

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of February 22, 2023**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 7:01 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, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Keesser, and Mrs. Pandiscia

ABSENT: Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson, and Mrs. Swistak

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Molly Petty, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time. A reporter arrived at approximately 7:05PM.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Report of the CSA

Mrs. Bonaparte welcomed Molly Petty tonight as the Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Two of our students placed in the County Spelling Bee (3rd place and 5th place), and they will be recognized at a future Board meeting.

Read Across America will take place next week.

We will be hosting next week's Warren County School Boards Association meeting.

We will be adding a garden club to tonight's agenda, to be funded with the ESSR grant

QSAC was completed, and we passed in every area.

The governor's budget address is scheduled for February 28.

Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve P1 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

P1. Approve Jennifer Guida as the advisor to the Garden Club at \$47 per hour, not to exceed a total of \$1,000.00.

Motion P1 was approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to approve F1-F2 as listed.

F1. Approve the bills list dated February 22, 2023 in the amount of \$130,950.45.

F2. Approve the following facility use requests listed:

FTS PTO	Book Bingo	March 9, 2023 4:00pm-6:30pm	Gym
FTS PTO	Scholastic Book Fair	March 8-10, 2023 8:15am-4:00pm Parent shopping Wed, Thursday 3:15-4:00pm	Media Center
FTS PTO	Art Club	Thursday 3/30, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 3:00pm-4:15pm	Art Room
FTS PTO	Board Game Club	Monday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 3:15pm-4:15pm	Room 113
FTS PTO	Lego Club	Wednesday 3/15, 3/29, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17 3:00pm-4:00pm	Room 115
FTS PTO	Storytime STEAM Club	Tuesday 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4 3:00pm-4:30pm	Room 109
6 th Grade Booster Club	Krispy Kreme Sorting and Pick Up	Tuesday March 21, 2023 11:30am – 4:00pm	Front Lobby

Motions F1-F2 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

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

C1. Approve the following trip for the 2022-23 school year:

Da Vinci Science Center	2 nd Grade
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Motion C1 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to approve R1 as listed.

R1. Approve the February 8, 2023 Regular Minutes.

Motion R1 carried by roll call vote (4-yes; 0-no; 2-abstentions <Mr. Galante and Mrs. Keesser>).

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Pandiscia to approve NB1 as listed.

NB1. Approve the submission of the QSAC Equivalency Application to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Motion NB1 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

Correspondence – None.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – Mr. Galante asked about the energy audit, and Mrs. Bonaparte informed the Board that we have not yet received the report. A newspaper reporter asked about QSAC results, and Mrs. Bonaparte asked him to email her his questions.

Request for Executive Session – Motion was made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mrs. Keesser, and carried unanimously to convene to Executive Session at 7:10PM to discuss student matters, the results of which will be released to the public once the reason for confidentiality no longer exists. The Executive Session ended at 7:35PM.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Pandiscia, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Molly Petty

Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary