

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2025
7:04 PM**

Open Public Meeting Statement

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call:

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
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 arrived 7:15	x

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

CSA Report

Mrs. Veras made a statement of excitement regarding the launch of the aftercare program officially.

2nd round of benchmark assessments Iready and other assessments.

Instructional coaching is attending February 19th to work with teachers and classrooms to focus on small group discussion.

Congrats Matthew and Luke Naomi at the Spelling Bee

Pre-K registration opens tomorrow with updated tuition costs available on the website.

SSDS report - happy to announce no bullying incidents to report

Welcomes Kathy Helewa presenting our strategic planning presentation.

Presentation: Strategic Planning - Kathy Helewa

Personnel

P1. Accept the retirement of Ruth Toronzi, school nurse effective June 30, 2025

P2. Approve Sharon Peck of Frelinghuysen NJ as substitute nurse at a rate of \$150.00 per day.

P3. Approve the following updated school committees:

School Improvement Panel (SCIP)	Threat Assessment Team	Crisis Team	School Safety Climate Team	PTO teacher Liaison	School Data Team- New (will meet to review, and analyze student data)
Marguerite Mulcahy	Jamie Tasco	Ruth Toronzi	Jamie Tasco	Ruth Toronzi	Aimee Kronmiller
Jen Guida	Christine Wagner	Kate Lorenzo	Ruth Toronzi	Heather Dennis	Jamie Tasco
Lisa Naomi	Anna Hackelberg	Kim Allen	Marguerite Mulcahy		Hilary Beirne
Kim Allen	Hilary Beirne	Nick Vanderlofske	Jen Guida		
Ruth Toronzi	Security Personnel	Hilary Beirne	Aimee Kronmiller		
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Motion to approve P1-P3 as listed

MOTION: Pandiscia	SECOND: Hocking
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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:

F1. Approve the following facility use requests:

6th Grade Booster Club	Leprechaun Dance Grades 4-6	March 14, 2025 5:00-8:30 pm	Multipurpose Rm
6th Grade Booster	VIP Dance All Grades (with an adult)	February 13, 2025 (Rain date February 21, 2025) 5:00-8:30 pm	Multipurpose Rm

F2. Approve the following field trip(s)

Grades 5 & 6 (2 students)	Warren County Spelling Bee	No Cost
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Grades 5 & 6 (8 students)	Warren County Chess Tournament	\$300
6th Grade (8 students)	Warren County All-Star Band	\$105
Pre-k, Kindergarten, Grade1	Fairy Tale Forest	\$771 \$546- transportation
Grade 2	DaVinci Center	\$257 \$496.75 - transportation
Grade 3	Space Farms	\$225 496.75- transportation
Grade 4	Pocono Environmental Ctr	No entry cost \$576.00- transportation
Grade 5	Sterling Hills	\$261 \$475- transportation

F3. Approve the 2026 FY waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education from participating in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on a projected enrollment of less than 40 students.

F4. Approve the following, half-day preschool tuition for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Residents: \$380 per month
- Non Residents: \$435 per month

F5. Approve the payments (Check# 19503-19505) in the amount of \$782.00

MOTION: DeFillipis	SECOND: Hocking
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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		

Report of the Board Secretary

Curriculum/Policy

New Business / Unfinished Business

Motion to approve N1-N2 as listed:

N1. Accept the SSDS Report- Report Period 1 September 1, 2024- December 31, 2024.

N2. Approve the Revised NJPEPL Framework as the evaluation tool for the Supervisor of Student Services (see attached).

MOTION: Pandiscia	SECOND: Hocking
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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		
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Correspondence

Old Business

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Chip inquired as to why it would be important for families to attend strategic planning. Mrs. Veras elaborated on the importance of becoming a part of a community and vocalizing/ contributing to actionable changes and situations within the district.

Mr. Togno asked if the strategic planning is more a fact-finding or a collaboration. Mrs. Veras responded how it allows a discussion of the state of the district and importance of instruction and fiscal strengths and challenges and how they pertain to the community. Additionally the planning collaboration allows attendees to guide discussions and communicate issues that may not have been addressed or available to previously in a balanced environment with mediation.

Request for Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion Pandsicia, Togno @ 7:40