

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education Minutes of March 22, 2023

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

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. Neuffer, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Peterson (arrived at 7:06PM), and Mrs. Swistak

ABSENT: Mrs. Keesser

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Report of the CSA

Mrs. Bonaparte informed the Board that the Chess Team took third place in the Warren County Tournament. She commented on the upcoming busy school calendar and the additional day required for Language Arts testing. She noted that the State has discontinued its “Start Strong” testing and that there may be a partial restoration of previously lost state aid.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve F1-F5 as listed.

F1. Approve the bills list dated March 8, 2023, Check # 18784 -18802 in the amount of \$121,801.51 for the General Fund and Checks #1476 & #1476 in the amount of \$7,780.45 for the Food Service Fund.

F2. Approve a contract with J and B Therapy, LLC for speech services (\$87.50/hour) and physical therapy services (\$89.50/hour) for the 2023-24 School Year. (2022-23 hourly rates are \$84.50 and \$85.50, respectively).

F3. Approve a contract with Constantine Landscaping & Design in the amount of \$290 per week for mowing, and an additional \$150 per cut for the back field. The cost of a spring clean-up is \$400, and a fall clean-up is \$450.

F4. Approve 2023-24 Preschool tuition rates at \$315/month for residents and \$367/month for non-residents.

F5. Approve a Facilities' Use Request for the PTO to use the parking lots and fields behind the school on Saturday, May 20 for a Color Run Fundraiser and for the PTO to use the Front Lobby on March 31 from 1:30-4:00 to organize and distribute Gertrude Hawk candy.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve the second reading and adoption of policies per C1 as listed.

C1. Policy Alert 229

- o P1648.11 COVID-19: Health and Safety(abolish)
- o P1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Req. (abolish)
- o P0152 Board Officers (revised)
- o P0161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (revised)
- o P0162 Notice of Board Meetings (revised)
- o P&R Bilingual and ESL Education (revised)
- o P2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (revised)
- o R2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (new)
- o P&R 5200 Attendance (revised)
- o P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (revised)
- o P 8140 Student Enrollments (revised)
- o R 8140 Enrollment Accounting (revised)
- o P&R 8330 Student Records (revised)
- o R 8420.2 Bomb Threats (revised)
- o R 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures (revised)
- o R 8420.10 Active Shooter (revised)

Motion C1 approved by an 8-0-0 roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve R1-R2 as listed.

R1. Approve the following minutes: February 22, 2023 Regular Minutes and Executive Session.

- R2. Authorize the School Business Administrator to prepare transportation bid specifications and submit them for approval to the County Superintendent as well as to advertise the bid and receive/open bids at 10AM on Wednesday, April 5.

Motion R1 approved on a 6-0-0 roll call vote (2 abstentions: Mr. Forbes and Mr. Galante) and R2 approved by an 8-0-0 roll call vote.

New Business

Mrs. Pandiscia asked about inviting Spelling Bee and Chess tournament winners to a BOE meeting, which Mrs. Bonaparte is arranging.
Mrs. Neuffer stated that it is time to start the CSA evaluation process, with a due date of April 7.

Correspondence - None.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – Ms. Martin welcomed Mrs. Petty.

Request for Executive Session – Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to convene to Executive Session at 7:19PM to discuss matters of the CSA Evaluation and Personnel, the results of which will be released to the public once the reasons for confidentiality no longer exist.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes, and carried unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Petty
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary