

**Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education
Minutes of September 22, 2021**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 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, Mrs. Pandiscia (arrived 7:05pm), Mrs. Swistak, Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Peterson (arrived 7:20pm), Mrs. Keesser, Mr. Galante

ABSENT: None

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

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.

Report of the Chief School Administrator

- Hybrid Back to School went well with approximately 50% present and 50% virtual. The virtual option may be considered for the future. The feedback from parents was positive.
- Events for October will include the Week of Respect, Fire Prevention Week, Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week and Halloween.
- We will be applying for funding through the ARP-ESSER grant.
- A Strategic Planning Community Survey is being created to see what the public thinks of our school, improvements that can be made, etc. It will be an online survey with multiple choice, sliding scale and open ended questions for public response.
- The Executive Order regarding vaccine mandates extends to volunteers. They must be vaccinated or test weekly.
- The new custodian is scheduled to start work once approved.
- Many of the COVID policies from 2021 have been abolished in the latest polices alerts because they no longer apply.

Personnel

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, to approve P1-P3 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

- P1. Approve Joe Dietz of Andover as a Custodian, \$17/hr, 8 hrs/day, 5 days/wk, as recommended by the CSA October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending Criminal History Review and NJ Child Abuse Disclosure Release P.L. 2018 C.5.
- P2. To Approve Kimberly Allen as mentor for Sophie Wierzbicki.
- P3. To Approve the following substitute for the 2021-22 school year.
Shannon Maza – Frelinghuysen Township.

Motion P1 approved on a 7-0-1 roll call vote with Mrs. Swistak abstaining. Motion P2-P3 approved on an 8-0-0 roll call.

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Mrs. DeFlippis, seconded by Mr. Forbes, to approve F1-F3 as listed.

- F1. Approve the bills list dated September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$142,725.83.
- F2. Motion to enter into a joint transportation agreement with Allamuchy School District for Home to School transportation services for the 2021-22 school year as follows:
 - Route 9A: Frelinghuysen School \$40,698
 - Route 9B: Ridge & Valley School \$17,442.
- F3. Approve – Grant application for ARP-IDEA in the amount of: Basic \$5,622 and Pre-K \$480.00

Motion F1-F3 approved on an 8-0-0 roll call.

Curriculum/Policy

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

- C1. Approve the following Policies on a first reading:
 - Policy Alert 223
 - P0131 Bylaws, Policies and Regulations (revised)
 - P1521 Education Improvement Plans (M) (abolished)
 - P1649 Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (M) (abolished)
 - P3134 Assignment of Extra Duties (abolished)
 - P3142 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members (revised)
 - P3142 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member (revised)
 - P&R 3221 Evaluation of Teachers (M) revised
 - P&R 3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers

and Administrators (M) (revised)
 P&R 3223 Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (revised)
 P&R 3224 Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M) (revised)
 P4146 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (revised)
 R 4146 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (revised)
 P 6471 School District Travel (M) (revised)
 R 6471 School District Travel (M) (revised)
 P 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (revised)

Policy Alert 224
 P2422 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (M) (revised)
 P 2467 Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents (M) (revised)
 P5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (revised)
 P5114 Children Displaced by Domestic Violence (abolished)
 P5116 Education of Homeless Children (revised)
 P&R 7432 Eye Protection (M) (revised)
 P8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (revised)
 R 8420.1 Fire and Fire Drills (M) (revised)
 P8540 School Nutrition Programs (M) (revised)
 P 8550 Meal Charged/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (revised)
 P8600 Student Transportation (M) (revised)
 P8810 Religions Holidays (abolished)
 P6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs (M) (new)
 P6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures (M) (new)
 P6115.03 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Conflict of Interest (M) (new)
 P6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (revised)
 P1648 Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (abolished)
 P 1648.02 Remote Learning Options for Families (M) (abolished)
 P1648.03 Restart and Recovery Plan-Full-time Remote Instruction (M) (abolished)
 P1648.11 The Road Forward Covid-19-Health and Safety (M) (new)

Motion C1 approved on an 9-0-0 roll call.

Report of the Board Secretary

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

- R1. Approve the following minutes: September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.
- R2. Motion to approve the transfers for July 2021.
- R3. To accept, certify and file the treasurer's and board secretary's financial reports for July 2021 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations

and that no major account has been overexpended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.10.

Motion R1 approved on a 8-0-1 roll call vote with Mr. Galante abstaining.

Motion R2-R3 approved on a 9-0-0 roll call.

Unfinished Business

The Board discussed the results of the Board Self-Evaluation. There was 100% participation by the Board. The results indicated:

- The Board is good at setting goals and following through.
- The Board is staying on task with strong policies, have a mutual respect for each other and adhere to ethical standards.
- The Board recognizes the importance of student achievement.
- The Board could use professional development to help understand reports.
- The Board works together well but recognizes the importance of continuous training.
- The Board relationship with the Superintendent is commendable. There is a fantastic relationship between the Board and Superintendent. The Superintendent provides the board with knowledge and decision making reasoning.
- The Board would like to recognize the hard work of the teachers more often. A staff highlight in the Mustang Messenger was suggested as a form of getting to know the staff.
- The Board is looking forward to participating in school activities again.
- The Board would like to reach out the community more possibly through a newsletter.

New Business

Mrs. Neuffer informed the Board that she attended the Warren County School Board Association's Meeting.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens – None at this time.

Request for Executive Session – None at this time

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, to adjourn the regular meeting. The time was 8:06 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Deuel
Board Secretary