

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of July 21, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 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. Pandiscia, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Keesser

ABSENT: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Peterson

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, 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 CSA

- District is in full planning mode for September-all students, full days
- District has been chosen by the state, Cohort 1, for a Pre-K assessment, only for Pre-K special education students
- District has not communicated with parents regarding COVID guidelines, awaiting additional guidance from state and CDC for September opening
- Out of district special education placement due to the fact that the district does not have the specialized program for student

Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mrs. Swistak to approve P1-P4 and P6 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

P1. Approve requesting a waiver for a full time principal for the 2021-22 school year from the NJ Department of Education.

- P2. Appoint Lori Naomi of Frelinghuysen Twp as an Aide, \$15.00/hr, 6 hrs/day, 181 days, for the 2021-22 school year.
- P3. Appoint Katherine Gould of Hopatcong as Guidance Counselor MA Step 3, \$55,815, for the 2021-22 school year.
- P4. Appoint Sophie Wierzbicki of Blairstown as part time Music Teacher pending certification, 4 days/wk, BA Step 1, \$41,092, for the 2021-22 school year.
- P6. Accept the resignation of Heather Lucy, effective 8-20-2021.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, to amend P5 to read “as approved by the Executive County Superintendent”.

- P5. Appoint Jenny Deuel of Andover, as School Business Administrator and Board Secretary, beginning on September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending Executive County Superintendent approval.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mrs. Keesser, to approve P5 as amended.

- P5. Appoint Jenny Deuel of Andover, as School Business Administrator and Board Secretary, beginning on September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve F1-F3 as listed.

- F1. Authorize the submission of application of the FY2022 ESEA grant and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2022 application: ESEA Title IIA in the amount of \$2,814 and Title IV Part A in the amount of \$10,000.
- F2. Approve the Annual Temporary Facility Approval Form for the 2021-22 school year.
- F3. Approve out of district tuition for student #10111050 to attend Northern Hills Academy for the 2021-22 school year:

Tuition:	\$59,180
Aide:	\$27,390

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, to approve C1-C2 as listed.

- C1. Approve the Danielson Evaluation Instrument for professional staff for the 2021-22 school year.
- C2. Approve the district Mentoring Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
June 16, 2021 Regular meeting

Motion approved on a 4-0-1 vote with Mrs. DeFilippis abstaining.

Unfinished Business – None at this time.

New Business

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mrs. Keesser, to approve NB1-NB3 as listed.

- NB1. Approve the School Safety Data System report for Report Period 2 – January 2021-June 2021.
- NB2. Approve the District goals for the 2021-22 school year:
 - 1. Assess student learning for Language Arts and Math to provide academic supports to all students in achieving grade level standards and increase opportunities for enrichment for students achieving above grade level standards.
 - 2. Increase mental health and social and emotional learning opportunities with the classroom and embedded throughout the curricular program to promote a positive school climate and culture and emotional well-being.
 - 3. Increase student access to technology through the use of meaningful technology platforms and equitable access for all students.

NB3. Approve the Board of Education goals for the 2021-22 school year:

1. Engage in collaborative strategic planning to create a comprehensive plan for the future success of the district.
2. Connect with the community by creating opportunities for collaboration and engagement between the Board of Education and community members.
3. Engage in professional learning opportunities that increase district knowledge, improve Board effectiveness and promote positive boardsmanship.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Members of the public questioned the district goals, specifically #2, mental health and social and emotional learning, as well as if CRT will be in the curriculum. They stated that as parents they should teach their children about cultural differences. Mrs. Bonaparte stated that mental health, social and emotional learning is in the health curriculum. Classroom teachers also do a great job of teaching students how to get along and will be focusing on resocializing students. The district adapts the curriculum based on state standards. Mrs. Bonaparte stated that any parent with concerns or issues reach out to her directly as that is the protocol based on chain of command.

A question was asked why the district needs a principal. Mrs. Bonaparte stated that each school has to have a Principal and the district is required to have a Superintendent. Mrs. Bonaparte has a dual role as Principal/Superintendent as the Chief School Administrator.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, to adjourn the regular meeting. The time 7:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary

