

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of October 28, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 7:03 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. 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. Hannam, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis (arrived at 7:06 PM), Mr. Hocking

ABSENT: Mrs. Cowell, Mr. Galante

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

- Halloween – there was a virtual field trip with a local farm. The gym was turned into a pumpkin patch and students could pick a pumpkin. All safety precautions were taken. The PTO provided coupons to the Philadelphia Pretzel Company.
- Next week virtual teacher conferences will be held.
- Communications project is 50% complete. The contractors have been extremely cooperative about safety guidelines and social distancing.
- The BOE will need to approve procedures regarding public comment at virtual meetings. Mrs. Bonaparte is consulting with the BOE attorney.
- The building will be used on Election Day, November 3. The BOE will acknowledge this use on tonight's agenda.
- CDC guidelines for holiday travel are on the district's website.
- The Health Department is against extending school days due to the increased outbreak of Covid 19.

Personnel – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

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

F1. Approve the M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for 2020-21.

F2. Accept the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,018.

For the record only: The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education acknowledges the use of Frelinghuysen School by the Frelinghuysen Township for the Election on November 3, 2020 per the Governor's Executive Order #177. Certificate of Insurance to be provided.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approve CP1 as listed.

CP1. Approve the following Policies on first reading:

- P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)
- P 2431 Athletic Competition (M) (Revised)
- R 2431.1 Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M) (Revised)
- P 2464 Gifted and Talented Students (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5330.05 Seizure Action Plan (M) (New)
- P 6440 Cooperative Purchasing (M) (Revised)
- P & R 6470.01 Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M) (New)
- P & R 7440 School District Security (M) (Revised)
- P 7450 Property Inventory (M) (Revised)
- P & R 7510 Use of School Facilities (M) (Revised)
- P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)
- P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)
- P 2270 Religion in Schools (Revised)
- P 2622 Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5200 Attendance (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5320 Immunization (Revised)
- P 5610 Suspension (M) (Revised)
- R 5610 Suspension Procedures (M) (Revised)
- P 5620 Expulsion (M) (Revised)
- P & R 8320 Personnel Records (M) (Revised)

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Swistak, to approve R1 as listed.

R1. Approve the following minutes:
October 14, 2020 Virtual Regular meeting

Motion approved on a 6-0-1 vote with Mrs. DeFilippis abstaining.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business

Mrs. Neuffer thanked all BOE members for completing the self evaluation. Mrs. Neuffer reviewed the 9 areas of the self evaluation: Planning, Policy, Student Achievement, Finance, Board Operation, Board Performance, Board/Superintendent Relationships, Board/Staff Relationships, Board and Community.

Mr. Hocking commended the BOE members for supporting the school and continuing to maintain what has been accomplished throughout the years.

The BOE discussed goals for the 2020-21 school year. Goals will be approved at the next BOE meeting.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Public question – Do we know when the length of the in-person school day can be increased? Mrs. Bonaparte responded that there is not enough staff and budget to hire more staffing to increase the day in accordance with CDC guidelines for safety and social distancing. The Health Department is against extending the instructional day.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:42 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

