

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024
7:00 PM

Open Public Meeting Statement

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 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.

Call to order @ 7:04 pm by Mrs. Neuffer

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	

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

Presentation by the Board

**Frelinghuysen Township School District
Board of Education
Resolution Commending
Peter Arena**

Mrs. Neuffer made a public comment to thank Mr. Arena on behalf of the board and as a parent of students within the district.

Whereas, Peter Arena has 24 years of his professional life to the field of elementary education, serving as a distinguished teacher at Frelinghuysen Township School

Whereas, Mr. Arena has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the well-being and education of Frelinghuysen Township Elementary School students, fostering an environment of collaboration, learning, and growth

Whereas, Mr. Arena has consistently exhibited exemplary teaching skills in the areas of mathematics and social studies, inspiring generations of students to reach the highest levels of academic achievement; and;

Whereas, Mr. Arena has continuously supported and collaborated with fellow educators contributing to a positive and harmonious school community; and

Whereas, Mr Arena has earned the admiration and respect of students, parents, and colleagues for his dedication, professionalism, and hard work

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Frelinghuysen Township School Board of Education commends Mr. Arena and expresses its deepest appreciation for his outstanding service to the students and families of Frelinghuysen Township

Be it further resolved that we record in our minutes this commendation, that all now and in the future may acknowledge the valuable contributions of this man and the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Arena is wished a happy, restful and fulfilling retirement,

Mrs. Neuffer and the Frelinghuysen Board of Education have dedicated Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein on behalf of Mr. Arena to thank him for his dedication.

Be it resolved by the Frelinghuysen Township School Board of Education on the 25th day of September, 2024.

Mr. Arena made a comment in recognition of his colleagues, board members, friends and family within the school district to thank them for their support and friendships.

CSA Report

Busy first month of school to discuss assessments and newsletters that are planning on going out.

NJ SLA reports were sent out last week, where scores will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Personnel

P1. Approve the following school committees for the 2024-2025 school year:

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	Ruth Toronzi	Kate Lorenzo	Ruth Toronzi		Jamie Tasco
Lisa Naomi	Christine Wagner		Marguerite Mulcahy		
Kim Allen	Anna Hackelberg				

Mrs. Pandiscia inquired to what duties the committees perform, wherein Mrs. Veras went on to explain the responsibilities for the general scope of each committee.

The school data team is put together to look at student data and assessments to keep and maintain high test scores .

P2. Approve Ana Hackelberg as teacher-mentor for the 2024-2025 school year.

P3. Approve Jaime Tasco as the district's Homeless Liaison for the 2024-2025 school year

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

Personnel

MOTION: Mrs. Pandiscia	SECOND: Mr. Forbes
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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 -F3 as listed:

F1. Approve the facility use by the Frelinghuysen PTO for the Treat Trail, October 2024 (see attached form with date)

F2. Approve the facilities use by the PTO for the 2024-2025 Chess Club to meet weekly from October 2024 through March 2025 (see attached form with dates)

F3. Approve the following travel requests:

Kimberly Neuffer, Edward Flores, and Jarlyn Veras

10/21/24-10/24/24- NJSBA 2024 Convention

\$1,650 registration + lodging + meals/incidentals per GSA travel regulations

F4. Approve the School Security Officer Shared Service Agreement with North Warren Regional School District contingent on revisions.

F5. Approve the revised payment of bills and claims for the month of August 2024 (Check#19324-19362):

10/11	General Fund	\$109,588.85
12	Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00
20	Special Revenue	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$109,588.85

F6. Approve payment of bills and claims for the month of September 2024 (Check#19363-19399):

10/11	General Fund	\$283,582.27
12	Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00

20 Special Revenue \$ 6,207.00
Total \$289,789.27
Finance / Facilities

MOTION: Forbes	SECOND: Pandiscia
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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		

Mrs. Defilippis made a comment to thank the board members and staff that worked diligently on completing the security officer agreement and new policy.

Report of the Board Secretary

R1. To approve the revised BOE minutes regular and executive session meetings for June 19, 2024 & July 3, 2024.

R2. To approve the BOE minutes regular session meeting for August 7, 2024.

MOTION: Pandiscia	SECOND: DeFillipis
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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		

Curriculum/Policy

Motion to Approve C1 -C2 as listed:

C1. Approve Policy Alert No. 233 -first reading

- P0141.1 Board Member Number and Term Sending District- Revised
- P0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M) Abolished
- P2200 Curriculum Content (M)- Revised
- P&R 3160 Physical Examination (M)- Revised
- P&R 4160 Physical Examination (M)- Revised
- R 5200 Attendance (M)-Revised
- P5331 Service Animals -Revised
- P 5350 Student Suicide Prevention (M) -Revised
- P 7231 Gifts from Vendors (M) -Abolished
- P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) - Revised

- P&R 8467 Firearms and Weapons (M) - Revised

C2. Approve the recycling of old GO Math and Everyday Mathematics Textbooks and, workbooks.

Curriculum / Policy

MOTION: DeFillipis	SECOND: Forbes
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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		

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Neuffer brought up ethics training registration to be provided on behalf

Membership training status through NJSBA

Mrs. Swistak discussed candidate questionnaires

New Business

Motion to approve as listed:

Old/New Business

MOTION: Pandiscia	SECOND: Forbes
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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		

Correspondence

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Request for Executive Session

Adjournment