

Frenchtown Board of Education Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019 6:45 p.m.

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

The work session meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Kate Nugent.

Mrs. Nugent 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 10, 2019. 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: Mr. Adam Blackburn
Mrs. Jennifer Campbell
Mrs. Laura Einhorn
Mrs. Amy Musolino
Ms. Laine Nauman
Mrs. Teresa Pearson
Mrs. Kate Nugent

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Katherine Griffith, Interim Principal
Approximately 30 Staff and Community

4. **PRESENTATION** – Mrs. Daria Wasserbach and Ms. Teresa Barna regarding State Aid impacts

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Additional Revenue streams
- Referendum to increase the tax base
- Mayor – Offered to help through Public Works Services. Will help to get a meeting with the State to present our concerns.
- Kandy – Try to build an advocacy group to help support the next couple of years.
- Consolidation has been a discussion.
- Pay to Play

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- Box Top for the Community

6. 2018/2019 BOARD and DISTRICT GOALS

Frenchtown District Goals (2018- 2019)

1. Expand current Personalized Student Learning Plan for students in grades 6 thru 8 to further differentiate and individualize instruction.
2. Conduct safety/security audit
3. Conduct survey and create school advisory council as described in long range plan

Board Goals (2018- 2019)

1. Conduct interviews and hire full time principal to begin July 2019
2. Support the expansion of Personalized Student Learning Plans.
3. Implement plan for district sustainability/Green Certification.

7. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Informational Items:

- Board Meeting Schedule
 - ✓ March 26, 2019 - Action Meeting
 - ✓ April 30, 2019 – Action Meeting
- Correspondence

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved 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;

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- 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
- 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 8:30p.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. Einhorn and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved to reconvene into regular session at 9:36 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

9. **APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY 2019/2020 BUDGET**

2019-2020 School Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 Preliminary School Budget:

WHEREAS, the 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 preliminary General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,737,278 and authorizes its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

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Fund	Appropriations	Tax Levy
General Fund	\$2,737,278	\$2,016,992
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 78,041	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 113,294	\$ 113,294
Total Budget	\$2,928,613	\$2,130,286

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum travel allowance for the 2019/2020 school year shall be established at \$7,000 and the maximum regular business travel amount shall not exceed \$1,500 per employee.

Moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

Health Care Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-11.4(c) allows a district to request an adjustment to the tax levy for an increase in health care costs that exceeds two percent of the prebudget year;

WHEREAS, the Frenchtown Board of Education has determined that there is a need to use the health care adjustment in the amount of \$271 for the purpose of funding an anticipated increase in health care costs that exceed two percent of the prebudget year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education requests the approval of the health care adjustment in the amount of \$271.

Moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mrs. Campbell. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

Use of Banked CAP

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b) allows a district to request the use of banked cap only after it has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority in the budget year;

WHEREAS, after being impacted by a significant and unanticipated reduction in State Aid to support the 2019/2020 budget, the Frenchtown Board of Education has determined that there is a need to use banked cap from the 2017/2018 budget year in the amount of \$13,344 and \$18,619 from the 2018/2019 budget year for the purpose of funding the general operations of the school district and to maintain a thorough and efficient education in the 2019/2020 school year;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Frenchtown Board of Education requests the use of \$31,963 of banked cap in order to support the general operations of the 2019/2020 school year budget.

Moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mrs. Campbell. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Food Service option for 2019-2020 will be a consolidation agreement with High School.


11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Leuschner – Teachers are willing to help in anyway


12. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 7 ayes; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted:


Teresa Barna
Board Secretary

Attest:


Kate Nugent
Board President