

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of September 14, 2022

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 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, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Swistak, Mr. Forbes,
Mrs. Peterson (arrived 7:08) Mr. Galante, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia,
Mrs. DeFilippis.

ABSENT: None

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens -

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen stated \$47 per hour for staff to supervise bus duties seemed like a high amount. Mrs. Neuffer explained that the payment is according to the contract. Mrs. Bonaparte added that the staff members alternate and that \$47 is a contractual rate.

Request for Executive Session - None at this time.

Report of the CSA

- Everyone is excited to be back in school
- Tomorrow evening is Back to School Night. One of our goals is to create stronger community connections so the Board is invited to a meet and greet.
- The bus tiering is working out so far. It's not what everyone wanted, but it's our only option for right now. The routes and times have settled and parents were updated. We expect one last update to help condense times even further.
- We have been assigned 2 school resources officers for the NJSP this year.
- The NJSLA results are in from the Spring. Parents will be receiving their reports within the next week. This is only one measure of a child's overall performance. Scores will be analyzed and presented at the October Board meeting.

- The QSAC committee is on the agenda for approval. We will complete our self-assessment for Board approval by the end of October, Our first committee meeting is planned for next week.
- Mentoring plans require yearly approval. There are no mentors this year so far.
- The FTS Virtual Learning Plan is on the agenda for approval. A new mandate requires yearly board approval should there be another pandemic and we have to virtually learn.
- The MOA with Law Enforcement also requires yearly approval.
- The SSDS for Report Period 2, Jan-June which outlines our anti-bullying efforts and character education initiatives is also on the agenda for approval.

Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Keesser, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve P1-P2 as listed.

- P1. Approve the following staff members to supervise bus students from 7:45-8:15 and/or 3:15 to 3:45 at \$47 per hour from September 6, 2022- June 30, 2023; schedule to be determined by the CSA.

Lisa Naomi
 Jessica Pryor
 Marguerite Mulcahy
 Ruth Toronzi
 Kathy Gould
 Jacqueline Smith

- P2. Approve the following QSAC Committee for 2022-2023.

Stephanie Bonaparte
 Jenny Deuel
 Kim Neuffer
 Carolyn Stracco
 Ruth Toronzi
 Kim Allen
 Lisa Naomi
 Marguerite Mulcahy

Mr. Forbes asked if the before and after school supervision was new due to tiering. Mrs. Bonaparte explained that the earlier arrivals and later dismissals required staff members to be with students waiting for their buses.

Mr. Hocking inquired if the students go to a specific room. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that the students utilize the library.

Motion P1-P2 approved on a 9-0-0- roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs Swistak to approve F1-F9 as listed.

F1. Approve the bills list dated September 14, 2022 in the amount of \$135,897.84.

F2. Approve the following facility use requests listed:

Frelinghuysen Township Recreation Committee – Keith Ramos	Open Gym - Basketball	M, T, W, F – 5:00-8:00pm 11/1/2022-3/10/2023 Saturdays – Jan thru March Dates and Times TBD	Gym
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FTS PTO	Monthly Storage Shed Access	2022-23 10/4/, 11/15, 12/6,1/10,2/7, 3/7,4/7,5/1,5/9,6/6 3:15pm-5pm	Outdoor Storage Shed
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Girl Scouts Troop - Chughatta	Troop Meetings	Wednesdays 9/21 begin Biweekly thru June 2022 3:00-4:30pm	Art Room
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Sixth Grade Booster Club	Clothing Drive	Saturday 10/8/22 - 8am-2pm	Front of School
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FTS PTO	Halloween Treat Trail	Friday 10/21 - 3:30-8:30pm	Side Parking Lot and Back Walkway
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F3. Approve the following travel requests:

Stephanie Bonaparte, Lowell Forbes, Michael Galante, Kimberly Neuffer, Doreen Pandiscia, Eleni Peterson and Lori Anne Swistak

NJSBA Convention 10/24 – 10/26/2022	\$2,200 registration (group rate) + lodging +meals/incidentals per GSA travel regulations
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- F4. Approve entering into a shared services agreement with Blirstown Board of Education for Child Study Team services which include a School Psychologist, Social Worker and a Learning Disabilities Teaching-Consultant (LDT-C) and a fee for Supervisor services for the 2022-23 school year at an annual cost of \$56,328.00. Additional fees as requested: School Psychologist, LDTC, Social Worker Evaluations at \$400/hr; additional meetings as requested at \$75/hr (outside of normal work schedule). Pending approval by the Blirstown Board of Education.
- F5. Approve the submission of the Stabilization Aid Application in the amount of \$50,000.
- F6. Approve the services of Policy Find & Insurance Archaeology Group to complete a historic insurance policy search. Estimated cost will be approximately \$4000.
- F7. Approve tuition reimbursement in the amount of \$2700 for Kimberly Allen.
- F8. Accept Extraordinary Aid payment in the amount of \$20,363.
- F9. Accept Non-Public Transportation Aid in the amount of \$745.

Mrs. Swistak wanted to know if there is a way to check on the CST's schedule. Mrs Bonaparte explained that if they are out for any reason they must make up their time.

Motion F1-F9 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes: August 10, 2022 Regular and Executive Meeting.
- R2. Approve the following minutes: September 1, 2022 Special Meeting.

Motion R1 approved on a 6-0-3 roll call vote with Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Galante and Mrs. Keesser abstaining. Motion R2 approved on a 5-0-4 roll call vote with Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Keesser and Mrs. Swistak abstaining.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Deuel was asked about the status of the bathroom repairs and air conditioning. The bathrooms were repaired prior to school opening and additional quotes were obtained for the electrical upgrades required for the air conditioning.

New Business

Motion was made by Mr .Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to approve NB1-NB3 as listed.

NB1. Approve the 2022-2023 FTS Virtual Learning Plan. (Attached)

NB2. Approve the School Security Data System Summary for January 1, 2022-July 1, 2022. (Attached)

NB3. Approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for 2022-2023.

Mrs. Peterson asked if the Board would be interested in a having a table at the PTO Halloween Treat Trail to hand out candy. The Board is interested and will look into a table.

Motion NB1-NB3 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call vote.

Correspondence

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Mrs. Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen asked if the teacher supervision was because of the busing issue and asked if we are saving money. Mrs. Bonaparte explained that our previous transportation providers pulled their contract which necessitated the need to go out to bid. Transportation costs have greatly increased and the supervision is due to the tiering.

Request for Executive Session - None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Swistak to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 7:42 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary

