

# Frenchtown Board of Education

## Regular Meeting Agenda

February 25, 2020 6:45 p.m.

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

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 16, 2020. 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**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Adam Blackburn	Ms. Laine Nauman	Mrs. Kate Nugent
Mrs. Kara Bobrowski	Mrs. Teresa Pearson	
Mrs. Laura Einhorn	Mr. Hugo Rodriguez	

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (all school-related topics; time limits: 30 min. total; 3 min. /person)**

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**5. 2019/2020 BOARD and DISTRICT GOALS**

**Frenchtown District Goals (2019- 2020)**

1. Incorporate Community Service Learning into the educational program, including an 8<sup>th</sup> grade capstone community service project.
2. Expand current Personalized Student Learning Plan for students in grades 6 thru 8 to further differentiate and individualize instruction.
3. Consider new scheduling models for middle school.
4. Assess the needs and goals for technology, and anticipate any upcoming expenses. Create a five year technology plan.

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### Board Goals (2019- 2020)

1. Negotiate a new teachers' contract with the Frenchtown Education Association to replace the current contract which expires June 30, 2020.
2. By February 1st of 2020, create a three to five year feasibility plan for the district to explore options for dealing with cuts in state funding.
3. Create more opportunities to positively market our school, including participation in town events such as Riverfest and Bastille Day.
4. Assess the viability of Green Certification in our district.

### 6. **PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### 7. **BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

#### Informational Items

- Board Meeting Schedule
  - ✓ March 10, 2020 - Work Session Meeting – Preliminary Budget Approval
  - ✓ March 24, 2020 – Action Meeting
  - ✓ April 28, 2020 – Action Meeting

#### Discussion Items

- 2020/2021 Budget Development

#### Actions Items

7.1 Motion to approve the following minutes:

- January 28, 2020 - Regular Session
- January 28, 2020 – Executive Session

### 8. **CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE**

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### 9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational Items:

- a. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Monthly Incident Report for period ending February 25, 2020.

Month/Year	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed (Y/N)
Sept 1- Sept 24	0	-	-	-	-
Sept 25 – Oct 15	0	-	-	-	-
Oct 16– Nov 26	3	1	-	Yes	N
Nov 27 – Dec 17	1	0	-	Yes	N
Dec 18 – Jan 28	1	0	-	Yes	N
Jan 29 – Feb 25	2	0		Yes	
Feb 26 – Mar 24					
Mar 25 – April 28					
April 29 – May 11					
May 12 – June 23					
TOTAL	7	1			

- b. Short term suspension report:

Student ID	Violation of Student Code of Conduct	Level of Infraction	Terms of Suspension and Dates	Clearance Required
402	Yes	Level 3	2-13-20	No

- c. Security and Fire Drills

Drill	Date Completed
Security Drill	2-20-20
Fire Drill	2-24-20

**Action Items:**

- 9.1 Motion to affirm the HIB report submitted on January 28, 2020.

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**10. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**11. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**12. POLICY**

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed within the consent agenda have 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 Superintendent. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent agenda by Board action.

**Action Items:**

**Finance**

Payment of Bills

13.1 Motion to approve the February 25, 2020 bill list as follows:

General Fund:	\$276,810.37
Special Revenue Fund:	\$ 11,427.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$288,237.90</b>

Budget Transfers

13.2 Motion to approve the list of the January 2020 budget transfers in the amount of \$42,687.17.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Report

13.3 Motion to approve and acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Board Secretary and after review of the **January, 2020** Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, certify no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23 – 2.11(c) 3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year and that no budgetary line-item account has been exceeded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and that no line-item account has encumbrances and expenditure, which in total exceed the line-item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(a).

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SEMI Waiver

- 13.4 Motion to approve the following resolution requesting a waiver of requirements for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS the Frenchtown Elementary School Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students 2020-2021 budget year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Frenchtown Elementary School Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hunterdon an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Pre-School Tuition

- 13.5 Motion to accept preschool students into the Little Paws Preschool Program for the 2020/2021 school year and to approve tuition contracts for the following students:

Student ID#	Amount
00446	\$5,750.00
00483	\$5,750.00
00453	\$5,750.00
00485	\$5,750.00
00444	\$5,750.00
00481	\$5,750.00
00484	\$5,750.00
00486	\$5,750.00
00487	\$5,750.00
00451	\$5,750.00
00482	\$5,750.00
00454	\$5,750.00
00488	\$5,750.00

River Union Stage

- 13.6 Motion to accept the attached proposal from River Union Stage for the 2019-2020 Out Reach Program at a cost of \$5,125.00.

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### **Facilities**

#### Facility Use

13.7 Motion to approve the following use of School facilities:

Organization	Date(s)	Time
Frenchtown PTO	2-28-2020	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **Transportation**

### **Personnel**

#### 2019-2020 Substitutes

13.8 Motion to approve the following substitute for the 2019-2020 substitute list at a rate of \$90.00 per day (Teacher), \$120.00 day (School Nurse), \$13.00 per hour (Custodian) or \$80.00 per day (Secretary)

Dana Roberto                      Nurse                      \$120.00 per day

#### Extra-Curricular Activities

13.9 Motion to approve the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2019-2020 school year:

Position	Teacher	Stipend Rate
River Union Stage Aide	Faye Smith	\$16.41/hour

### **Curriculum**

#### Field Trips

13.10 Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Grade	Date(s)
Honey Hollow Environmental Center	3rd, 4th & 5th	3-20-2020

#### Class of 2020

13.11 Motion to approve a \$200.00 donation from the Frenchtown Board of Education to the Frenchtown class of 2020 for their annual New York City field trip.

### **Planning**

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**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2020/2021 Budget Discussions

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The Board President may terminate the remarks of any individual, when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion 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
- 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 \_\_\_\_p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matters to the exclusion of all

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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.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**