

Frenchtown Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017 7:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Opening Statement**

The work session meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 7:35 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 on January 12, 2017. 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. Jennifer Campbell
Mrs. Laura Einhorn
Mr. Chris Guglielmo
Mrs. Teresa Pearson
Mrs. Kate Nugent

Members Absent: Mr. Adam Blackburn and Mrs. Amy Musolino

Others present: Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Christina Lauck, Principal

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **2016/2017 BOARD and DISTRICT GOALS**

Frenchtown District Goals (2016- 2017)

1. Systematically transition from traditional textbooks to electronic books.
2. Re-evaluate and adopt entire job description manual for the district.
3. Research and develop a plan for district wide Personalized Student Learning Plans for all students.

Board Goals (2016- 2017)

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1. Research options, plan funding, and develop a timeline for a school district strategic plan.
2. Review and adopt all policies after New Jersey School Boards Association review.
3. Successfully negotiate a contract with the FEA.

6. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

- a. Next Meeting - March 28, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. – Action Meeting
April 11, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. – Work Session

7 APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY 2017/2018 BUDGET

2017-2018 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 Preliminary School Budget:

WHEREAS, the 2017/2018 preliminary budget includes sufficient funds to implement the proposed planning process as described in this district’s Annual Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A -11 and to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards;

WHEREAS, the 2017/018 preliminary budget is in compliance with the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Frenchtown Board of Education approves the 2017/2018 preliminary budget in the amount of \$2,926,633 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

Fund	Appropriations	Tax Levy
General Fund	\$2,781,763	\$1,907,948
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 74,728	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 112,869	\$ 112,869
Total Budget	\$2,969,360	\$2,020,817

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum travel allowance for the 2017/2018 school year shall be established at \$12,000 and the maximum regular business travel amount shall not exceed \$1,500 per employee.

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Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

2017/2018 Tuition Rates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education approves the following tuition rates for the 2017/2018 school year:

K-8 (Employees and Out of State Residents)	\$ 6,000
K-8 (All Others)	\$14,500
Preschool Disabilities	\$31,000

Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mr. Guglielmo. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Milford Softball Team

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education approves the participation of Grades 5-8 girls in the Milford Softball Team at no cost to the district.

Moved by Mrs. Einhorn and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education approves 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

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- _____ 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 7:52 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.

Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education approves to reconvene into regular session at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:57p.m. Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a roll call vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Teresa Barna
Board Secretary

Kate Nugent
Board President