

Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of July 20, 2022

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 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. Pandiscia, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mrs. Peterson (arrived 7:22PM)

ABSENT: Jenny Deuel, Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda

Mrs. Mardin of Frelinghuysen stated that she was sad to see staff leave.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Report of the CSA

The following was discussed:

- School updates including summer projects and preparing for the school year
- USDA will not be providing free lunch for all students this year
- Health Curriculum
- Bus bid

Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve P1-P3 as listed.

P1. Accept the resignation of Emily Higgins.

P2. Accept the resignation of Sophie Wierzbicki effective June 30, 2022.

- P3. Approve internship for Jennifer Fowles from Rutgers University to observe the school social worker from September, 2022-June, 2023.
- P4. Approve Carolyn Stracco of Frelinghuysen as Administrative Assistant to the CSA, \$40,000 pro-rated, to begin on or around August 18, 2022, pending Criminal History Review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018 C.5.

Mrs. Keesser asked if music can go full time. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that this would need to be budgeted for.

Motion P1-P4 approved on a 8-0-0 roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia to approve F1-F6 as listed.

- F1. Authorize the submission of application of the FY 2023 ESEA grant and accepts the grant award of the funds upon subsequent approval of the FY 2023 application: ESEA Title IIA in the amount of \$2811.
- F2. Approve transportation for student 10111316 for ESY at Blairstown Elementary School at \$40 per diem with mileage of \$1.99 per diem from July 25 2022 through July 28, 2022.
- F3. Approve entering into a contract with Realtime Information Technology, Inc. for student information system package for the 2022-23 school year for \$6774.24
- F4. Approve entering into a contract with Frontline for the 2022-23 school year for substitute management system at a cost of \$3583.84
- F5. Approve the submission of transportation bid specifications to the New Jersey Department of Education County Office for approval for transportation to and from school for the 2022-2023 school year.
- F6. Approve entering into a contract with Rosetta Stone for the 2022-23 school year for a cost of \$8700.
- F7. Motion to approve the bills list dated 7-20-2022 in the amount of \$100,404.95

Mrs. Swistak asked how much for aide in lieu; Mrs. Bonaparte responded \$1000 per child
Mr. Hocking asked if we can put fuel price adjustment in bus bid.
Mrs. Pandiscia asked what SS is on the bills list; Mrs. Bonaparte responded social security.
Mrs. DeFilippis asked if landscaper still cutting because of drought.
Mr. Forbes asked about the RVCS payment.
Mrs. Pandiscia requested Mrs. Deuel look into landscaping contract.
Mrs. Keesser requested that Mrs. Deuel ask about landscaper and snow shoveling
Mr. Forbes asked if bus bid can be for more than 1 year

Motion F1-F6 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

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

C1. Approve the Health Curriculum.

Mr. Galante asked if the curriculum can be changed after the fact. Mrs. Bonaparte responded yes.

Motion C1 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion was made by Mr. Galante, seconded by Mr. Forbes to approve R1 as listed.

R1. Approve the following minutes: June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion R1 approved on a 7-0-2 roll call vote with Mrs. DeFilippis and Mrs. Peterson abstaining.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Forbes asked about reimbursement for Field Day. Mrs. Bonaparte responded we're looking into it.

New Business

Mr. Galante asked about election petitions and notaries.
Goals Discussion included student achievement, mental health, and community outreach.

Correspondence

Card from the Olsen Family.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Cynthia Mardin of Frelinghuysen asked how many students at the charter school. She also asked if BOE candidates would be holding a meet the candidates event so she can hear their positions. Mrs. Neuffer explained that the BOE is non-political with Mr. Hocking stating votes dictate their feelings on issues.

Mrs. Mardin also asked how safe our school is, wants to look into anonymous reporting such as Stop It solutions. She also asked about why we have to allow transgender students to change their name and wanted to know what would happen if we had a student that identifies as a cat. Mrs. Bonaparte responded that law mandates this and we respect student's rights with regard to their gender identification

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:19 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary