Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting May 26, 2023 – Special School Board Meeting Middle School Conference Room

I. Call to Order: The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Shiloh Lucier at 7:07 a.m. Trustees in attendance were Bryce Simpson, Jami Wright, Noah Peters, Rainier Batt and attending electronically was Jami Romney FitzGerald. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.

The meeting opened with the Pledge.

II. Review/Action: Hiring

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Head HS Girls Soccer Coach Mark Richardson, Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coach Matt Warren, HS Cheer Coach Annie Sullivan, Special Education Teacher Brett Eells, Kindergarten Teacher Amber Shoupe, 2nd Grade Teachers Taylor McNally and Ashlyn Stenerson, 3rd Grade Teacher Jennifer Kaufman and PK Teacher/Special Education Support Kristen Braun. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as recommended. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

III. Review/Action: Facilities and priorities

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed facilities projects in process and upcoming needs.

In process projects included: card readers and security upgrades to the north campus, painting the east parking lot at the south campus, updating room numbers District wide, and the installation of a window in the high school. Superintendent Meyer discussed the funding for these projects and the difficulties finding vendors to perform the work.

Trustee Amanda Hansen arrived electronically at 7:19 a.m.

Upcoming projects were discussed to establish Board priorities and considerations.

Due to funding constraints, several items in need of repair will not be completed at this time. These items are painting the elementary building, lower playground sprinklers and MS practice field sprinklers, MS parking lot repair, and the HS gym floor restoration.

Prioritized items to pursue all concern deferred maintenance and safety considerations. Items that will be scheduled are HVAC system repair on the south campus, lower playground restoration on the south campus, roofing repair projects, kitchen compressor repair, and the stage/auditorium repair. Discussion was held regarding all of these projects, including possible lower cost alternatives for HVAC repair and compressor repair. Also discussed was the HS track, which will need repair or replacement in the future. Alternatives for the sprinklers was discussed, including the purchase of water cannons instead of underground sprinklers. Board members discussed the difficulty of this conversation and making difficult decisions regarding facility projects that are needed but due to funding, unable to be completed. Questions were asked about funding sources, prioritizing projects and safety considerations for the students. A finance committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss additional programs that may not have funding for the upcoming school year.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT -** 7:52 a.m.

Approved: June 20, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Shiloh Lucier
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson District Clerk