

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of September 9, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 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. DeFilippis, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Hannam, Mr. Forbes

ABSENT: Mrs. Cowell

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

- Governor Murphy signed an executive order physically closing schools to allow for schools to be used on election day, November 3. The township will be using the school on election day. This day will be a virtual learning day for all students.
- Opening day of school went well. Students have been amazing, keeping masks on, washing hands, students are going outside. Parents have been cooperating and Mrs. Bonaparte is appreciative to the parents.
- The district will be communicating with the parents regarding Health Department guidelines regarding COVID and the flu. The Health Department has warned that when the weather gets colder, problems will arise.
- Windows will be open when the heat is on. It is requested that parents dress their children accordingly.
- The district is assessing and making adjustments for things that did not work the first few days of school. Parents have been flexible.
- Virtual back to school night is Wednesday, September 16.
- Some students that were all virtual learning will be returning to a hybrid schedule October 1.

- Custodial staff has been working extremely hard during the day continuously disinfecting the building.
- Thank you to the PTO for providing staff with snacks on the first day.

Personnel

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

- P1. Approve the following leave of absence, for employee #00089, to begin September 8, 2020:
- 80 hours leave under the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, full pay
 - 10 weeks (50 days) under the Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act, maximum \$200 per day/\$10,000.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities-None at this time.

Curriculum/Policy-None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mrs. Swistak, to approve R1-R2 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
August 26, 2020 Virtual Regular meeting and virtual executive session
- R2. Motion to accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for August 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 on a 5-0-3 roll call vote with Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Hannam abstaining.

Motion R2 approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Unfinished Business-None at this time.

New Business-None at this time.

Correspondence-None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens-Board members asked the following questions:

Will there be an opening session on back to school night, perhaps a Zoom session? Mrs. Bonaparte will look into that.

Is the car drop off going well? Mrs. Bonaparte replied yes, going smoothly.

What is the status of the speakers? Mrs. Bonaparte replied that the security project was delayed due to COVID however anticipating work to begin.

Is there a certain number of days that a student can be sick, has that number been revised due to COVID? Mrs. Bonaparte replied that if the student is not very sick, the student can log into virtual instruction.

Have there been any problems with internet availability? Mrs. Bonaparte has not heard of any.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to adjourn the virtual regular meeting. The time was 7:26 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary