

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Public Meeting, February 15, 2010
Board of Education Conference Room
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

6:30 p.m.

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.

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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.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. DeLuca(Gina)	X	
Mr. DeCoursey (Kevin)	X	
Mr. Gaffney (John)	X	
Mrs. Haynes (Marianne)	X	
Mrs. Michalowski (Linda)	X	
Mr. Montuore (Patrick)		X
Dr. Carollo (John)	X	

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, negotiations, and /or 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 required.

Mr. DeCoursey motioned to convene the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Michalowski and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Michalowski to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:05 pm. Said motion was seconded by Mr. DeCoursey and passed by unanimous vote.

In attendance: District Administrators, a few members of the general public.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Ronzitti reported on the following:

- Enrollment to date is 1,045 students.
- Two fire drills were conducted at all three schools in January 2010.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported that the State of New Jersey has reduced the district’s State Aid for 2009/10. The maximum a district could be cut was 35%. The Florham Park School district was cut \$136,719 or 16.7% of total State Aid excluding Extraordinary Aid.
- Dr. Ronzitti thanked Mrs. Tobias-Green and Dr. Sharon Maricle for the recent Red Cross Scrubby Bear Program.
- Dr. Ronzitti gave an update on consolidation. There has been no communications on any level from the date of the last meeting.
- Dr. Ronzitti recognized and thanked the Mr. Infantolino and the district custodial maintenance staff for their tireless efforts related to the recent snow storm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident asked the board to consider changing the district policy on enrollment, specifically the cut off for enrolling a child in kindergarten. Dr. Carollo stated the policy was reviewed as recently as 2008 and readopted.

A resident was concerned about the recent drop in academic assessment related to the NJASK and asked for the district plans to address the drop. Dr. Ronzitti stated the drop in scores was largely a result of the State . However, Dr. Ronzitti added that the principals and teachers have been meeting to

A resident asked why we have now been cited as falling behind based on the NCLB guidelines and what the district is doing to address the issue. Dr. Ronzitti responded

A resident asked if the inclusion of special education in the testing assessment is a part of the decline. Dr. Ronzitti responded

A resident asked for results of the foreign language survey and what will be offered next year. Dr. Carollo asked Mr. Majeski to reply. Mr. Majeski stated that the results of a survey two years ago indicated the residents ranked spanish, Chinese, French and Latin as the top languages to offer. The district has always used the State's guideline of a minimum of 15 students to offer a certain language. That is the reason that French was not offered the past two years. The recent sign up results for next year indicates we will reinstitute French next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – Mr. Gaffney reported the committee has not met since the last board meeting.

Personnel – Mrs. Michalowski stated the committee has not met since the last board meeting.

Curriculum – Mr. DeCoursey stated that the committee has not met since the last board meeting.

Finance and Facilities – Mr. Gaffney stated that the committee met on 1/22/10 and this evening to discuss the proposed 2010/11 budget and the recent state aid cuts for 2009/10. The committee will meet again once the 2010/11 state aid figures are released.

Transportation – Mrs. Haynes stated the committee had not met since the last board meeting.

Mrs. Michalowski made a motion to approve the resolutions on the agenda by consent. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeCoursey.

Motion: LM

Seconded: KD

6 yes, 0 no

POLICY

1. Approve the minutes of the January 18, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

(Doc. PL1)

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

6 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the minutes of the January 18, 2009 Executive Session.

(Doc. PL2)

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

6 yes, 0 no

3. **WHEREAS**, books work to open students' minds, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, books foster learning and creativity through learning; and

WHEREAS, books continue to influence us long after they are memories;

3. Accept with regret the resignation of Nancy Mirabelle, Teacher, Grade 5, effective 7/1/10.

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

4. Approve the following extended school year staff as follows.

ESY Volunteer Program 2010

Name	Position	Step
Brian Perlstein	Volunteer ESY 2010 Program	N/A
Melissa Picciano	Volunteer ESY 2010 Program	N/A
Motion: KD	Seconded: JG	6 yes, 0 no

5. Approve the adjustment in salary of Anna Nowacki, Speech Language Specialist, from MA Step 16 (\$78,973.00) to MA + 30 Step 16 (\$82,070.00) effective 9/1/09.

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

6. Approve the revised maternity leave of absence for Gina Cicarelli, District Physical Therapist, effective September 1, 2009-April 1, 2010 with pay (depending on availability of accrued personal and sick days), followed by a medical leave of absence without pay, consistent with the terms of the Family Medical Leave Act.

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

7. Approve the following 2009-2010 student observation assignments:

<u>Student / College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Elizabeth Alper St Elizabeth	Observation	Petrocelli	2/19, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19
Frank Barbosa St Elizabeth	Observation	Janes	2/19, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19
Mathew Brisotti St Elizabeth	Observation	Silkensen	2/19, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19
Lauren Fasano St Elizabeth	Observation	Abdy	2/19, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19
Aileen Musynske St Elizabeth	Observation	Stein	2/19, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

- 8. Approve Tamara Metzger as Ridgedale Middle School Guidance volunteer for the remainder of the 09/10 school year pending criminal history background check.

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

- 9. Authorize the Superintendent to post for the following summer custodial/maintenance positions and applicable rates of pay.

A. Custodians	12 positions	\$8.75/hr	6 weeks
B. Painters	2 positions	\$17.00/hr	6 weeks

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

CURRICULUM

FINANCE

- 1. Authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills and claims through January 31, 2010.

(Doc. F1)

Invoices 1/1-1/31/10	\$ 762,520.45
Payroll 1/15/10	\$ 387,360.44
FICA 1/15/10	\$ 37,461.41
Payroll 1/31/10	\$ 457,549.05
FICA 1/31/10	<u>\$ 35,180.82</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$1,680,072.17</u>

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

- 2. Accept the following District financial reports:

Board Secretary’s (A148) Report for the Month of January 2010.

Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
(Doc. F2)

Treasurer’s (A149) Report for the Month of January 2010.

Business Administrator /
Board Secretary
(Doc. F3)

Motion: KD Seconded: JG 6 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the transfers for January 2010 in the amount of \$90,486.14. (Doc. F4)

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

6 yes, 0 no

4. Professional Development/Travel:

The Florham Park Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and 18A:12-24 to approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members that is educationally necessary and financially prudent.

The following list of workshops, seminars, conferences and other travel-related staff development has been reviewed by the Florham Park Board of Education and found to be (1) educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; (2) directly related and within the scope of the district employee or board members' current responsibilities; (3) critical to the instructional needs of and furthers the efficient operation of the Florham Park School district; & (4) is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1.

	Name	Position	Description	Date(s)	Approx. Cost	Funding Source
A	Marissa Luciano	Teacher	Workshop	1/21/10	N/A	Local
B	Marissa Luciano	Teacher	Workshop	1/28/10	N/A	Local
C	Kathleen Keenan	Teacher	Workshop	1/28/10	N/A	Local
D	Jennifer Immerso	Teacher	Workshop	2/10/10	N/A	Local
E	Marguerite Aromando	Nurse	Workshop	2/10/10	N/A	Local
F	Kathleen Keenan	Teacher	Workshop	1/21/10	N/A	Local
G	Marissa Luciano	Teacher	Workshop	2/10/10	N/A	Local
H	Christe Cirelli	Therapist	Workshop	4/22/10	\$175.00	Local
I	David Burrows	Teacher	Workshop	4/22/10	\$175.00	Local
J	Anna Nowacki	Teacher	Workshop	2/23/10	\$189.00	Local
K	Charles Murray	Teacher	Workshop	2/10/10	N/A	Local
L	Sharon Maricle	Principal	Workshop	4/20 & 5/13	\$300.00	Local
M	Karen Janes	Teacher	Workshop	2/5/10	N/A	Local
N	Lori Jane Dolan	LDT-C	Workshop	3/11/10	\$179.00	Local
O	Lori Jane Dolan	LDT-C	Workshop	2/16/10	\$179.00	Local
P	Shewa Hawkins	District Psychologist	Workshop	3/17/10	\$70.00	Local
Q	Christe Cirelli	District Therapist	Workshop	2/11/10	N/A	Local
R	Christe Cirelli	District Therapist	Workshop	2/19/10	\$25.00	Local

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

6 yes, 0 no

3. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grade 7, to Briarwood Elementary School, Florham Park, NJ.
4. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grades 6-8, to Morristown Beard School, Morristown, NJ.
5. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grade 7, to the Bodies Exhibit, NYC.

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

6 yes, 0 no

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS –

COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. Carollo recognized Mrs. Mirabelles' years of services and wished her well in her retirement.

Motion by Mrs. Haynes and seconded by Mrs. Michalowski to adjourn the February 15, 2010 meeting of the Florham Park Board of Education at 7:51 pm.

Motion: MH

Seconded: LM

6 yes, 0 no

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. John Csatlos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary