

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of March 23, 2022**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 7:02 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 (arrived 7:37 PM), Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Keesser, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante

ABSENT: Mrs. Peterson

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Request for Executive Session

Report of the CSA –

- March is Read Across America. The students are participating in March Madness brackets voting on their favorite books.
- The COVID guidelines have been updated regarding masking and quarantining. Everyone is happy to be mask free.
- There was an upgrade to the security cameras, software and security monitors. We can properly lockdown now.
- Chess club is in the county tournament on-line. One of our students is moving onto the finals.
- PTO has donated to our field trips. They are all local and outdoors.
- Preschool currently has 24 students enrolled including 3 special education students.

Personnel – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

The 2022-23 tentative budget was presented by Mrs. Bonaparte. State aid for 2022-23 is cut by \$97,230. Decrease is Charter School Tuition. The tax increase is \$1.25/month on a house assessed at \$100,000.

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve F1-F3 as listed.

- F1. Approve and submit the tentative budget for the 2022-23 school year to Warren County Department of Education Office for approval.
- F2. Approve Travel and Expense Reimbursement as part of the School District Budget for 2022-23.
- F3. Approve the Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal in the amount of \$57,000 as part of the School District Budget for 2022-23 to be used for facility maintenance operations.

Motion approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to approve F4-F6 as listed.

- F4. Approve the bills list dated March 23, 2022 in the amount of \$142,893.67
- F5. Accept the Security Grant in the amount of \$20,000.
- F6. Approve the following facility use request listed:

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| Frelinghuysen Township Land Use Board | Meeting | April 4, 2022 7:00-10:30pm | All Purpose Room |
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Motion F4-F6 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy – None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes: March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- R2. Approve the transfers for January and February 2022.
- R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer’s and board secretary’s financial reports for January and February 2022 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 7-0-1 roll call with Mr. Galante abstaining. Motion R2-R3 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business –

The Wednesday, April 13, 2022 meeting will be changed to Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens -

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen inquired about the CSA Evaluation and if there were new quarantining rules in effect. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that there are no new quarantine guidelines in effect. It's currently 5 days for close contacts and each situation is handled individually.

Request for Executive Session – CSA Evaluation and Negotiations

No action will be taken once the BOE returns to the regular meeting.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Hocking to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and the CSA evaluation. The time was 7:42 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Deuel left the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak and seconded by Mr. Forbes to return to regular meeting. The time was 8:58 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:59 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary