

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of March 24, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:05 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. DeFilippis, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Keesser

ABSENT: Mr. Forbes

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

- CDC new guidelines for schools-social distancing for students 3 feet apart
- Warren County DOH mirrors CDC guidelines.
- Monday, March 29 all students are returning to in person instruction, 5 days per week, 1 PM dismissal, no lunch, except for those students that still want to remain all virtual.
- Preventative measures have been taken in the classrooms.
- Updated information being communicated to parents.
- Requesting that the parents and community continue to be cooperative and honest in reporting Covid-19 exposure, travel plans, testing results, etc.
- The state has not determined what the options will be for virtual instruction next school year.
- CSA and BOE members attended the Frelinghuysen Township Committee meeting to discuss the North Warren regionalization study. Major concerns-1) Grant only includes payment to lawyer who was approved to do the study, any other necessary reports such as a demographic study, tax impact study, educational impact study will all be an additional unknown cost. 2) Lawyer approved to do the regionalization study is also North Warren's Attorney of Record-perhaps a conflict of interest. 3) Lack of communication with the

cluster elementary school district Administration and Boards of Education. The Township opted not to participate at this time. The NW Frelinghuysen BOE member was going to take the concerns back to the NW BOE. The district has not had any communication from the NW BOE member to date.

Personnel – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve F1-F2

- F1. Approve Portosoft to install a Granulated Activated Carbon System to the water system to remove disinfection by-products at a cost of \$28,467.91 pending Warren County Department of Health approval.
- F2. Approve the following facility use request:

PTO- Deanna Soldano	PTO Shed Access-to put items into storage	March 26, 2021 1:15 PM
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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 Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve R1-R3 as listed:

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
March 10, 2021 Regular Virtual Meeting and Executive Session
Virtual Meeting
- R2. Approve the transfers for February 2021.
- R3. Accept, certify and file the treasurer’s and board secretary’s financial reports for February 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 – None at this time.

New Business

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve NB1.

NB1. Motion to approve the school district calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Neuffer reached out to the cluster elementary school BOE Presidents to meet and discuss ways to work together. The meeting is scheduled for next week.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – Personnel and student matter.

No action will be taken once the BOE returns to the regular meeting.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to adjourn to a virtual executive session for personnel discussion for approximately 30 minutes. The time was 7:32 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Peterson left the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Hocking seconded by Mrs. Swistak, to return to the regular virtual meeting. The time was 8:19 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

There was a BOE discussion regarding quarantine and the CDC, WCDOH guidelines.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, to adjourn the virtual regular meeting. The time was 8:28 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

