

## **Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education Minutes of April 5, 2023**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

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. Hocking, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia (arrived at 7:08PM), and Mrs. Peterson

**ABSENT:** Mr. Galante and Mrs. Swistak

**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 there was an early dismissal on March 24 for an in-service by the police called “Stop the Bleed”. She noted that Spring break starts Friday and that Senate Bill 7372 was signed by the governor on Monday, which will partially restore previous aid cuts.

**Personnel** – Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to approve P1-P2 as listed:

P1. To accept the resignation of Mrs. Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA, effective July 30, 2023, with consideration for early release from the required notice on July 1, 2023.

P2. To accept the resignation of Jaqueline Smith as Art teacher, effective June 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Finance/Facilities** - Motion made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve F1-F4 as listed:

F1. Approve the bills list dated April 5, 2023, Check #s 18803-18823 in the amount of \$134,447.93 for the General Fund and Checks #1477 & #1478 in the amount of \$6,191.27 for the Food Service Fund.

F2. Accept one transportation bid and to award the transportation contract for Route #FTS3, for the remainder of 2022-23, to Krapf School Bus-NJN, Inc. in the per diem amount of \$450.00, with an add/decrease amount of \$1.89 per mile.

F3. Approve a class trip for the Sixth Graders to go to North Warren, at no cost to the District except for the bus.

F4. Approve the contract with NJSBA in the amount of \$7,000 for the purpose of providing services for the CSA Search.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Report of the Board Secretary**

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

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

Motion R1 approved on a 7-0-0 roll call vote.

**New Business** - Mrs. Neuffer updated the public on details of the search for a new Chief School Administrator. The BOE has contracted with NJSBA to assist in the search process, and they have already posted the opening on a number of websites. The Board is putting together a survey for the community, which will be available through a link on the CSA Search tab on our website. Multiple rounds of interviews are planned for early May. The Board hopes to hire a new CSA by mid-June.

**Correspondence** - None.

### **Hearing & Petitions of Citizens**

Mr. David Togno commented upon Mrs. Bonaparte's meeting recently with police to review security. He explained that security is a concern for parents and asked about different levels of school security.

Mr. George Riedel remarked that he is unclear about the process and asked what security measures are currently in place.

Mrs. Bonaparte responded that school administrators are advised not to share that information with the public, but she confirmed that we have done everything possible to harden this school building.

**Request for Executive Session** – A motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to convene to Executive Session at 7:31PM 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**

A motion was made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Hocking, and carried unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Petty  
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary