

# Frenchtown Board of Education

## Work Session Agenda

March 10, 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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- Exploration of a middle school (grades 6-8) send-receive relationship

**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.

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4. Assess the needs and goals for technology, and anticipate any upcoming expenses. Create a five year technology plan.

### **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. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### Informational Items:

- Board Meeting Schedule
  - ✓ March 24, 2020 - Action Meeting
  - ✓ April 28, 2020 – Action Meeting
  - ✓ May 12, 2020 – Action Meeting
- Ethics/Financial Disclosure Form Completion – Reminder to Board Members

### **7. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY 2020/2021 BUDGET**

#### 2020-2021 School Budget

##### 7.1 Approval of the 2020-2021 Preliminary School Budget:

WHEREAS, the 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 preliminary General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,816,390 and authorizes

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its submission to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Tax Levy</b>
General Fund	\$2,816,390	\$2,129,519
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 70,012	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 110,894	\$ 110,894
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,997,296</b>	<b>\$2,240,413</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum travel allowance for the 2020/2021 school year shall be established at \$5,000 and the maximum regular business travel amount shall not exceed \$1,500 per employee.

### Enrollment Adjustment

7.2 WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-11.2(c) allows a district to request an adjustment to the tax levy for increases in enrollment that exceeds two percent of the prebudget year;

WHEREAS, the Frenchtown Board of Education has determined that there is a need to use the enrollment adjustment in the amount of \$70,772 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 enrollment adjustment in the amount of \$70,772.

## **8. PERSONNEL/FACILITIES**

### Student Teaching Placement

8.1 Motion to approve Sean Lynch for student Teaching Placement from March 9, 2020 to May 6, 2020 with Katelynn Yard as his support Teacher.

### 2019-2020 Substitutes

8.2 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)

Brittany Kollmer	Nurse	\$120.00 per day
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Facility Use

8.3 Motion to approve the following use of School facilities:

Organization	Date(s)	Time
Frenchtown PTO	3-20-2020	5:30-8:00 p.m.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

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

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

**11. 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_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.

**Action Items:**

Settlement Agreement

11.1 Motion to approve the attached settlement agreement with Glen G. Hale, Inc.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**