

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of November 17, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:03 PM. in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. 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. Neuffer, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking,
Mrs. Peterson

ABSENT: Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia

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

- Halloween went well. Lots of positive feedback.
- Parent Teacher conferences were held. It was a hybrid approach with most parents selecting virtual. Conferences went well.
- Chess club is up and running. The kids are having a great time. We're waiting to hear from the County regarding the tournament. If they don't have the tournament we will try to host something for our students.
- The tree lighting will be December 1st as an outdoor event.

Update on the ARP-ESSER grant -

- The grant money is very specific. It will be used for facilities and upgrades, accelerated learning, professional development in accelerate learning, as well as upgrading materials in Math and ELA. In the summer it would be used for an ESY program for summer enrichment and before or after school (Beyond the School Day) for extra help and enrichment.
- 45,000 will be used for mental health support staffing.
- The grant will be submitted next week.
- We have 2 years to use the money.

Personnel

Motion was made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mrs. Swistak to approve P1-P2 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

- P1. Accept the resignation of Shannon Bet, PE and Health Teacher, effective 10/29/2021, with her last day in district 12/29/21.
- P2. Approve the appointment of Emily Higgins of Fredon as Confidential Administrative Assistant/School Secretary for the contract period 11/18/2021 through 6/30/2022. Salary is \$40,000 prorated from July 1, 2021.

Motion P1-P2 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call.

Finance/Facilities

Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve F1-F4 as listed.

- F1. Approve the bills list dated November 17, 2021 in the amount of \$257,945.86
- F2. Approve the following workshop and travel request:

Stephanie Bonaparte	Techspo Jan 26-28, 2022	\$490 registration + lodging + meals/incidentals per GSA Travel regulations
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- F3. Approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan -ESSER grant in the following amounts:

ESSER	\$100,650
Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	\$50,000
Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	\$40,000
Evidence –Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	\$40,000
NTJSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	\$45,000

- F4. Approve the following facility use requests listed:

FTS PTO	Holiday Tree Lighting Event	Wednesday December 1, 2021 3-4pm Set Up 4-6pm Event 6-7:30pm Clean Up	Front of School/Side of School
FTS PTO	Shed Access	11/19/21 – 3:15-5pm	Back of

		11/24/21 – 12:45-2pm 12/1/21 – 3-7:30pm	School
FTS PTO	Lighting the Tree	11/22/21-11/24/21 Only requires 1 day, based on weather to put lights on tree next to flag pole	Front of School

Motion F1-F4 was approved on a 6-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy

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

C1. To approve the Social Studies Curriculum.

C2. To approve the Science Curriculum.

Motion C1-C2 was approved on a 6-0-0 roll call.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

R1. Approve the following minutes: October 27, 2021. Regular Meeting and Executive Session.

R2. Motion to approve the transfers for October 2021.

R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for October 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 6-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business

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

NB1. Approve the attached Bus Evacuation Drill conducted on October 22, 2021

Motion NB1 was approved 6-0-0 roll call.

Mrs. Neuffer attended the Warren County School Board Association meeting. Mental health was the main topic. Mrs. Neuffer reminded the board members that they still have access to the virtual workshop until December 28th.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen asked if all of the Board members are sent the curriculum and when it would be available on the website. Mrs. Bonaparte answered that the Board received the curriculum and it would be posted shortly on the website.

Request for Executive Session – Requested, No action taken, Legal matters

Motion was made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters. The time was 7:28pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Swistak to return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:45.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:46 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary