

Frenchtown Board of Education

Work Session Minutes

April 22, 2014 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Opening Statement

The work session meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Vice President Teresa Pearson.

Mrs. Pearson, Board Vice 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. A copy of this notice has also been posted at the public school, at the municipal building and filed with the borough clerk.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance

All persons present participated in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Mrs. Campbell
Mrs. Einhorn (arrives at 6:40 p.m.)
Mrs. Pearson
Mrs. Musolino
Mrs. Buxton
Mrs. Nugent (arrives at 6:40 p.m.)

Members Absent: Dr. Eckel

Others Present: Dr. J. Michael Schilder, Interim Chief School Administrator
Mrs. Susan Joyce, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Barna
Mr. Tony Panella
Mr. William Colantano
Members of the Public

IV. BOND ATTORNEY – Tony Panella – Presentation and Question/Answer session

V. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT June 30, 2013 – Mr. William Colantano, CPA

VI. Public Participation - None

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VII. Discussion Items:

A. Finance

1. General Discussion 2014-2015 Budget

Mrs. Susan Joyce presented the Board with the State advertised budget.

B. Facilities - None

C. Transportation - None

D. Policy

1. First Reading

A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Mrs. Pearson to approve the first reading of the following policy:

5118.1 School Choice Program

The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

2. Second Reading

A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Mrs. Pearson to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

4116	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members
4116 R	Teacher Evaluation Regulation
9110	Numbers of Members and Terms of Office
9111	Qualifications & Requirements of Board Members
9130	Committees

The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

E. Personnel

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1. A motion was made by Mrs. Einhorn and seconded by Mrs. Buxton to approve the following extracurricular activity as long as payment did not exceed 15 hours for one teacher:

Scratch Club – Pete Moran & Allison Okolichany
(Not to exceed 15 hours)
4/30/14 – 5/28/14 3:15-4:30 p.m.
Grades 2-5 Maximum 20 students

The motion was carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn to approve the following Travel Staff Development Reports:

R Kloos	3/28/14	Rutgers Literacy Conference
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L Bondor	3/28/14	Rutgers Literacy Conference

The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

3. A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Mrs. Campbell to approve the following additional/Teacher Conferences hours:

L Cucco	3.75 hours @ \$34.23	4/10/14 Teacher Conferences
G Kearns	4 hours @ \$34.23	4/10/14 Teacher Conferences

The motion was carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

F. Curriculum/Instruction

G. Other Items

1. 2014-2015 School Calendar

April 6, 2015 is the only difference between Delaware Valley Regional High School and Frenchtown Elementary school calendars. Del-Val has school that day while Frenchtown is off. Del-Val students attend school 181 days, Frenchtown attends school 180 days.

Discussion about going to school on April 6, 2015 and having last day of school a day before Del-Val avoids Graduation and Moving Up Day conflict. Dr. Schilder will prepare a calendar reflecting this change.

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Discussed adopting Board meetings and work sessions schedule until the end of December. Concerned with the July 22, 2014, two Board members already have conflicts waiting for additional input. No other dates seem to have conflicts.

Discussed Board's contribution to the yearbook – Dedicate it in memory to Susan Schaffner.

Discussed Principal interview process for April 23, 2014, Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. to have a discussion before the interviews start at 4:30 p.m..

H. For your Information

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Buxton to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Susan Joyce
Interim Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Kate Nugent
Board President