

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of December 15, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 7:04 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. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson
Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia

ABSENT: Mr. Galante

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Jenny Deuel, Board Secretary

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda.

- Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen asked if the new gym teacher would be involved in curriculum writing and changes. Mrs. Bonaparte responded yes.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Report of the Chief School Administrator

- Annual Tree Lighting was an excellent event. Green Township came with Santa.
- The virtual holiday concert is currently being recorded. It should be released by the 23rd.
- The mitten collection is happening again this year.
- We are participating in the Stuff the Stocking competition with Project Self Sufficiency. It's the first time we are participating. Approximately 100 toys were collected.
- The results for the Start Strong Assessment for grades 4-5-6 in lieu of spring testing were sent to parents. They should receive the results soon.
- IReady was in September. We will compare the results from IReady with the Start Strong Assessment.
- Google Classroom has been started for enrichment.
- The agenda tonight includes the new P/E teacher. He did a demo lesson and was excited and happy he'll be joining us. We also have new substitutes to approve.
- Mrs. Wagner received a grant from Explore Learning Educator for fraction practice for the 3rd grade.
- We have the budget calendar. The process will start shortly.

Personnel

Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve P1-P4 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

- P1. Approve Katie Higgins of Fredon as substitute custodian, \$15.50/hr, for the 2021-22 school year.
- P2. Approve Cole Van Luvender of Newton as Physical Education/Health Teacher January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022 on Step 1, BA \$51,365, pro-rated pending Criminal History Review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018 C.5
- P3. Approve Margaret Saalfield of Frelinghuysen as substitute teacher for the 2021-22 school year pending Criminal History Review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018 C.5.
- P4. Approve Jenny Deuel as Fund Commissioner to the School Health Insurance Fund effective December 1, 2021 to represent the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education.

Motion P1-P4 approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Finance/Facilities

Motion was made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve F1-F2 as listed.

- F1. Approve the bills list dated December 15, 2021 in the amount of \$293,397.29
- F2. Accept a \$1300 grant from the Explore Learning Frax Educator Grant Program for math education that was submitted by Christine Wagner.

Motion F1-F2 was approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy

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

- C1. To approve the following trip for the 2021-22 school year:

Sterling Hill Mines	5 th and 6 th Grade
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- C2. Approve the following policies on a first 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 Mrs. Swistak to approve R1-R3 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes: November 17, 2021. Regular Meeting and Executive Session.
- R2. Motion to approve the transfers for November 2021.
- R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for November 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 was approved 6-0-3 roll call with Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Pandiscia, and Mrs. Keesser abstaining. Motion R2-R3 was approved on a 8-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve NB1 as listed.

- NB1. Accept the 2022-23 Budget Calendar

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

Correspondence

We received a letter from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs- The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus. The Veterans sent a letter thanking our students for the beautiful handmade artwork/cards they sent for Veterans Day.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen inquired about the employee vaccine rate. She also asked if she could see the State standards for the health curriculum once it's updated. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that staff must show proof of vaccination or test weekly and that Mrs. Mardin could search NJ student learning standards regarding the health curriculum update.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:34 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary