

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting, January 4, 2017
Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

6:30 p.m.

(Formal action will be taken on the following)

Mission Statement: We are committed to the achievement of individual academic excellence through high quality teaching, learning and community involvement, which results in students being well prepared to meet future educational challenges and to contribute to society. They will achieve these goals in accordance and alignment with the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards, which guide our academic instruction.

Assistance for persons with disabilities for the purpose of attending this or any other district meeting/function can be obtained by contacting the Board Secretary's office at 973-822-3880 (x1005).

Mr. John Csatos serving as Presiding Officer pro tempore until election of a Board President.

A.SUNSHINE STATEMENT - In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Morristown Daily Record and the Madison-Florham Park Eagle. In addition, notices were posted at the Municipal Clerk's Office, Public Library, and the Board Administration Office at 67-71 Ridgedale Ave at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

B.CALL TO ORDER

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 8, 2016 and certified by the Clerk of Morris County were read into the minutes by Mr. Csatos.

Board Members Three -Year Term

Nicholas Ritrivi -2,253 Yvonne Cali-2,131 Fabienne Crimi-2,101 Marianne Haynes-2,050

Note; Certified by the Morris County Election Division and on file in Administration Office

E. OATHS OF OFFICE – The oath of office, below, was administered by John Csatos, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board Members: Ms. Crimi, Ms. Cali, and Mr. Ritrivi

Oath: I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Government established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people.
(So help me God.)

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a Board of Education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of that office according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

F. Distribute Code of Ethics to Board Members

CODE OF ETHICS

Policy 0142

The members of the Florham Park Board of Education recognize that they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the board. In order to make a clear public statement of its philosophy of service to the pupils of the district, the board adopts this code of ethics pursuant to School Ethics Act, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1

A. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to the schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

B. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

C. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

D. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

E. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action, which may compromise the board.

F. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

G. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools. Not legally required. See "recommendation" on legal reference pages.

H. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrator.

I. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

J. I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrator and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Mr. Csatos provided copies of the board policy which contains the code of ethics and all board members signed receipt. Said receipt will be on file in the board administration offices.

