

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education**  
**Minutes of May 12, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 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. Pandiscia, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Keesser, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Swistak

**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 – Personnel**

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to adjourn to a virtual executive session to discuss Personnel for 20 minutes. The time was 7:07 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to return to the regular virtual meeting. The time was 7:30 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**Report of the CSA**

- COVD numbers are decreasing. The district continues to follow CDC and WCDOH guidelines.
- The state will be issuing a safety checklist for opening school in September.

- There are 24 days of school left. The playground was opened this week.
- Year end events will follow COVID guidelines. Teachers are being creative with year end events.
- A survey was sent to parents regarding student learning acceleration. There were 39 responses with comprises 30% of the student population. A majority of parents indicated that there was interest in individual independent summer enrichment. There was also interest in after school homework sessions and after school one on one sessions.

**Personnel**

Mrs. Neuffer stated that the Personnel Committee met on May 3.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve P1-P4 as listed and recommended by the Superintendent.

- P1. Approve to eliminate the Supervisor of Student Services position.
- P2. Appoint the tenured teachers for the 2021-22 school year as attached.
- P3. Appoint the non-tenured teachers for the 2021-22 school year as attached.
- P4. Appoint aides, custodians, and administrative staff for the 2021-22 school year.as attached.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Finance/Facilities**

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

- F1. Approve the 5-12-21 bills list in the amount of \$469,484.66.
- F2. Approve the following workshop request:

J Neely	Maintaining Water Quality in the Distribution System	Rutgers - Online	\$175.00
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- F3. Approve submission of the Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000 and the Board of Education acknowledges the availability of local funds if the projects exceed the grant funding.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Curriculum/Policy - None at this time.**

**Report of the Board Secretary – None at this time.**

**Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Neuffer and Mrs. Swistak met with the North Warren Board President and Vice President as well as the two Board members representing Frelinghuysen. It was stated that Frelinghuysen runs with minimal staff and it appeared eye opening to the NW Board. It is anticipated that the districts can build a stronger relationship and will try to continue to meet.

**New Business**

Mrs. Pandiscia stated that she was approached by a member of the American Legion regarding their coloring contest.

Mrs. Peterson congratulated all the staff receiving tenure as well as renewals.

**Correspondence - None at this time.**

**Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.**

**Request for Executive Session – CSA evaluation.**

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

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes , seconded by Mr. HOcking, to adjourn to a virtual executive session for CSA evaluation discussion for approximately 45 minutes. The time was 7:59 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway left the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Mrs. Bonaparte left the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to return to the regular virtual meeting. The time was 8:27 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Keesser, to adjourn the virtual regular meeting.  
The time was 8:33 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway  
Board Secretary