

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education  
Minutes of January 13, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 7:04 PM. Mrs. 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. Electronic notice and instructions to access the remote meeting has been advertised on the FTS website. 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. Peterson, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. Keesser, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Report of the CSA**

- In-person learning going well
- The district is enforcing quarantines as recommended by the Department of Health.
- Asking for cooperation from the school community
- The CSA continues to speak with the Health Department for updated guidance on the pandemic and the vaccine.
- January is School Board Recognition Month, CSA thanked the BOE for their support.
- It is not known yet that in a post pandemic school year, when a student is out sick, if the student would be able to remote in for virtual learning.

**Personnel** – None at this time.

**Finance/Facilities**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve F1-F3 as listed.

- F1. Approve the bills list dated January 13, 2021 in the amount of \$132,520.18.
- F2. Accept the audit for the 2019-20 school year with no recommendations submitted by Ardito & Co, LLP – as recommended by the Chief School Administrator and the School Business Administrator.
- F3. Accept a \$1,000 grant from Walmart for STEM Education that was submitted by Mrs. Lisa Naomi.

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:  
December 16, 2020 Regular Virtual Meeting  
January 6, 2021 Reorganization Virtual Meeting
- R2. Approve the transfers for December 2020.
- R3. Accept, certify and file the treasurer’s and board secretary’s financial reports for December 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 R1 approved:  
December 16, 2020 minutes: 7-0-2 roll call vote with Mrs. Keesser and Mrs. Pandiscia abstaining.  
January 6, 2021 minutes: 9-0-0 roll call vote.

Motion R2 and R3 approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business – None at this time.**

**New Business**

School Board Recognition Month-Mrs. Laraway read the Resolution recognizing members of the Frelinghuysen Board of Education.

**Correspondence – None at this time.**

**Hearing & Petitions of Citizens**

BOE - Mrs. DeFilippis inquired if the district had received any notification regarding 2020-21 state aid for budgeting purposes. The district has not heard.

Mr. Forbes requested the Mrs. Bonaparte expand on the law that states that the district must notify law enforcement regarding student mental health issues that arise. Mrs. Bonaparte replied that the district has always notified law enforcement regarding certain student issues. The law now memorializes procedures that the district follows.

Mrs. Neuffer stated that the Finance and Facilities committee met to review the facilities and discuss the 2020-21 budget.

Mrs. Neuffer stated that Mrs. Bonaparte and herself met with the 2 new BOE members to discuss various topics as they pertain to the district.

Ethics training is scheduled for the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. DeFilippis thanked the staff for the return of in-person instruction.

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

### **Adjournment**

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

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway  
Board Secretary