

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING BOE MINUTES**

July 30 2025

7:00 PM

President Kimberly Neuffer called the meeting to order at 7:08PM and read the Open Public Meeting Statement. She invited everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mrs. DeFilippis, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer and Mrs.

Pandiscia Absent: Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Riedel, Mrs. Swistak, and Mr. Togno

Public: Staff members Ms. Beirne, Ms. Guida, Mrs. Mulcay, and Ms. Wagner as well as

one newspaper reporter

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - Comment is invited on any matter relating to the agenda. No comments were offered.

CSA Report - Ms. Veras requested a moment of silence for the passing of Mr. Victor Cabrera Bonilla, our SRO. She then noted that everyone is working hard to prepare for the new school year.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mr. Forbes, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve P1- P3 as listed:

P1 Approve Lisa Edmunds of Blairstown, NJ, as a paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$17 an hour, pending criminal history review.

P2. Accept the resignation of Edward Flores, School Business Administrator, effective Thursday, September 25, 2025, or sooner if a suitable replacement is found.

P3. Approve Molly Petty of Blairstown, NJ, as Business Office consultant at the rate of \$110 per hour. Not to Exceed 25 hours per month for the 2025-2026 school year.

Finance/ Facilities

A motion was made by Mrs. Pandiscia, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, and carried

unanimously by roll call vote to approve F1- F5 as listed:

F1. Approve submission of the 2025-2026 Preschool Education Aid application.

F2. Approve the submission of the FY 2026 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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F3. Approve the Bills and Claims List for checks (Check#00095-00105)

Fund 10 - \$133,274.35

Fund 20-\$698.76

Total General Fund - \$133,973.11

F4. Approve the following resolution for the appropriation of fund balance surplus:

WHEREAS, the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education maintains a general fund balance (surplus) from prior fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23-A-13.3 allows districts to transfer and appropriate surplus funds under specific conditions, including emergent circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the district has identified a need to appropriate additional funds from the fund balance for the following purpose(s): to support the budget to cover unbudgeted and underbudgeted items due to increases in costs and obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education that:

1. A sum of \$200,000 is hereby transferred from the District's general fund

balance to be appropriated for support of the district budget.

2. The appropriation is deemed necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student

Learning Standards (NJSLS) for the current year:

3. This appropriation is for needs required in the current school year and does not constitute requests to appropriate surplus for needs of the subsequent school

year (e.g., textbooks, computers, or other equipment).

4. Documentation supporting this appropriation, including the purpose, need for transfer, and list of specific line items and amounts, will be maintained by the District and provided to the Executive County Superintendent upon request,

5. Two certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

F5. Approve the payment for the following 2025-26 checks (#19614-19619) in the amounts of:

Fund 10

Fund 20

Total:

General Fund

\$40,454.35

Special
Revenue

\$ 1,256.97

\$41,711.32

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Report of the Board Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve R1-R2 as listed:

R1. To approve the regular meeting minutes for the April 30, 2025, BOE meeting

R2. To approve the regular session minutes for the May 14, 2025, May 28, 2025, and June 25, 2025 BOE meetings

Curriculum/Policy

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A motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve C1 as listed:

C1. Approve the updated ELA & Math Curricula (see attached)

New Business / Unfinished Business

A motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mrs. Pandiscia, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve N1-N2 as listed:

N1. Approve the start of a Multiple Disabilities Program/ Classroom for eligible special education students.

N2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratified the Memorandum of Agreement with the Frelinghuysen Education Association, dated as of June 5, 2025 for the contract period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, including related mutually adopted salary guides, which was previously ratified by the Association and which is on file in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and be it Further Resolved, that the Board authorizes its Board President, Superintendent and/or Business Administrator, as applicable, to execute an appropriate successor collective negotiations agreement upon finalization of same.

Correspondence -

None.

Old Business - Mr. Hocking mentioned hearing comments on the grounds appearance and the playground. Mulch will be ordered this summer.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - Mrs. Guida thanked the BOE for a successful negotiations. The reporter asked questions about the Multiple Disabilities Program.

Request for Executive Session - At 7:27PM a motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, and carried unanimously to convene to Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel, the results of which will be released to the public as soon as the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Hocking, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Molly Petty, Business Office Consultant,

For Edward Flores, Board Secretary