

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of April 27, 2022**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 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. Hocking, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Peterson (arrived 7:55 PM)

ABSENT: Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Keesser

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Request for Executive Session

Report of the CSA

School Performance Report – The report is still showing the growth and assessment from 2018-2019 due to COVID-19 and has not yet been updated. The report is posted on the district website.

- Everyone is back from spring break.
- We have the Appreciation Breakfast which the Board is invited to and TREPS coming up.
- Today was Administrative Assistant Day and I would like to thank Ms. Higgins for all of her work.
- Next week is testing and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- PTO has donated to our field trips. They are all local and outdoors.
- Preschool currently has 24 students enrolled including 3 special education students.

Public Budget Hearing – 2022-23 District Budget

Mrs. Bonaparte presented the 2022-23 district budget. The district lost \$97,230 in state aid for the 2022-23 budget and is withdrawing \$57,000 from the maintenance reserve. The total budget is \$3,010,194 which includes general fund and special revenues.

Personnel

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve P1 as listed.

P1. Approve the following chaperones for evening events through June 30, 2022:

- Kim Allen
- Kathy Gould
- Marguerite Mulcahy
- Ruth Toronzi
- Jennifer Fowles
- Jennifer Nause

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve F1-F5 as listed.

- F1. Adopt the 2022-23 district budget.
- F2. Adopt Travel and Expense Reimbursement Resolution as part of the School District Budget for 2022-23.
- F3. Approve the Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal Resolution in the amount of \$57,000 as part of the School District Budget for 2022-23.
- F4. Approve the bills list dated April 27, 2022 in the amount of \$60,351.58.
- F5. Approve the following facility uses request listed:

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| FTS PTO | Color Run | 6/4/2022 6:00am- 11:00am | Outside Fields and Parking Lot |
| FTS Booster Club | Dance Grades 4, 5, 6 Outside Guests Permitted | 5/27/2022 3:30-8:30pm | Gym |

Motion F1-F5 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy – None at this time.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes: April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- R2. Approve the transfers for March 2022.
- R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for March 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 5-0-1 roll call vote with Mrs. Neuffer abstaining. Motion R2-R3 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Neuffer updated the Board on the conversation with Mark Magyar regarding regionalization. We are still waiting for reassurances before passing a resolution to conduct a study.

New Business –

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

NB1. Approve the admission request for Student #10111357 to enter Kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion NB1 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

The Board will be rescheduling the following meetings: May 18, 2022 and June 15, 2022 to May 11, 2022, June 8, 2022 and June 22, 2022.

Mrs. Neuffer attended the Warren County School Board Association legislative committee meeting with Senator Oroho, Assemblyman Space and Assemblyman Wirths were in attendance. There was discussion about regionalization and charter school costs. There was also discussion about curriculum and teacher shortages, infrastructure money and pre-k funding for Title 1 schools.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - None at this time.

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 Mrs. DeFilippis and seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and the CSA evaluation. The time was 7:32 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Bonaparte and Mrs. Deuel left the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to return to regular meeting. The time was 8:11 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:12 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary