

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Reorganization Meeting, January 03 , 2018  
Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium  
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

**AGENDA**

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).

**2017-2018 Board Goals**

- Ensure that all funds are used in an effective and efficient manner to achieve the Board and District goals and meet the long-range facilities and curricular needs.
- Support effective and transparent communication with the community.
- Monitor the effectiveness of our instructional programs based on student achievement data.
- To fortify and strengthen the unification of the Board team with a focus on individual and Board training.
- To assist in developing an engaged, connected, and growing environment within the community of local organizations and businesses.

**2017-2018 District Goals**

- To create a learning environment that maximizes student access to 21st Century Tools.
- Conduct a comprehensive program review for mathematics grades 5-8.
- Improve community relations and communications by providing community forums and exchanges that will effectively allow for parent/community input, provide accurate and timely information about our schools and programs and further foster ownership by the community of our schools.
- Continue to focus on English Language Arts and Reader's/Writer's workshop for all students. Ensure that teachers are being trained on all aspects of the workshop model partnering with Teacher's College of Columbia University.

Mr. John Csatlos 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** - Mr. Csatlos call the meeting to order.

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS** - Mr. Csatlós read the results into the record.

Results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 7, 2017, certified by the Clerk of Morris County:

**Board Members Three -Year Term**

Kristina Heinold-1,449 Alita Thomas-1,368

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

**E. OATHS OF OFFICE** – Administered by John Csatlós, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board Members: Ms. Heinold and Ms. Thomas

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.)

Mr. Csatlós administered the oath to both members. Both members thanked the community for their support.

**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 policy making, 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 each board member with a copy. A signature sheet confirming receipt will be on file in the Board Administration Offices.

**G. ROLL CALL**

<b><u>BOARD MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas)	X	
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	X	
Mr. Shanley (Skip)	X	
Mrs. Rozek (Linda)	X	
Mrs. Thomas (Alita)	X	
Mrs. Heinold (Kristina)	X	

**H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Mr. Csatos called for nominations for the office of Board President.

**Election of Board President** - Ms. Rozek nominated Mr. Ritrivi for the office of Board President. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali. There were no further nominations. The floor was closed.

**Motion;** LR      **Second;** YC      7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Csatos congratulated and turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board President, Mr. Nicholas Ritrivi.

**Election of Board Vice-President** - Mr. Ritrivi thanked his fellow Board members for the nomination and election. Mr. Ritiriv opened the floor for nominations to the office of Vice-President. Ms. Rozek nominated Ms. Thomas. The nomination received a second from Ms. Crimi. There were no further nominations and the floor was closed.

**Motion;** LR      **Second;** FB      7 yes, 0 no

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes.) There was no public comment at this time.

**J. NEW BUSINESS:** Committees, Delegates, Liaison Assignments, Board Meetings, Dates, Time, Agenda Format and Mission. Dr. Varley commented on the items listed. The board will review the committee structure and send Mr. Ritrivi their selections. Mr. Ritrivi will also work out a calendar with Dr. Varley for approval at the next board meeting. That meeting will be advertised as a special meeting for Monday, January 22, 2018 in the Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Florham Park Board of Education seeks to adjourn to Executive Session in full compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.: and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which it discusses matters pertaining to personnel renewals, non-renewals and tenure, negotiations FPBOE/FPEA, and /or current and potential litigation; now

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Florham Park Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the discussion of any of these items will be disclosed to the public when matters have been determined and confidentiality is no longer applicable.

**Motion;                    Second;**

Mr. Ritrivi stated that the district had no business before it this evening that required the use of an executive session, therefore he asked for a motion to adjourn the reorganization meeting.

Motion by Ms. Thomas to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting of the Florham Park Board of Education at 6:44 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Cali.