

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of August 12, 2020**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 7:03 PM. 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. Cowell, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Forbes, Mrs. Hannam, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Swistak

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

Presentation – James Lubrecht presented his Eagle Scout Project which is a giant chess board in an area near the playground. A local landscaper will assist, James is fundraising for the chess pieces and there will be a storage shed for the pieces.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda.
None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time.

Personnel-as recommended by the CSA – None at this time.

Finance/Facilities

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

- F1. Approve the bills list as follows:
- August 12, 2020 in the amount of \$54,875.59.
- F2. Accept an \$8,500 donation from the PTO.
- F3. Approve submittal of the Digital Divide grant in the amount of \$3,000.

- F4. To enter into a shared services agreement with Blairstown Township Board of Education for the 2020-21 school year-Child Study Team Services, in the amount of \$59,707 September 2020-June 2021. Summer services (July-August), if required and with prior approval from the CSA or Supervisor as follows:

School Psychologist Evaluation	\$400
LDT-C evaluation	\$400
Social Worker Evaluation	\$400
Add'l time-meetings, planning	\$75

- F5. Approve the cost of school lunch for the 2020-21 school year:
 Student lunch \$3.05
 Adult lunch \$4.05

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Peterson, to approve C1 as listed.

- C1. Approve the following policies on second reading:
- P1648 – Restart and Recovery Plan
 - P1649 – Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Mr. Hocking, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve R1-R3 as listed.

- R1. Approve the following minutes:
 July 29, 2020 Virtual Regular meeting
- R2. Motion to approve the transfers for June 2020.
- R3. Motion to accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for June 2020 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 approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. Bonaparte reported that the district's Restart and Recovery Plan has been approved by the County. The district met all the requirements.

At this time, 68% of families have responded to the questionnaire that was sent out regarding in-person vs remote learning, of which 20% of students will participate in remote learning.

New Business

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve NB1 as listed.

NB1. Approve the Student Safety Data System Report – Period 2 January-June 2020

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Neuffer reported to the BOE that the Cluster BOE Presidents met via a ZOOM meeting. The North Warren feasibility study was discussed. Neither the Frelinghuysen Township Committee nor the Frelinghuysen Board of Education received any communication regarding this study before the request for proposal was approved by the North Warren BOE. It was acknowledged that the process was not handled well. The feasibility study was awarded for \$30,000 to Comegno Law firm.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

A community member requested more information about the feasibility study. Information provided: In order for regionalization to occur, a question is submitted to voters of each township of the cluster and each township must pass the question. If one township does not, the regionalization cannot occur. A regionalization study should include, but not limited to, an analysis of each township's tax structure and the effect on taxes of regionalization, a study by a demographer, and an analysis of teacher contracts and the effects on a Board of Education.

A parent asked if the structure of in-person instruction allows for water breaks. The answer is yes.

Students are assigned one bus stop.

Request for Executive Session – Personnel

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to leave the virtual regular meeting and enter into a virtual executive session for personnel discussions. There will be no action upon return to the virtual regular meeting. The time was 7:41 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The Sunshine Law was read.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Cowell, seconded by Mrs. Hannam, to adjourn the regular virtual meeting. The time was 8:12 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary