

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education  
Minutes of November 16, 2022**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 7:04 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, Mr. Hocking, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Galante

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Keesser

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA  
Jenny Deuel, Board Secretary

**Hearing & Petitions of Citizens** – None at this time.

**Request for Executive Session** - Negotiations.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations. The time was 7:06 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to return to regular meeting. The time was 7:18 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**Report of the CSA**

School Updates:

- Flag Raising Ceremony to honor Veteran's Day was held with the Blairstown VFW present

- Working with the Warren County Clean Communities Grant, we held an engaging assembly on recycling and keeping our community clean.

Upcoming events:

- Tree Lighting: 11/30
- Prek-3 Concert: 12/6 6:30
- 4-6 Concert: 12/13 6:30

District Updates:

- Virtual Speech Therapist
- Policies on for second reading

**Personnel**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve P1 as listed.

P1. Approve the following chaperones for evening school events, \$47 per hour:

Kim Allen  
 Kathy Gould  
 Marguerite Mulcahy  
 Ruth Toronzi

Motion P1 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

**Finance/Facilities**

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

F1. Approve the bills list dated October 12, 2022 in the amount of \$136,052.19.

F2. Approve the following facility use requests listed:

FTS PTO	Tree Lighting	Wednesday November 30, 2022 1:00pm to 8:00pm	Front of School and Media Center
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F3. Approve entering into a contract for Virtual Speech Therapy Services with Warren County Special Services School District via Kid Clan Services, Inc. at a rate of \$106.00 per hour. This service is contingent on need of the in person availability and may be terminated with 14 days' notice.

- F4. Approve to dispose of Smart Board serial number C0221W34B0574 SBM680 and Kenwood KSC-37 hand held radios. Equipment is outdated and not repairable.

Motion F1 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. F2 approved as amended on a 6-0-1 roll call vote with Mrs. Peterson abstaining. F3-F4 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

## **Curriculum/Policy**

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

- C1. Approve the following policies on second reading:

### Policy Alert 226

- P 3233 Political Activities (Revised)
- P 5541 Anti-Hazing (M) (New)
- P 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment (M) (Revised)
- P&R 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)
- P 2622 Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- R 2622 Student Assessment (M) (New)
- P 7540 Joint Use of Facilities (Revised)
- P 9560 Administration of School Surveys (M) (Revised)
- P&R 8465 Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M) (Revised)
- R 2460.30 Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (New)

### Policy Alert 227

- R 7410 Maintenance and Repair (M) (Revised)
- R 7410.01 Facilities Maintenance, Repair Scheduling, and Accounting (M) (Revised)
- R 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies (M) (Revised)
- P 2461 Special Education/Receiving Schools (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.06 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Appropriately Certified and Licensed Staff (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.09 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Statewide and District Wide Assessment Programs (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.10 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Full Educational Opportunity (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.12 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Length of School Day and Academic Year (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.14 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Amending Policies,

- Procedures, the Services Provided, or the Location of Facilities (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.15 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Operation of an Extended Academic Year Program (M) (Revised)
- R 2461.19 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Behavior Modification Program (M) (Revised)

Policy Alert 228

- P 1511 Board of Education Website Accessibility (M) (Revised)
- P 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)
  
- P 3216 Dress and Grooming (Revised)
- P 3270 Professional Responsibilities (Revised)
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- P 3436 Personal Leave
- P 0163 Quorum (Revised)
- P 4216 Dress and Grooming (New)
- P 4436 Personal Leave (Revised)
- P 5513 Care of School Property (M) (Revised)
- R 5513 Care of School Property (M) (Revised)
- P 5722 Student Journalism (M) (New)

Motion C1 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

**Report of the Board Secretary**

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking to approve R1-R3 as listed and amended.

- R1. Approve the following minutes: November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- R2. To accept, certify and file the treasurer’s and board secretary’s financial reports for October 2022 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations and that no major account has been over expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.10.
- R3. Approve the transfers for October 2022.

Motion R1 approved on a 6-0-1 roll call vote with Mr. Galante abstaining. Motions R2-R3 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve NB1 as listed.

NB1. Motion to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement with the Frelinghuysen Education Association, dated as of September 26, 2022 for the contract period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, including related mutually adopted salary guides, which was previously ratified by the Association and which is on file in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes its Board President, Superintendent and/or Business Administrator, as applicable, to execute an appropriate successor collective negotiations agreement upon finalization of same.

Motion NB1 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

Mrs. Neuffer updated the Board on the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. We will be performing an energy audit that will start the process to open up grant opportunities to help offset building updates and repairs. Board Members were reminded that they can go to the NJSBA website to view their transcripts to see what training is still needed to become a certified Board Member.

FTS has been asked to host the Warren County SBA – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dialogues and Conversations meeting.

Mr. Hocking informed the Board of the passing of Robert Brandt.

## **Correspondence**

## **Hearing & Petitions of Citizens**

## **Request for Executive Session**

## **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:47 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Deuel  
Board Secretary

