

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

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mr. Riedel, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. Neuffer,

ABSENT: Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Togno

Administration Present: Jarlyn Veras, CSA, Greg Brennan, Interim SBA/Board Secretary

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

None

Personnel

Motion to approve P1-P5 as listed and recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to approve P1-5 as listed.

P1. Approve Retirement of Mr. Peter Arena, effective September 30, 2024

P2. Accept the Resignation of Cole Van Luvender, physical education teacher effective September 16, 2024, or sooner if a qualified replacement can be found.

P3. Accept the Resignation of Jamie Ferrara, paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2024

Mrs. Swistak inquired if the school hiring of additional instructional aides met the needs of the students, which was confirmed by Mrs. Veras.

P4. Appoint Elizabeth Neuwirth of Blairstown, NJ as a part-time instructional aide for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, pending criminal history and background check.

P5. Appoint Christine O'Connell of Blairstown NJ, as a part-time instructional aide for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, pending criminal history and background check.

Motions P1-P5 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

Finance/Facilities

Motion to approve F1 -F5 as listed:

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

F1. Authorize submission of the FY 2025 IDEA grant and accept the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2025 application for the following amounts: IDEA Basic: \$34,662 and IDEA Preschool: \$3,281,

F2. Authorize submission of the FY 2025 ESEA grant application and accept the grant award of funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2025 application for the following amounts:

Title IA: \$210, Title IIA \$2,259, Title IV \$10,000.

F3. Authorize refusal of allocated funds for ESEA Title III grant for \$171 (consortium needed for allocations under 10,000)

Mrs. Pandiscia inquired into the Preschool application status, which was confirmed as in process by Mrs. Veras. Mrs. Veras expanded on the benefits to the district if the Preschool application is approved.

F4. Approve submission of the Preschool Expansion Aide Application

Mrs. Swistak inquired if the trades package for F5 provided services for school districts, which was confirmed as a yes, by Mr. Flores. Mrs. Veras expanded by praising the positive experiences in previous district usage and its benefits.

F5. Approve the proposal to become a member of the Educational Data Services, Inc. cooperative purchasing agreement, to provide purchasing services and skilled trades packages for the district for 24-25 SY pro-rated at \$850 for Supply Ordering and \$1,400 for skilled trades package.

Mrs. Pandiscia inquired to the additional aftercare options, which Mrs. Veras confirmed that a survey would be conducted into interested parties.

Motions F1-F5 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 went over the back to school packets being sent out and PreSchool orientation.

Mrs. Veras discussed grant opportunities that were available to the district and the refusal of \$171 for funding that does not comply with the district.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mrs. Neuffer to add the approval of minutes for June 19, and July 3 and revised agenda for August 7 to include R1 & R2.

R1. To approve the minutes, regular and executive for June 19, 2024.

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

R2. To approve the minutes, regular and executive sessions for July 3, 2024.

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		

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, and seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to approve C1 as listed.

C.1 Approve submission of the 3-Year Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) for multilingual learners.

Motions C1 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

N1. Mrs. Neuffer brought to the attention that there would be a meeting for August 14, 2024 as a reminder.

Mrs. Swistak inquired into the summer projects that were in process. Mrs. Veras confirmed that the doors are in process, and almost ready to install in time for the school session.

Mrs. Veras brought up the roof project replacement and scope of work based on Architect recommendations.

Mrs. Swistak made a comment to thank the board for their professionalism and unity in response to the revised budget in lieu of some public opinion.

Motions N1 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

New Business

N1. Approve updated ARP ESSER plan, revised June 25, 2024

Motions N1 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 Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to Adjourn at 7:41

All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Flores - Business Administrator/Board Secretary