + mileage
A Hackelberg	Spec Ed – How to Maximize Progress	Sparta HS Nov 18, 2019	\$149 + mileage

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Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. To approve the following minutes:
September 30, 2019 Special Meeting
October 9, 2019 Regular meeting and Executive session
- R2. Motion to approve the list of transfers for August and September 2019.
- R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for August and September 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 as follows:

- R1. September 30, 2019 Special Meeting, 5-0-3 roll call vote with Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Hannam abstaining
October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting and Executive session, 7-0-1 roll call vote with Mrs. Cowell abstaining.

R2-R3 Approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Neuffer reported that she and a few other BOE members attended the NJSBA workshop. They attended sessions on Education Foundations, Strategic Planning, School Law, School Finance, S2, Security. Mrs. Neuffer commented that the Frelinghuysen BOE works well together. Mr. Forbes commented that by attending sessions and meeting other district BOE members, Frelinghuysen District is doing a good job and the district is very lucky. Mr. Galante commented that he attending a security session and it was suggested that there be a single point of entry for all students and staff.

Mrs. Neuffer is holding an informational meeting at her house regarding Education Foundations.

New Business

Mrs. Neuffer and Mrs. Bonaparte attended a Warren County SBA Legislative Meeting. Legislators present were Senator Oroho, Assemblyman Space and Wirth. There were discussions on the Path to Progress. Senator Oroho stated that pension reform and health insurance are areas that are being reviewed. He stated that there is money in the budget for feasibility studies for shared services and regionalization but there are many obstacles to

regionalization and that he agrees with the NJSBA study about regionalization. He also stated that school regionalization was never about saving taxpayer money but about educational opportunities.

The North Warren Regional School District Business Administrator asked if the budget cuts could be spread over 10 years vs 7 years as the law currently states.

Mrs. Bonaparte called attention to the fact the many districts such as Frelinghuysen are unable to apply for grants due to the low percentage of free and reduced lunch students. Mr. Oroho commented that he was not aware of that.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Hocking , seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adjourn to executive session for personnel. There will be no action taken out of executive session. The time was 7:33 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Cowell, to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:48 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:48 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary

