

Frenchtown Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020 6:45 p.m.

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

The regular meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:48 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 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.

The public may view and participate in public comment by visiting the following website:
www.dvrhs.org/fesboemeeting

2. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mrs. Kara Bobrowski
Ms. Laine Nauman
Mrs. Teresa Pearson
Mr. Hugo Rodriguez
Mrs. Kate Nugent

Members Absent: Mr. Adam Blackburn and Mrs. Laura Einhorn

Others Present: Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent
Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
James Hintenach, Principal
2 Public Attendees

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

5. **2020/2021 BOARD and DISTRICT GOALS**

Frenchtown District Goals (2020-2021)

1. Create a reopening plan and provide continued management of the Covid 19 crisis as it relates to the district.
2. Construct a plan to transition middle school into a send/receive model.

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Board Goals (2020-2021)

1. Continue to pursue a middle school send/receive relationship with neighboring districts and select a partner district.
2. Provide support for needed equipment, communication, and community engagement during the extended Covid 19 crisis.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - None

7. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

Informational Items

- Board Meeting Schedule
 - ✓ January 5, 2021 – Reorganization Meeting
- Correspondence
 - ✓ Fennelly Environmental Associates, LLC
 - ✓ Van Cleef Engineering Associates
- 2021 Meeting Schedule - Draft

Action Items:

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

- November 24, 2020 Regular Session
- November 24, 2020 Executive Session

Moved by Ms. Nauman and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Informational Items:

- a. Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Monthly Incident Report for period ending December 15, 2020.

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Month/Year	# of Incidents Reported	# Identified as HIB	Remediation	Discipline & Remediation	Appealed (Y/N)
Sept 1- Sept 22	0	-	-	-	-
Sept 23 – Oct 13	0	-	-	-	-
Oct 14– Nov 24	1	Y	Y	Y	N
Nov 25 – Dec 15	0	-	-	-	-
Dec 16 – Jan 28					
Jan 29 – Feb 25					
Feb 26 – Mar 24					
Mar 25 – April 28					
April 29 – May 5					
May 6 – June 23					
TOTAL	1				

b. Short term suspension report: None

c. Security and Fire Drills

Drill	Date Completed
Security Drill	12-10-2020
Fire Drill	12-15-2020

Action Items:

HIB Report

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved to affirm the HIB report submitted on November 24, 2020.

Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Ms. Nauman. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

9. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – After Executive Session due to technical difficulties.

10. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - After Executive Session due to technical difficulties.

11. **POLICY** - None

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12. 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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved the December 15, 2020 bills list as follows:

General Fund:	\$170,781.00
Special Revenue Fund:	\$ 10,958.20
Total	\$181,739.20

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

Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved the list of the November 2020 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$18,923.00.

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

Board Secretary/Treasurer Reports

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved and acknowledged receipt of the monthly certification of the Board Secretary and after review of the **November, 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).

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

Facilities

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Transportation

Personnel

Curriculum

Planning

13. NEW BUSINESS

14. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

15. 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;

- 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 7:00 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 Ms. Nauman and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved to reconvene into regular session at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Ms. Nauman. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

16. PRINCIPAL REPORT

✓ Shifted to all remote learning on November 30

I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our FES parents for their support while working with our students and teachers while we navigate few more weeks of remote learning. Much appreciated. We have received some good feedback regarding the transition from most parents. However, we realize that this doesn't work for everyone so please keep communicating with us.

✓ 1st marking period Honor Roll List below- Congrats all students!

Student	Grade	Level
Andreychik, Ava Rose	8	FMS High Honor Roll
Gordon, Audrey Paige	8	FMS High Honor Roll
Patel, Ohm	8	FMS High Honor Roll
Casagrande, Vincent Edward	7	FMS High Honor Roll
Keane, Owen Griggs	7	FMS High Honor Roll
Bobrowski, Sophie	8	FMS Honor Roll
Cardoso, Myla Anne	8	FMS Honor Roll
Cinquemani, Brin Alivia	8	FMS Honor Roll
Ditmar, Lindsey Rae	8	FMS Honor Roll
Fiorito, Circe Diantha	8	FMS Honor Roll
Shoudt, Saige Gracin	8	FMS Honor Roll
Amoroso, Avery Elizabeth	7	FMS Honor Roll
Catalla, Allysa	7	FMS Honor Roll
Altmaier, Nya Mae	6	FMS Honor Roll
Ferree Nauman, Max Avery	6	FMS Honor Roll
Scrima, Anthony Jon	6	FMS Honor Roll

- ✓ Security drills and fire drills continue to be planned with local police even in Remote learning
- ✓ Like to thank Director Gantner, Officer Coletta, Officer Eccles, Officer Billiken and the FES Team for the TABLE TOP on we had on 12/10. Mr. Whitman participated in his first Google Meet—proud moment.
- ✓ Character building/anti- bullying program called Omega man program is being introduced to all grade levels this week. We hope this continues to our positive trend.
- ✓ Virtual Sing-along 12/17

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17. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- ★ Teresa Pearson's last Board meeting. Mrs. Nugent thanked Terri for her service to the Board.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Bobrowski. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 5 ayes; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted:



Teresa Barna
Board Secretary

Attest:



Kate Nugent
Board President