

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of February 10, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 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. 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, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Galante

ABSENT: Mrs. Keesser

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary
Kathleen Helewa, NJSBA representative

Presentation – Mrs. Kathy Helewa, NJSBA Representative, provided Ethics training for the BOE.

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

- One third of the school is quarantined from school exposure.
- Families have continued to cooperate with school regarding COVID.
- New guidelines from CDC for schools expected this week.
- Weather challenges – cannot have delayed openings due to structure of the day.

Personnel – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

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

- F1. Approve the bills list dated 2-10-21 in the amount of \$243,642.47 excluding check #17611.
- F2. Approve check #17611, payable to Kristin Keesser, in the amount of \$77.05.
- F3. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education's 2021-22 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Laraway reviewed the 2021-22 budget calendar with the BOE.

Curriculum/Policy – None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
January 27, 2021 Regular Virtual Meeting
- R2. Approve the transfers for January 2021.
- R3. Accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for January 2021 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

New Business

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

- NB1. Approve the COVID priority resolution that includes public school district personnel in the official expert vaccine allotment panel's definition of frontline workers.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Neuffer attended the Warren County SBA virtual meeting. Mrs. Peterson reviewed the topics that were discussed: Resolution regarding the vaccine priority, NJSBA special report regarding mental health, spring symposium, budget dates, ethics training and additional CARES funding.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Ms. Taylor Casey asked why the district's guidelines regarding COVID and quarantining differs from the state. Mrs. Bonaparte answered that the district follows the Warren County Department of Health who errs on the side of caution.

Mrs. Giordano asked why the district is not transitioning to full days like neighboring districts. Mrs. Bonaparte answered that district's such as Knowlton are not going back to full days but will be transitioning to Wednesday's as in person instruction vs virtual.

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 8:03 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary