

Frenchtown Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes/ Public Hearing
March 30, 2010 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

The regular meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Nugent.

Ms. Schaffner, Business Administrator, 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: Dr. Petivan (enters the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)
 Mrs. DenBleyker
 Mrs. Buxton
 Ms. Herb
 Mrs. Huey
 Mrs. Nugent

Also Present: Mr. Rick Falkenstein C.S.A., Ms. Schaffner, B.A./B.S.
 Members of the public

Members Absent: Dr. Eckel

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Ms. Herb to approve the following minutes:

- Minutes of the February 23, 2010 regular session
- Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Special Meeting

- Minutes of the February 23, 2010 executive session.
- Minutes of the March 18, 2010 executive session

The motion was carried on a voice vote with Mrs. DenBleyker abstaining on the March 18, 2010 Special Meeting and Executive session minutes.

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V. PRESENTATION PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH-Mr. Thomas Wollert

Mr. Falkenstein described the presentation.

Mr. Wollert gave an informative presentation on the health and physical education program.

Dr. Petivan enters the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Board asked Mr. Wollert questions concerning the program.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Falkenstein presented the 2010-2011 Budget to the Board of Education and the public.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Einhorn asked about the cost of the shared services. Mr. Falkenstein said the total cost was prorated by time shared. She also expressed concern about Physical Education being cut. Mrs. Nugent said the Board had not discussed the actual time a student spends in Physical Education will not be cut. Mr. Falkenstein said the structure will be different.

Mrs. Pearson asked if the presentations would be on the website. Mr. Wollert clarified the certification for Physical Education.

A member of the public asked the Board to take another look at cutting the Physical Education program. Mr. Falkenstein said all major areas had already been cut.

Mr. Smith expressed concern about the cuts in technology. Mrs. Nugent said the Board tried to make the cuts across programs.

Mrs. Einhorn asked if there would be a meeting to educate the public about the budget. Ms. Herb said the Board runs a targeted voters list.

Mrs. Einhorn asked the consequences if the budget fails. Mrs. Nugent said the Borough Council could cut the budget further.

Mrs. Pearson said a lot of misinformation is out in the school community. Mr. Falkenstein said this Board works very hard to pass a budget.

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VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Election Date change **April 2011**
2. Letter from County Administrator Cynthia Yard
3. Letter from Governor Chris Christie - Mrs. Nugent described the new law.
4. Letter from Education Commissioner Bret Schundler

IX. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Falkenstein presented the attached report.

X. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Nugent said she and Mr. Falkenstein met with Kingwood School representatives. She said the April meeting is the Reorganization meeting. She will call Board of Education members for their input on committees.

Ms. Herb will be distributing the "Get out to Vote" list. She noted the polling hours are 2-9 p.m. this year.

Mrs. Huey reviewed the Chief School Administrator evaluation timeline.

XI. BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business Committee Report – No Report

CONSENT AGENDA – Roll Call

Matters listed within the consent agenda (designated by *) has been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees, for reading and study and will be enacted with one motion. The Personnel items on the consent agenda are recommended by the Chief School Administrator. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent agenda by Board action.

A motion was made by Ms. Herb and seconded by Dr. Petivan to approve the Finance committee consent agenda items A.1- A.5 with the first two items from *A4 tabled until the April 27, 2010 Reorganization meeting.

Finance

Payment of Bills

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*A1. Motion to approve the March 2010 bills list check numbers 1942 to check number 1976, payroll checks #0226 and 0315 and nonchecks number#N00100 & 101 in the amount \$337,056.32.

2010-2011 School Budget

*A2

Be It Resolved to approve the 2010-2011 school district budget for submission to the County Superintendent for approval as follows:

General Fund	\$2,337,460
Capital Outlay	\$ 10,908.
Special Revenue	\$ 67,458.
Debt Service	<u>\$ 143,948.</u>
Total Base Budget	\$2,559,774.

And, be it further,

Resolved that the Frenchtown Board of Education acknowledge that the 2010-2011 budget results in a general fund tax levy of \$1,609,119 to be submitted for voter approval.

And be it further

Resolved that the Frenchtown Board of Education acknowledges that the 2010-2011 budget results in a debt service tax levy of \$143,948 as approved by Voter referendum.

Resolved that the Secretary be authorized to place on the ballot at the Annual School Election to be held on April 20, 2010 the proposal to approve the General Fund Tax levy portion of the 2010-2011 school budget.

And be it further Resolved

The Board of Education
of Frenchtown hereby adopts the following tentative
budget for the 2010-11 school year:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment 157

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<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	
General Current Expense	<u>2,337,460.00</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	
Capital Outlay	<u>10,908.00</u>	..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>75,000.00</u>
Special Revenue Fund	<u>67,458.00</u>	..Local Tax Levy	<u>1,609,119.00</u>
Repayment of Debt	<u>143,948.00</u>	..Misc Revenue	<u>90,693.00</u>
		..Tuition	<u>45,600.00</u>
		..State Aid	<u>527,956.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>2,559,774.00</u></u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	
		..State Aid	<u>-</u>
		..Federal Aid	<u>67,458.00</u>
		<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
		..Budgeted Fund Balance	<u></u>
		..Local Tax Levy	<u>143,948.00</u>
		..State Aid	<u></u>
		Total Revenue	<u><u>2,559,774.00</u></u>

As per NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b), the proposed budget provides for a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement.

The 2010-11 tentative budget includes a maximum travel appropriation of 5,500.00

The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Included in the 2010-11 proposed budget is a maximum regular business travel amount of

220.00 per employee
 (not to exceed \$1500 per employee)

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Tuition Student –Receiving

*A3. Motion to approve a parent paid tuition student from April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 at an annual tuition revenue of \$4,680.00 .

Facilities

*A4. Motion to approve the following use of facilities:

Downtown Performing Arts	auditorium	6/5, and 6/6/2010 – Tabled until 4/27/10
River Ballet	auditorium	6/11 and 6/12/2010 – Tabled until 4/27/10
Frenchtown Lions Club	cafeteria	4/1/2010

Transportation

2010-11 Participation in Coordinated Transportation

*A5. Motion to approve a contract with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost of 5.5% administration fee.

Mr. Falkenstein briefly described the minor accident that our bus was involved in on March 24, 2010.

Ms. Herb asked the Business Committee to pursue seeding in the front of the school.

Policy-none

Personnel-none

B. Curriculum Committee Report

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A motion was made by Mrs. Buxton and seconded by Dr. Petivan to approve the committee consent agenda items B.1- B.8.

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*B7 Motion to approve the following district travel reports:

C. Eckel	NJSBA Advanced Training	3/3/10
L Buxton	Governance II	3/9/10

Curriculum

*B8. Motion to approve the following field trips:

7 th Grade G & T	Bondor	Frenchtown Businesses	3/17/10
FMMS Band	Bruner	DVRHS	3/25/10

D. P.D.I.C. REPORT

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Einhorn said the Pristas fund raising dinner went very well. She asked when and where the bench could be placed. Mr. Falkenstein said he and Mr. Whitman would review the possibilities.

She also commented on the timing of the parent teacher conferences. Mr. Falkenstein said the timing coincides with spring break and the least effect on instructional time.

A member of the public said the Board should charge for facility use. Mrs. DenBleyker said in previous years the building had been under utilized.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

A motion was made by Ms. Herb 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

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- 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
- 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 8:15 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.

The motion was carried unanimously on a voice vote.

XI. RECONVENE

The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:05 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Ms. Herb and seconded by Mrs. Huey to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Susan Schaffner
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Kate Nugent
Board President