

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of January 19, 2022

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 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.

Oath of Office: Eleni Peterson – Postponed to February 9, 2022

PRESENT: Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Galante
Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia

ABSENT: Mrs. Peterson

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Jenny Deuel, 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 Chief School Administrator

- NJ Start Strong Results-
Students took NJ Start Strong in October. All students participated.
- There are three assessment levels:
3-Less Support Needed
2-Some Support Needed
1-Strong Support Needed
- There were only 12 questions so this really provided a snapshot overall of where the kids are. Grades 4, 5, and 6 tested in ELA and Math. Grade 6 tested in Science too. This included Special Education students as well. Teachers along with the Interventionist will review the data along with everyday classroom performance. Areas are identified that require more reinforcement.
- The virtual holiday concert was amazing. The kids did a great job. We are considering an in person spring concert.
- For the Great Kindness Challenge the 6th grade has planned spirit week and a door decorating contest.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be opening up.
- We are working with the PTO on spring clubs. There is grant money that may be used for afterschool programming.

- The PTO has donated new microscopes. We are grateful for the donation.
- The HIB self-assessment was completed with the School Safety Team. It was for September through June 2020-2021. Low areas identified have been corrected.
- Personnel items on the agenda include substitute increases which are much needed.
- We will be pulling Personnel P1 from the agenda.

Personnel

Item P1 was struck from the agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. DeFillipis to approve P2-P3 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

- P1. Approve the resignation of Jennifer Nause effective February 11, 2022.
- P2. Approve Anna Hackelberg as mentor for Cole VanLuvender for 20 weeks.
- P3. Approve the following increases for substitute pay, effective February 1, 2022.
 Teachers/Aides/Secretary: \$95 per day
 Custodian: \$16 per hour
 Nurse: \$150 per day

Motion P2-P3 approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Finance/Facilities

- F2. Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to amend the tuition rates in F2 – “Residents: \$3,150 per school year, Non-Resident \$3,675 per school year.”

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

- F2. Approve the Preschool tuition for the 2022-2023 school year:
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| Residents | \$3,150 per school year |
| Non-Resident | \$3,675 per school year |

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Defillipis to approve F2 as amended and listed.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to approve F1 and F3 as listed.

- F1. Approve the bills list dated January 19, 2022 in the amount of \$262,480.92
- F3. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education’s 2022-23 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students.

Motion F1 and F3 were approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFillipis to approve C1-C2 as listed.

C1. Approve the HIB self-assessment for submission to the Department of Education

C2. Approve the following policies on a second reading:

P 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements

P 1648.14 Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings-Covid-19

P 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program

P&R 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students

Motion C1-C2 was approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking to approve R1-R3 as listed.

R1. Approve the following minutes: December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting and January 5, 2022 Reorganization.

R2. Motion to approve the transfers for December 2021.

R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for December 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 R1-R3 was approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business

Motion was made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. DeFillipis to approve NB1 as listed.

NB1. Approve Jenny Deuel as Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for 2022 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2.

Motion NB1 was approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFillipis to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:56 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary