

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 16, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

The mission of the Freehold Township Schools, in partnership with our community, is to prepare all students to be responsible citizens and life long learners.

The Freehold Township Board of Education met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 16, 2017, at the Board Office of the Freehold Township School District, 384 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, County of Monmouth.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 p.m.

Mr. Marion read the following statement in conformance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", Chapter 231, PL1975, effective January 19, 1976:

"A notice listing the time, date and place of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board of all Freehold Township Schools, on the entrance door to the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, on the district website, at the Office of the Freehold Township Clerk, sent to the Asbury Park Press and News Transcript."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Marion led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Amoroso, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy (via remote connection), Mr. Marion

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Dr. Ross Kasun, Superintendent; Mr. Neal Dickstein, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Robert DeVita, Business Administrator; staff members; township residents.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Marion thanked those that could attend the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Kasun announced that there were 6 reported incidents of HIB. Five were found to meet the definition of HIB and one was not.

Mr. De Vita discussed the proposed 17-18 budget focusing on the projected flat tax rate for the upcoming year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

BOARD REPORTS AND ACTIONS

PERSONNEL/POLICIES/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

On Motion of Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Amoroso, authorization was given to approve the following:

BULLYING INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. The Superintendent recommends approval to accept the bullying investigation reports received from February 14, 2017 through March 10, 2017.

RATIFY AFTER SCHOOL MONITORS

2. The Superintendent recommends ratifying the following staff members to serve as district monitors at the district's monitoring rate for the 2016-2017 school year:

Joyce Pacicca	Jesse Ryan
Lynn Marinos	Meryl Good
Colleen McCormick	Melissa Staiger

RATIFYING – CLASS COVERAGE

3. The Superintendent recommends ratifying the following staff members who provided coverage for classes during the regular school day during their prep at the contracted curriculum rate, as needed.

Kristen Scalcione
Robert Caputo

CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES

4. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following persons to substitute for the eight schools in the district for the 2016-2017 school year at the established rates for certificated positions. All employments are recommended pending State Department of Education approval of emergent employment for a period not to exceed 3 months pending completion of the criminal history background check as per NJSA 18A:6-7.1 et seq.; 39-17 et seq.; 6-4.13 et seq.

Brittany Pare	Jessica Scoras
Jessica Avella	Daniel Del Prete

SUPPORT STAFF SUBSTITUTES

5. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following persons to substitute for the eight schools in the district for the 2016-2017 school year at the established rates for non-certificated positions. All employments are recommended pending State Department of Education approval of emergent employment for a period not to exceed 3 months pending completion of the criminal history background check as per NJSA 18A:6-7.1 et seq.; 39-17 et seq.; 6-4.13 et seq.

<u>Teacher Assistant</u>	<u>Office Assistant</u>	<u>Lunchroom Assistant</u>
Brittany Pare	Brittany Pare	Brittany Pare
Joanne Stabile	Joanne Stabile	Joanne Stabile
Angelica Rommeney	Angelica Rommeney	Angelica Rommeney
Jessica Avella	Jessica Avella	Jessica Avella

Bus Driver
Anthony Silinonte

Motions carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert,
Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy, Mr. Marion

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

FINANCE/FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

On Motion of Mr. Hudak, seconded by Mrs. Holtz, authorization was given to approve the following:

BILLS & CLAIMS

1. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following list of bills dated March 16, 2017, which have been reviewed and approved by a Board member:

	Machine Print Checks	Hand Checks	Total Bills
Current Expense (General)			
Current Expense	1,428,903.36		1,428,903.36
Capital Outlay	34,170.00		34,170.00
Education Job Fund			
Special Revenue	12,841.32		12,841.32
Capital Project			
Debt Service			
Total Bills	1,475,914.68		1,475,914.68

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES

2. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23B as follows:

NAME	TITLE	EVENT	DATES	AMOUNT
Brower, Kara	Social Worker	Preparing to Deal with Emerging Social Issues	3/27/17	\$95.00
Ryan, Ali	Ed. Tech. Coordinator	Bldg. the Technology Plan for Digital Learning	3/23/17	\$169.00
Dickstein, Neal	Asst. Supt.	Bldg. the Technology Plan for Digital Learning	3/23/17	\$149.00

ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2017-2018

3. The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the tentative budget for 2017-2018:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2017-2018 School Year using the 2017-2018 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	DEBT	
	FUND	REVENUES	SERVICE	TOTAL
2017-18 Total Expenditures	\$74,336,023.00	\$983,074.00	\$3,385,300.00	\$78,704,397.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 9,000,249.00	\$983,074.00	\$ 38,103.00	\$10,021,426.00
Taxes to be Raised	\$65,335,774.00	\$ 0.00	\$3,347,197.00	\$68,682,971.00

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Freehold Township Board of Education, 384 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey on April 25, 2017 at 8:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.

**Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
2017-2018**

WHEREAS, the Freehold Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Freehold Township Board of Education established \$125,000.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$35,389.00, as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$125,000.00 for all staff and board members for the 2017-2018 school year.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

4. The Superintendent recommends approval of the following settlement agreements:

Docket #EDS00176-2017
Agency Reference #2017-25571

Motion for Items 1, 2 & 4 carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert,
Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy, Mr. Marion
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

Motion for Item 3 carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. O'Sullivan,
Mrs. Patten, Mr. Levy, Mr. Marion
Nays: Mr. DiBlasio
Abstain:
Absent:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marion discussed the important dates to remember for district events:

March 21, 2017	PTO Liaison Meeting	9:30 am
March 24, 2017	CTBS – Grease Performance	7:00 pm
March 25, 2017	CTBS – Grease Performance	2:00 pm
March 27, 2017	CRAS Instrumental Concert	9:15 am
March 28, 2017	WFS 5 th Gr. Band Concert	9:15 am
March 28, 2017	BOE Meeting	8:00 pm
March 29, 2017	JJCS Band Assembly	9:40 am
March 31, 2017	Applegate on Broadway Concert	9:00 am and 10:00 am
March 31, 2017	MWES Band Concert	9:15 am

Mr. Hudak discussed the Freehold Municipal Alliance meeting the he attended with Mr. Marion. Mr. Hudak also discussed the upcoming Ray Kershaw Memorial Golf Outing on June 6th that the Alliance sponsors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

Mr. Levy discontinued his remote connection to the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Patten, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

RESOLVED, this board met in executive session on Wednesday, March 16, 2017 at 8:59 p.m., for the purposes of discussing the pending deposition of one of our personnel, from which the public may be excluded under the Open Public Meetings Act, PL 1975, Chapter 231. It is anticipated that matters discussed in this executive Session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AT 9:42 P.M.

On a motion of Mr. Hudak, seconded by Mrs. Lambert, the board reconvened as follows:

Motion carried by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Hudak, Mrs. Lambert,
Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mr. Marion

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Levy

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hudak and seconded by Mrs. Holtz, and by unanimous voice vote of those present, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DeVita
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
RD:db