Frenchtown Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020 6:45 p.m.

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

The Special Meeting of the Frenchtown Board of Education was called to order at 6:51 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 July 21, 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:	Mr. Adam Blackburn Mrs. Kara Bobrowski Mrs. Laura Einhorn Mrs. Teresa Pearson Mr. Hugo Rodriguez Mrs. Kate Nugent
Members Absent:	Ms. Laine Nauman
Others Present:	Daria Wasserbach, Superintendent Teresa Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary James Hintenach, Principal 30 Members of the Public

4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Informational Items:

- Report to the Board of Education on the Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Natalee & Brian Coward

1. Will a child be denied access for having a runny nose and/or cough, as most children have that? Answer: The school nurses are being trained to be strict about sending students home that are demonstrating symptoms of COVID -19.

2. Will a child be denied or delayed access to bathroom to control amount of people in hall? Answer: We do not anticipate that this will be a problem. Students will be escorted to a facility that they can use.

3. Where will lunch and snack be held? Answer: Lunch will be a grab and go option prior to dismissal time.

4. How is contact tracing occurring? The county Department of Health will be conducting the contact tracing.

5. Who will do the COVID-19 test? Are we required to take child to doctor or is school doing the testing? Answer: The school is not a testing site and parents will need to take their child to a doctor or testing site, if necessary.

6. What if child is held home or sent home sick with a regular common cold, are they required to virtual learn or take a sick day, or will there be an option to virtual learn? Answer: This is a good question and we will need to look into this further. We certainly see that a student could be sick, but well enough to participate in online learning.

Andrew Eilbacher
Do we already have a year's supply of EPA approved cleaning agents in stock, or are supplies still being built? What happens if supplies are limited mid-term, and supplies cannot be replenished? Answer: We have enough supplies on hand and can use the high school for any additional needs as they arise if supplies are in short supply.

Tiffany Cinquemani
1. I saw you would be providing hand sanitizer - will this be in the automatic hands-free dispensers to reduce contact?
2. Are you requiring a specific type of mask that you'd like students to wear?
3. Where 6 ft is possible, students do not need to wear a mask - have the teachers been consulted about this? Are they comfortable being in a classroom with students without masks? If a teacher is nervous or uncomfortable, it will impact their teaching. We want teachers to be as comfortable as possible in order to provide a quality education for their students.
4. It appears that school is out at 12:30. How would the virtual break room schedule from 1:00-1:15 be effective if school is not in session?

Sara P
I appreciate all of the efforts to the team putting together the plan during this difficult time. I have real concerns for our staff members since students will not be required to wear masks all day. We all know that the person wearing the mask is protecting

individuals around them but when people are not wearing masks it increases the chance of spread significantly. If students will not be required to wear masks all day, will teachers all get plexi glass installed around their desks/instructional to provide them further protections, much like the principal, counselor's, nurse etc? Answer: Reasonable options will be given to the teachers to make them feel comfortable in their classroom.

Tiffany Cinquemani
I know it was mentioned that additional staff funding is tricky, but have you thought about hiring an additional part-time cleaning person to assist throughout the day with the wiping of bathroom door handles, sinks, etc.? Answer: We are working with resources available at the high school to cover the cleaning needs. Additional part-time staff is being considered during the day to assist with cleaning needs.

Do the bathrooms have hand dryers? I am assuming those will not be used. Has there been consideration for budgeting additional costs for paper towels in the restrooms? Do we have hands-free dispensers to minimize touching? Answer: Bathrooms do have hand dryers and all fixtures are touch-free. Hand towels dispensers are being installed.

I know you mentioned possibly purchases crates for students materials, but couldn't they just keep their backpacks on the back of their chairs? Answer: Back packs on the back of chairs is a possibility.

Will children be allowed to borrow books from the library? Answer: This is still being considered.

Since we really don't need "Snow Days" anymore since children are effectively using remote learning, will the calendar be adjusted so all teachers can have extra days at the start of the school year in order to prepare for this plan? The school year start could be pushed back by a few extra days then. Answer: There is no discussion at this time to change the school calendar.

Lastly - I want to say thank you to everyone who was on the Pandemic Response Committee. This is a huge undertaking. I appreciate all the time you have put into planning and trying to make this work for all students, teachers, and parents.

Victoria
1. What are the exact hours for school in September? Answer: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
2. If a child has a runny nose, is asked to get tested and then is quarantined until they get results can they remote learn and receive remote related services? Answer: Yes.

Brian & Natalee Coward
Do you know how many teachers will be virtually teaching--not live in the classroom? Answer: We do not have this information at this time.

Frenchtown Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020 6:45 p.m.

Action Item:

2020 Fall Reopening Plan
BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved of the Frenchtown Fall 2020 School Reopening Plan.

Moved by Mrs. Einhorn and seconded by Mr. Blackburn. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 6 ayes; nays, 0.

6. POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education approved to waive the second reading, and approved the first reading and adoption of the following policies:

P2648 Restart and Recovery Plan
P4649 Federal Families First Coronavirus (Covid-19) Response Act
P6173.1 Remote Learning

Moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mrs. Pearson. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 6 ayes; nays, 0.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

8. ADJOURNMENT
BE IT RESOLVED, the Frenchtown Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m. Moved by Mrs. Pearson and seconded by Mrs. Einhorn. On a voice vote, resolution was adopted as follows: 6 ayes; nays, 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Teresa Barna
Board Secretary

Attest:

Kate Nugent
Board President