

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of September 28, 2022**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 7:02 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. Swistak, Mr. Forbes,
Mrs. Peterson (arrived 7:09) Mr. Galante, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia,
Mrs. DeFilippis.

ABSENT: Mrs. Pandiscia

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

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Request for Executive Session - None at this time.

Report of the CSA

- October is a busy month: Week of Respect, Fire Safety and Prevention, School Violence Awareness week and Red Ribbon Week.
- We will be celebrating Halloween. Festivities are currently being planned.
- Chess Club will be running again this year and starting soon.
- The QSAC committee met and training will take place in October for school administrators.
- NJSLA results have been sent to parents. A full presentation will be given out at our next BOE meeting. FTS ELA scores were 16% higher than the state average, while Math scores were 10% higher than the state average.
- There is curriculum on the agenda to approve which were mostly standards only updates.
- The bus route for Ridge and Valley Charter School is also on the agenda for approval.

Personnel

Finance/Facilities

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

F1. Approve the bills list dated September 28, 2022 in the amount of \$153,364.94.

F2. Approve the following facility use requests listed:

6th Grade Booster Club	Halloween Dance	October 28, 2022 4pm – 9pm	Gym
6th Grade Booster Club	Halloween Luncheon	October 31 ,2022 10am – 12:30pm	Gym
FTS PTO	Book Fair	10/11-10/14/22 8:00am – 4:30pm	Library

F3. Approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with Allamuchy Board of Education for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$25,509.00 for route RV1.

F4. Accept \$400 from the Weis 4 School fundraising program.

F5. Approve the following professional development requests:

Marguerite Mulcahy	National Association for the Education of Young Children : Defining Preschool Curriculum and Play-Based Instruction Washington DC	\$345 Registration November 18-19, 2022
Marguerite Mulcahy	Franklin Township School Preschool Educators	No Cost October 10, 2022

The Board expressed concerns regarding the cost of the transportation for Ridge and Valley Charter School. It was explained that transportation must be provided for resident students.

Motion F1 approved on an 8-0-0 roll call vote. Motion F2 approved on a 7-0-1 roll call vote with Mrs. Peterson abstaining. Motion F3-F5 approved on an 8-0-0 roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

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

C1. Approve the following curriculum:
Visual and Performing Arts

Physical Education
World Language
Media

Motion C1 approved on 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: September 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- R2. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for July 2022 and August 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.

Motion R1-R2 approved on a 8-0-0 roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Keesser will be Board liaison for the Halloween Treat Trail. One of the goals as a Board is to be more transparent and this is a great opportunity to accomplish that goal. Board Members are asked to bring in candy donations by the next meeting.

The Board completed the self-evaluation. The evaluation shows that the Board feels they are good with planning and shows that they recognize the importance of policy. In the area of student achievement the Board will continue to look for ways to become more involved and monitor how the children are doing to help the kids better achieve their goals. The Board would like to get a better understanding of the school finances. A learning session will be scheduled. The evaluation shows that many of the members attend conferences and training opportunities. As a whole the Board works well together and has a mutual respect for one another and the relationship with the Superintendent is strong. The Board will continue to find ways to build their relationship with the staff and will recognize their achievements more often. Additionally, the Board recognizes a need to continue to build community engagement. Back to School Night was a great opportunity for community engagement. Finally, the Board recognizes the funding challenges faced by the district and the need to continue to encourage community involvement.

New Business

Mr. Forbes attended the Warren County School Boards Association Meeting held on September 20, 2022. The main topic was security. During the meeting it was discussed that superintendents can call the Office of Preparedness and Emergency training to evaluate our emergency drills. Information was also presented that was geared towards

teachers and how they can be trained to look for subtle signs in children to help prevent emergency situations from occurring and help keep our schools safe.

Correspondence

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Request for Executive Session –Negotiations and Pending Litigation.

Mrs. Neuffer read the Sunshine Law.

Motion was made by Mrs. Swistak and seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations and pending legal litigation. The time was 7:57 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 8:13 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Keesser to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:18 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary