

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of January 6, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a virtual reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:04 PM. Mrs. Karin Laraway, Board Secretary, 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 meeting. This advanced notice was published in the NJ Herald and the Express Times. Electronic notice and instructions to access the remote meeting has been advertised on the FTS website. All discussions and official actions of this meeting, unless specifically exempted, will take place in public.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Official Election Results:

Frelinghuysen Board Elections:

Kim Neuffer	Three year term
Kristin Keesser	Three year term
Doreen Pandiscia	Three year term

Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Keesser, and Mrs. Pandiscia read the Oath of Office.

Present: Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Keesser, Mrs. Pandiscia

Also present: Stephanie Bonaparte, CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

Acknowledge Receipt and Review of Code of Ethics

Mrs. Laraway stated that each BOE member received a copy of the Board Member Code of Ethics and a verbal affirmation was made by each BOE member that they had received and reviewed the Code of Ethics.

Election of the President:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to open nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. DeFilippis, seconded by Mrs. Swistak, to nominate Mrs. Kimberly Neuffer for President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Swistak, to close the nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to elect Mrs. Neuffer as the Board President, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Neuffer chaired the remainder to the meeting.

Election of the Vice President

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to open nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to nominate Mrs. Lori Swistak for Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to close the nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to elect Mrs. Swistak as the Board Vice President, was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Appointments

Motion made by Mrs. Swistak, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to approve the appointments to:

Warren County School Boards Representative: Eleni Peterson
Warren County School Boards Alternate 1: Kristin Keesser
Warren County School Boards Alternate 2: Doreen Pandiscia
New Jersey School Boards Representative: Lori Anne Swistak
New Jersey School Boards Alternate: Lowell Forbes

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Set Official Meeting Time & Dates:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve the 2021 Board of Education meeting time and dates.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Report of the CSA

Mrs Bonaparte welcomed the two new members to the BOE.
Mrs. Bonaparte sent a letter to parents about the reopening of school beginning January 11, 2021. The school community needs to work together to keep the schools safe for everyone. Air purifiers have been purchased for all classrooms where students will be. The Covid vaccine is being administered to medical staff in schools. Mrs. Naomi was awarded a \$1,000 Walmart grant for STEM education. Mrs. Naomi will be creating individual STEM kits for students.

A preregistration form to receive the Covid vaccine was emailed to the staff.
Cluster schools will be resuming in person instruction during the next three weeks.
Mrs. Neuffer will be working on BOE committee assignments.
Mr. Galante commended the CSA and staff for their pre-planning for the pandemic.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking to adjourn. The time was 6:32 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary