

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
EDUCATION Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
7:00 PM**

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 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. Hocking, Mrs. Neuffer, Mrs. Pandiscia,
George Riedel, Mrs. Swistak and Mrs. DeFilippis*

ABSENT: Mr. Forbes, Mr. Galante, 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

CSA Report

March has been filled with special events and fun learning experiences for our students

- *We started the month off with Read Across America and a fun assembly sponsored by the Miners Baseball Team.*
- *Our book fair took place March 6-8th. Thank you to our PTO for their hard work in coordinating and running the book fair. This year they also donated \$5 to every student made extra excited about the book fair this year.*
- *2 of our Spring Clubs recently started and both are filled to capacity.*
- *Today we had a visit from the “Snake Man” with a science presentation about reptiles and amphibians that included live animals. We had very brave teachers and students who touched and even took pictures with some of the exotic animals.*
- *And lastly, We have a really busy spring season forthcoming so we are deep in the planning stages of spring shows, field trips, NJSLA testing etc.*

Personnel

Finance/Facilities

Motion made by Ms. DeFilippis and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to approve F1-F5 as listed.

F1. Approve the Bills & Claims List dated March 20, 2024, Checks #19214-#19242 in the total amount of \$ 251,819.02 for the General Fund.

F2. 2024-25 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2024-2025 School Year using the 2024-2025 state aid figures and the Secretary of the Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7-5 and 18A:7-6:

General Fund	Revenues	Service	Total
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2024-2025 Total Expenditures:	\$3,056,120	\$84,526	0	\$3,140,646
Less: Anticipated Revenues:	\$377,106	\$84,526	0	\$461,632
Less: Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$305,000	0	0	\$305,000
Taxes to be Raised: **	\$2,374,014	0	0	\$2,374,014

*** (2% increase (\$46,279) plus health benefits adjustment (\$13,265) ***

And, to advertise said tentative budget in the New Jersey Herald in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law; And a public hearing on the budget for the 2024-2025 School Year will be held in the Library of the Frelinghuysen Township School on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00PM.

F3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Frelinghuysen Board Of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2024-2025 School Year. The maximum expenditure amount for the 2023-24 School Year is \$5,000, of which \$4,973.55 has been spent with \$0 encumbered to date. Travel and

Expense Reimbursement Resolution (See attached Resolution).

F4 To approve the 6th grade field trip to Lakota Wolf Preserve, Columbia NJ -May 2024

F5. To approve the 6th grade field trip to North Warren Day Blirstown NJ -May 2024

Motions F1-F5 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion made by Ms. DeFilippis and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to approve R1-R2 as listed.

R1. To approve the BOE minutes for the February 21, 2024 regular and executive session meetings.

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

and the January Board Secretary's Report, in agreement with the Treasurer's

Report in the amount of \$ 1,101,143.97 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 - Mrs. Pandiscia Abstained from R1

Curriculum/Policy

Motion made by Mr. Hocking and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to approve C1 as listed.

C1. Approve Policy Alert 232 on first reading

Policy Alert 232:

- Managing for Equity in Education
- P1140 Educational Equity Policies/Affirmative Action (M-Revised)
- P1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan (M-Revised)
- P1530 Equal Employment Opportunities (M-Revised)
- R1530 Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M-Revised)
- P 1550 Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices (M-Revised)
- R2200 Curriculum Content (Revised)
- P 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M-Revised)
- R2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure (M-Revised)
- P3211 Code of Ethics (Revised)
- P5570 Sportsmanship (Revised)
- P5750 Equitable Educational Opportunity (M-Revised)
- P5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services (M- Abolished)
- P5842 Secret Societies (Revised)
- Equal Access of Student Organizations (Revised)
- P&R 7610 Vandalism (Revised)
- P9323 Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition (Revised)

General Policy and Regulation Updates:

- P&R 2423 Bilingual Education (M-Revised)
- P&R 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M-Revised)

Motions C1 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business Correspondence - None

Motion made by Ms. DeFilippis and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to approve NB1-NB2 as listed.

BOE Candidate Interviews – Interviews to be held in Public Session:

NB1. Motion to nominate David Togno to fill the vacant Board of Education seat from March, 2024-January 8, 2025.

NB2. Motion to appoint David Togno to fill the vacant Board of Education seat from March, 2024-January 8, 2025 pending Criminal History Review.

Motions NB1-NB2 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens - None

Request for Executive Session

Motion made by Ms. Defiippis and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to enter into Executive Session at 7:38

Motion made by Ms. Pandiscia and seconded by Mr. Riedel to come out of the Executive Session at 8:56.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ms. Defiippis and seconded by Ms. Pandiscia to Adjourn at 8:59.

All Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory E. Brennan

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary