

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of December 16, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 7:07 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. Hannam, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Cowell, 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

- Warren County has the highest number of positive Covid cases since the pandemic started
- New quarantine guidelines are being sent home to parents
- Trying to open school in January
- Asking for cooperation from the school community
- District received CARES funding and purchased air purifiers for classrooms and offices
- District calendar adds language about snow days
- It is Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Hannam's last BOE meeting. Mrs. Bonaparte thanked them for their support.
- The CSA continues to speak with the Health Department for updated guidance on the pandemic.

Personnel – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

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

- F1. Approve the bills list dated December 16, 2020 in the amount of \$366,635.34.
- F2. Approve submission of the Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000.
- F3. Approve workshop request:

A Castellana	Orton Gillingham refresher course-online	\$150
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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 Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve R1-R3 as listed.

- R1. Approve minutes:
October 28, 2020 Virtual regular meeting
November 11, 2020 Virtual regular meeting
- R2. Approve transfers – October 2020 through November 2020
- R3. Accept, certify and file the treasurer’s and board secretary’s financial reports for October 2020 and November 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:
October 28, 2020 minute: 7-0-2 roll call vote with Mrs. Cowell and Mr. Galante abstaining.
November 11, 2020 minutes: 8-0-1 roll call vote with Mr. Hocking abstaining.

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

Unfinished Business

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to approve UB1 as listed.

UB1. Revise the 2020-21 school calendar as follows: “The district reserves the right to pivot to virtual instruction for inclement weather days.”

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

New Business

Mrs. Neuffer read the resolutions for Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Hannam commending them for their service on the Board of Education and service to the community.

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

NB1. Approve the resolution for Tricia Cowell and Sheryl Hannam, Board of Education members.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

BOE - Mrs. Cowell stated that Frelinghuysen School has been doing a tremendous job with staying open.

Mrs. DeFilippis notices that the tree was decorated. Mrs. Bonaparte thanked the Naomi family for decorating the tree for the holidays.

Mrs. Peterson thanked the CSA for her efforts to keep the school opened and thanked the teachers for doing a great job.

Public – Mrs. Keesser wanted to remind parents that if their children have the sniffles, the student can stay home and remote into the classroom for virtual instruction.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to adjourn the virtual regular meeting.
The time was 7:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary