

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of February 9, 2022

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:05 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, Mr. Galante
Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Peterson

ABSENT:

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

Presentation – Matthew Lee, NJSBA Representative, Ethics and Negotiations

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

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin for Frelinghuysen questioned if the observation hours for Ms. Fernicola were for training purposes. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that is was just for observation.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Personnel

Motion was made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mrs. Swistak to approve P1-P5 as listed.

- P1. Approve 10 observation hours for Samantha Fernicola, RN with Ruth Toronzi.
- P2. Approve following substitutes: Sophie Wierzbicki (Mondays).
- P3. Accept the resignation of John Pimley effective 1-25-22.
- P4. Accept the resignation of Joe Dietz effective 1-28-22.

- P5. Approve Rich Ohl as long term per diem substitute custodian \$17 per hour, approximately 20 hours per week, to be called in as needed beginning 2-10-22 through 6-30-22.

Motion P1-P5 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call.

Finance/Facilities

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

- F1. Approve the bills list dated February 9, 2022 in the amount of \$174,548.68
- F2. Approve using \$2250 of the ARP-ESSER after school enrichment grant funding for 2 clubs organized through the Frelinghuysen PTO.
- F3. Approve services of Insurance Archaeology Group to complete a historic insurance policy search. Estimated total cost will be approximately \$8000.
- F4. Approve the following facility use request listed:

FTS PTO	Gertrude Hawk Distribution	4/4/2022- 4/8/2022 (Upon delivery of items 3pm-5pm	Parking Lot
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Motion F1-F4 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy -None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to approve R1 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes: January 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion R1 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business -

Mrs. Peterson commented that the Winter Concert was amazing.

Mrs. Neuffer informed the Board that the negotiations committee met this evening and will have more information by the next meeting.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens -

Mrs. Michele Lohman of Frelinghuysen inquired about procedures when students are threatened. Mrs. Bonaparte told Mrs. Lohman she could call her to discuss.

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen asked if we would be going forward with the information provided in the masking letter. Mrs. Bonaparte explained that we are waiting for local guidance on masking rules, but if we have a choice we will not be wearing masks in school. Mrs. Mardin also inquired if Frelinghuysen is the only school in the district, if there was an option to make all meetings virtually accessible and if an interventionist could be added with grant money.

Request for Executive Session – Legal Matters. No Action Taken.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn to executive session to discuss legal matters. The time was 8:25pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Keesser, to return to regular meeting. The time was 8:42pm.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Galante to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:43pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary