

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 14, 2024
7:00 PM

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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 advance 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. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Riedel, Mrs. Neufer, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Togno

ABSENT: None

Administration Present: Jarlyn Veras, CSA, Edward Flores BA/Board Secretary

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

None

Personnel

Motion to approve P1-P3 as listed and recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia and seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve P1-3 as listed.

P1. Approve the appointment of Jaime Tasco of Rockaway Township as part-time guidance counselor for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary of MA Step F (pro-rated), \$37,468.00 pending criminal history and background check

P2. Approve the appointment of Nicholas Vanderlofski of Vernon, NJ as physical education/health teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary of BA step F \$58,998, pending

criminal history and background check

P3. Approve the appointment of Ashli Riedel as substitute nurse for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$150 per day.

Mrs. Swistak inquired about the number of days the guidance counselor would be needed, wherein Mrs. Veras confirmed that the position is 3 days per week.

Motions P1-P3 carried unanimously by roll call vote. With Mr. Riedel Abstaining from P3

BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. DeFilippis (Janet)	X		
Mr. Forbes (Lowell)	X		
Mr. Hocking (David)	X		
Mr. Riedel (George)	1,2		3
Mrs. Neuffer (Kimberly), President	X		
Mrs. Pandiscia (Doreen)	X		
Mrs. Peterson (Eleni)	X		
Mrs. Swistak (Lori Anne), Vice President	X		
Mr. Togno (David)			X

Finance/Facilities

Motion to approve F1 -F4 as listed:

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

F1. Approve the cost of student lunch for the 2024-2025 school year:

Student Lunch- \$3.50

Adult Lunch-\$4.50

F2. Approve contract with Social Strides for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for the 2024-2025 school year (see attached)

F3. Approve the revised payment of bills and claims for the month of July 2024 (Check#19292):

10/11	General Fund	\$31,459.58
12	Maintenance Fund	\$ 12,600.00
20	Special Revenue	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$44,059.58

**F4. Approve payment of bills and claims for the month of August 2024
(Check#19324-19360):**

10/11	General Fund	\$69,206.81
12	Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00
20	Special Revenue	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$69,206.81

Motions F1-F4 carried unanimously by roll call vote

BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. DeFilippis (Janet)	X		
Mr. Forbes (Lowell)	X		
Mr. Hocking (David)	X		
Mr. Riedel (George)	X		
Mrs. Neuffer (Kimberly), President	X		
Mrs. Pandiscia (Doreen)	X		
Mrs. Peterson (Eleni)	X		
Mrs. Swistak (Lori Anne), Vice President	X		
Mr. Togno (David)			X

CSA Report

Mrs. Veras discussed how summer was flying by and that there would be an upcoming PreK orientation. She additionally thanked the custodial staff for working around the clock on making the school ready for the start of the year.

Report of the Board Secretary

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve items C1–C2

Mrs. Veras made a comment that HIB training will continue at the beginning of school and throughout the remainder of the year.

Motion to Approve C1-C2 as listed:

C.1 Accept Student Data System Report for Reporting Period 2

C2. Approve the Danielson Evaluation Framework 2013 for teacher and staff evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motions C1-C2 carried unanimously by roll call vote

BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. DeFilippis (Janet)	X		
Mr. Forbes (Lowell)	X		
Mr. Hocking (David)	X		
Mr. Riedel (George)	X		
Mrs. Neuffer (Kimberly), President	X		
Mrs. Pandiscia (Doreen)	X		
Mrs. Peterson (Eleni)	X		
Mrs. Swistak (Lori Anne), Vice President	X		
Mr. Togno (David)	X		

Unfinished Business

New Business

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve items N1-N2

N1. Approve the following district goals for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Enhance our multi-tiered system of support to provide every student with the tailored instructional strategies and interventions necessary to maximize their learning potential.

2. Strengthen science instruction by ensuring alignment with standards and implementing teaching practices that promote creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking.
3. Engage in a strategic planning process to develop a comprehensive framework for achieving success in the district's priority areas.
4. Continuously improve and fortify the district's safety and security measures.

N2. Approve the following board of education goals for the 2024-2025 school year

1. The board of education is committed to supporting programs and initiatives that maximize students' learning potential.
2. The board of education, in conjunction with administration, will support efforts to conduct strategic planning in order to shape and guide the direction of the district going forward.
3. The board will support funding and policy to explore alternative ways of funding for the district.

Mrs. Veras made a comment to confirm that the new doors are in process, and plan to be completed before the start of school.

Motions N1-N2 carried unanimously by roll call vote

BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mrs. DeFilippis (Janet)	X		
Mr. Forbes (Lowell)	X		
Mr. Hocking (David)	X		
Mr. Riedel (George)	X		
Mrs. Neuffer (Kimberly), President	X		
Mrs. Pandiscia (Doreen)	X		
Mrs. Peterson (Eleni)	X		
Mrs. Swistak (Lori Anne), Vice President	X		
Mr. Togno (David)	X		

Correspondence

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - none

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Neuefer and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to Adjourn at 7:50 to begin the executive session.

All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Flores - Business Administrator/Board Secretary