

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
EDUCATION Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
7:00 PM**

*The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

*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 advance 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: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer, Mr. Galante,  
George Riedel, Mrs. Swistak and Mrs. DeFilippis*

*ABSENT: Mrs. Pandiscia, Mrs. Peterson*

*ALSO PRESENT: Jarlyn Veras, CSA, Greg Brennan, Interim SBA/Board Secretary*

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

*None*

**Presentation: Gianfacaro Architects** - Anthony and Son Matt talked to the board about creating a five year Long Range Facility Plan for the district and submitting to the NJDOE. Discussion on upcoming budgeted projects for the 2024-25 school year

## **CSA Report**

- *2 of our students attended the Warren County Spelling bee and they came in 8th and 5th place. We are very proud of them and thank them for doing such a great job representing our school*
- *We have all of our spring clubs on the agenda tonight. Thank you to our PTO for helping us provide these enrichment opportunities to our students. Student look forward to these experiences, most of our clubs are already at capacity.*
- *Read Across America will take place the first week of March, we are planning a variety of engaging and fun literacy related activities for students. If any board member would like to be a mystery reader, please let me know and I will coordinate with teachers.*
- *We have started preliminarily planning for our budget. The Governor's budget address is scheduled for the 28th.*

## **Personnel**

*Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve P1 as listed.*

P1. Approve substitute Shankary (Lisbett) L. Polimar of Blairstown, NJ for the 2023-2024 School year pending county office approval.

*Motions P1 carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

## **Finance/Facilities**

*Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve F1-F3 as listed.*

F1. Approve the Bills & Claims List dated February 21, 2024, Checks #19186-#19211 in the total amount of \$223,467.36 for the General Fund.

F2. Approve the following Spring Clubs/Use of Facilities(s):

FTS PTO	Garden Club	Room 112
FTS PTO	Lego Club	Room 115
FTS PTO	Crochet Club	Art Room
FTS PTO	STEAM/Storytime	Room 109
FTS PTO	Drama	Multi-purpose Room/Music Room
FTS PTO	Book Fair	Media Center

F3. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education’s 2024-2025 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students.

*Motions F1-F3 carried unanimously by roll call vote.*

**Report of the Board Secretary**

*Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Defilippis to approve R1-R2 as listed.*

R1. To approve the BOE minutes for the January 17, 2024 regular meeting and the February 7, 2024 regular and executive session meetings.

R2. To approve the attached list of November Transfers (none)

and the November Board Secretary’s Report, in agreement with the Treasurer’s

Report in the amount of \$ 1,051,451.65 in Total Government Funds;

and after review of the Secretary's report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, that the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23 A-16.10(c) 4 and shall certify that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*Motions R1-R2 carried - Mr. Galante & Mrs. Swistak Abstained from R1*

**Curriculum/Policy - None**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business Correspondence - None**

**Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - None**

**Request for Executive Session**

*Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Hocking to enter into Executive Session at 8:01.*

*Motion made by Mrs. Swistak and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to exit Executive Session at 8:39.*

**Adjournment 8:40**

*Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to Adjourn at 8:40.*

*All Aye.*

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gregory E. Brennan**

**Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary**