

Frenchtown Board of Education

Special Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2013 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

The special meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Kate Nugent.

Ms. Schaffner, Business Administrator, read the following:

Adequate notice of this Special 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. 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. Pearson
Mrs. Musolino
Mrs. Buxton
Dr. Eckel
Mrs. DenBleyker
Ms. Herb
Mrs. Nugent

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. David Bailey, Chief School Administrator
Ms. Schaffner, B.A./B.S.
Members of the Public

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (all school-related topics) NONE

V. 2013-2014 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

Mrs. Nugent said tonight's objective is not to finalize goals but to brainstorm some options. She said the Board should concentrate on the big picture and to keep the goals to a minimum.

Ms. Herb said she recalled committee goals would be eliminated. Dr. Eckel said the challenge was to know what each committee is working on. The Board discussed having work plans for the committees rather than goals.

The Board then brainstormed goals.

Mrs. Nugent discussed coming up with topics for P.D.I.C. Mr. Bailey said the committee had worked on a survey of teacher technology leads. A goal to facilitate engagement between the Board and the teachers was discussed, as well as determining

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appropriate items for discussion. Mrs. DenBleyker thought making it a goal could blur the lines between overseeing the school and managing the school.

Mrs. Pearson suggested continued improvement in curriculum instruction and assessment.

Ms. Herb said the changing borough demographics may cause the board to a different approach to student achievement. She also said the Building Referendum is a priority.

Mr. Bailey suggested a new board member orientation packet.

A concentration on writing and also review of the new math program (under the curriculum instruction) was suggested.

Enhancing shared services with other districts (in particular the Delaware Valley High School) was suggested as a goal by Ms. Herb.

Mrs. Nugent discussed a one to one (technology) issue for the school.

Mrs. Musolino discussed taking a long term look at School Choice and maintaining our school choice population. The Board discussed strategies for retaining students who enter the preschool. Ms. Herb asked if this should be communicated as a goal or if it should be a Superintendent goal. The Board looked at different ways to promote the school to retain students.

Mrs. Pearson suggested a middle school program that would prepare students for the high school. Ms. Herb said exploring alternative methods for offering the program should be reviewed.

Mrs. Nugent reviewed the recent discussion of regionalizing districts. The Board discussed the possibility of this happening in the near future.

Mr. Bailey mentioned the CSA evaluation, textbook plan update, assessment plan for student growth and board committee structure. He also reviewed the student software and teacher evaluation programs that are going to be implemented in the 2013-14 school year.

The Board also discussed the absence problem and ways to decrease or eliminate it.

Mrs. Nugent will draft the goals for Board review.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Mrs. DenBleyker and seconded by Mrs. Buxton to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Susan Schaffner
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Kate Nugent
Board President