

**FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

7:00 PM

The Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in the media center of the Frelinghuysen School. Mrs. Neuffer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

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,
Mrs. Peterson and George Riedel, Mrs. Swistak and Mrs. DeFilippis

ABSENT: Mr. Galante, Mrs. Pandiscia

TARDY: None

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.

Cynthia Mardin - 93 Kerrs Corners Road Blairstown NJ 07825 - commented on the "Public Comment" section of a public meeting. That there usually is no question/answer period.

Mrs. Veras stated that it is “public comment”. Therefore the board is not required to answer or may not be able to respond to questions in public. However if you have a question you can always email her and she will respond if possible.

Chip O'Chang - Ridge View Echo was in attendance.

CSA Report - Mrs. Veras

- *October has been an eventful month so far*
- *We celebrated The week of respect the first week in October. Students and staff participated in thematic activities celebrating kindness and respect.*
- *We also had our yearly PTO Book Fair which was a total success. We loved to see students excited about books and reading.*
- *We had a teacher in -service day on October 9th. Staff participated in state mandated professional development and we also had a data review session where we looked at student assessment data and discussed strategies for continuing to move students towards academic success.*
- *10/16- Want to thank the Blairstown Rotary Club -donated dictionaries to 2nd and 3rd grade students.*
- *On October 10th, we also had our Fire Prevention Assembly. Thank you to the Frelinghuysen Fire Department for visiting our school and speaking to our students about the importance of fire safety.*
- *NJSLA scores will be presented at our upcoming meeting*
- *Annual HIB self assessment is on the agenda this evening for approval*

Personnel

Motion to approve P1-P2 as listed and recommended by the CSA.

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Hocking to approve P1-P2 as

Listed.

P1. Approve Substitute Teacher-Abbi Gurba 5 Lackawanna Drive Newton NJ 07860

P2. Rescind approval of employment contract for Part-time Art teacher Kathryn Walsh

Motion P1-P2 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Finance/Facilities

Motion to approve F1 - F5 as listed:

Motion made by Mr. Galante and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve F1-F5 as listed.

F1. Approve the Bills & Claims List dated October 18, 2023, Checks #19047-#19085 in the total amount of \$216,222.35 for the General Fund.

F2. Approve the transfer of \$67,500 from Emergency Reserve to Transportation Contracted Services account 11-000-270-511 to cover the increase in the contract with Krapf Bus Company.

F3 Approve the following professional development request:

Marguerite Mulcahy	Autism NJ Conference	October 19, 2023-October 20, 2023 Atlantic City	No Cost
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F4. Approve the facility use request for:

6th Grade Booster Club	6th Grade Halloween Luncheon	October 31, 2023 8:30 am-12:40 pm	Multi-purpose room
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F5. Approve the facility use request for:

6th Grade Booster Club	6th Grade Halloween Dance	October 27, 2023 6:00 pm-8:30 pm	Multi-purpose room
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Motions F1-F5 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Report of the Board Secretary

Motion to approve R1-R4 as listed:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve R1-R4 as listed.

R1. To approve the BOE minutes for the September 13, 2023 Regular and Executive Session.

R2. To approve the BOE minutes for the September 27, 2023 Regular and Executive Session.

R3. To approve the attached list of August Transfers (none)

and the August Board Secretary's Report, in agreement with the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$ 1,114,605.76 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

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and shall certify that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

R4. Resolved, that the Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release in the matter captioned Andres v. Frelinghuysen Township Board of Education, Docket Number OCN-L-467-21, in accordance with the terms and conditions therein; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board President is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motions R1-R4 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Curriculum/Policy

Motion to approve C1-C3 as listed:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. DeFilippis to approve C1-C3 as listed.

C1. Approval of SOA for Paraprofessional Staff for the 2023-2024 school year.

Retroactively approve the submission of the 2023-2024 Statement of Assurance regarding the use of paraprofessional staff.

C2. Approval of HIB Self Assessment for determining HIB Grades

C3. Approval of Policy Alert 231 on first reading:

Policy Alert 231:

- P2270 -Religion in the Schools (Revised)
- P&R 2419- School Threat Assessment Teams (M-New)
- P 3161- Examination for Cause (Revised)
- P&R 1642.01 Sick Leave (New)
- P&R -3212- Attendance (M-Revised)
- P3324- Right of Privacy (Revised)
- P&R 3432 Sick leave (Abolished)
- P 4161 Examination for Cause (Revised)
- P&R 4212 Attendance (M-Revised)
- P4324- Right of Privacy (Revised)
- P&R 4432 -Sick Leave (Abolished)
- P&R 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students (M-Revised)
- P&R 5116- Education of Homeless Children and Youth (Revised)
- P8500- Food Services (M-Revised)
- P 8540- School Nutrition Program (Abolished)
- P8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M-Abolished)

Motions C1-C3 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Unfinished Business - Mrs. Swistak discussed Halloween activities.

New Business

Motion to approve NB1 and NB2 as listed:

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to approve

NB1-NB2 as listed.

NB1. Approve the District Goals for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. Strengthen student learning through differentiated instruction, data driven practices and teaching that considers the needs of the whole student.
2. Create a dynamic and collaborative school community where students, families and staff work together to promote student well being and success.
3. To provide high quality professional development opportunities that will support our teachers and staff in meeting the needs of students.

NB2. Approve the Board Goals for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. Increase communication with the community to ensure transparency and continued collaboration
2. Continue to engage in professional development opportunities that will strengthen board effectiveness
3. Prepare for future strategic planning by working closely with administration to assess and prioritize district facility needs.

Motions NB1-NB2 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Correspondence - Thank you note to the board from Retiree Tracey Smolen.

Hearing & Petitions of Citizens

Chip O'Chang - Ridge View Echo was - asked Mr. Brennan about the large increase in transportation costs to the district.

Mr. Brennan responded that the district went out to bid for Transportation services and received one response that of Kraft Busing. The proposal was an increase of approximately 30%. This is due to the price increases for fuel, school bus sales price, labor/wage increases due to a national shortage of school bus drivers.

Request for Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Swistak to enter an executive session at 7:49 PM.

All Aye.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Peterson at 8:17 PM.

All Aye.