

Frenchtown Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2015 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Opening Statement

The work session meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Kate Nugent.

Mrs. Nugent, Board President, read the following:

Adequate notice of this regularly scheduled meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting act by notification to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express Times on March 5, 2015. A copy of this notice has also been posted at the public school, at the municipal building and filed with the borough clerk.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Teresa Pearson
Mrs. Amy Musolino
Mrs. Laura Buxton
Mr. Adam Blackburn
Mrs. Jennifer Campbell
Mrs. Laura Einhorn
Mrs. Kate Nugent

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
Ms. Christina Dalla Palu, Principal
Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
4 community members

4. Public Participation

- Julie Hanley – Involve the community more in the discussions.
- Caroline Scout – Academic programs very important and surround sound programs are equally important.
- Bob Haver – If you push too hard, there could be a push to close the school.

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5. Finance

Discussion Items:

- a. 2015/2016 Budget Discussions – Mrs. Barna presented the challenges that the district is facing with the development of the 2015/2016 budget. The administration met prior to this meeting to present a list of program and staff reductions to the board for consideration. The list of reductions totaled about \$122,000. The budget presented to the board including the proposed reductions equates to a 3.5% increase on the tax levy. This represents a large increase in the general fund tax levy if the board exercises an enrollment adjustment, a health care adjustment and banked cap with a large decrease in the debt service levy that was attainable through the use of the capital reserve funds.

The board deliberated the proposed reductions and chose to reinstate Academic Clubs, Athletic Program and the River Union Program. These reinstatements totaled \$ 27,000. Tuition revenues will be increased by \$10,000 and various line items will be reduced to maintain the 3.5% increase.

6. New Business

7. Public Participation - None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mrs. Buxton to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (R.S. 10:4-13), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or portion of a meeting of this public body in certain circumstances and

WHEREAS, the Board must consider (see check below), which is/are exempt from public discussion pursuant to the Act;

1. Matter which by express provision of law is rendered confidential
2. Release of information which would impair receipt of federal funds
3. Individual Privacy/ Student Matters
4. Collective Bargaining/Negotiations
5. Real estate matters
6. Disclosure could impair public safety
7. Pending/Anticipated Litigation

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8. Terms and conditions of employment
 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matters to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not be made public this evening. Resulting action may or may not be taken following re-entry into regular session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Einhorn and seconded by Mrs. Buxton to reconvene into regular session at 9:56 p.m.

Motion approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mr. Blackburn to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Teresa Barna
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Kate Nugent
Board President