

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Public Meeting, September 21, 2009
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.

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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
Dr. Carollo (John)	X	
Mr. DeCoursey (Kevin)		X
Mr. Gaffney (John)	X	
Mrs. Haynes (Marianne)	X	
Mrs. Michalowski (Linda)	X	
Mr. Montuore (Patrick)	X	
Mr. MacFarlane (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. Gaffney motioned to convene the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Dr. Carollo and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaffney to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:03 pm. Said motion was seconded by Mrs. Haynes and passed by unanimous vote.

In attendance: District Administrators, members of the FPEA and general public

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

- Enrollment to begin the year is 1,050.
- Evacuation drill was conducted at RMS on 9/14/09 and a “shelter in place” drill was conducted at Briarwood on 9/11/09.
- The agenda for “Turn off your TV week” and “Family Dinner Nights” was reviewed and will be adopted this evening.
- The “One Day/One School” event held on 9/19/09 at RMS and Brooklake/Briarwood was reviewed. Dr. Ronzitti thanked the following district volunteers and provided a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Csatlos, Mr. Infantolino, Mr. Majeski, Mr. Caponegro, Mr. Christ, Dr. Maricle, Mrs. Tietjen, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bassolino. Dr. Ronzitti passed around a copy of the article written in the Morristown Daily Record of 9/20/09 and asked for interested volunteers to sign up for future events.
- Dr. Ronzitti at the bequest of the board addressed the issue of “consolidation/regionalization”. Dr. Ronzitti referred two articles previously distributed to the public at a prior year PTA meeting. Additional copies were on hand and made available.
- Dr. Ronzitti also commented on the completed curbing of the RMS exit driveway. The project was a direct response to those disrespectful persons who park on district and residential property that subsequently have to be repaired. The district has requested and will receive cooperation from the Florham Park Police Department to monitor the area and address any future violation of property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A member of the public commented on the RMS grass/curbing issue and consolidation.
- A member of the public commented on the consolidation/regionalization issue with respect to the students of Florham Park.
- A member of the public commented on the consolidation/regionalization issue.
- A member of the public provided positive comments regarding the board and Dr. Ronzitti. Further comment was made on the consolidation/regionalization issue.
- A member of the public commended Dr. Ronzitti for his professionalism.
- A member of the public commented on consolidation/regionalization and drew comparisons of scholastic achievements in the sending districts.
- A member of the public thanked the school district for providing students with summer work. Further commenting the value of honest work and a job well done.
- A member of the public commented on the achievement gap that appears to exist at the regional high schools and the correlation to the sending districts.

No further comments were made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – Mr. Gaffney stated the committee met this evening for review of policies on conduct and discipline.

Personnel – Dr. Carollo stated the committee met since the 7/16/09 to go over staffing.

Curriculum – Mrs. Haynes stated the committee met subsequent to the 8/17/09 to review consistency in the homework policy.

Finance and Facilities – Mr. Gaffney stated the committee met on 9/8/09 to review all work conducted during the summer. The committee was pleased with the progress. The committee also reviewed the 2002 Bond Refinancing which will save the taxpayers approximately \$20,000 each year thru 2023.

Transportation – Dr. Carollo stated the committee had met on 8/17/09 to review routes and 2010/11 needs.

Mr. Gaffney motioned to approve the resolutions on the agenda this evening by consent. Dr. Carollo seconded the motion.

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

Mr. Gaffney motioned to approve all resolutions on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carollo.

POLICY

1. Approve the minutes of the August 17, Regular Board Meeting. (Doc. PL1)

8. Approve the first reading of the following revised policies:

5131 Conduct / Discipline

Motion: JG Seconded: JC 5 yes, 0 no

9. Approve the date for the American Red Cross Blood Drive at Brooklake Elementary School scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2009.

Motion: JG Seconded: JC 5 yes, 0 no

10. Approve the following fundraising activities for Ridgedale Middle School for the 2009-2010 School Year:

- St. Jude Math-A-Thon (Math Club)
- Theatrics Candy Sales (Drama Club)
- Collection of Used Cell Phones (Tech. Club)
- Bake Sale (Tech. Club)
- School Logo Sunglasses (Student Council)
- Bake Sales (Student Council)
- Magazine Sale (Student Council)

Motion: JG Seconded: JC 5 yes, 0 no

11. Approve the PTA fundraisers for the 2009/2010 school year as follows:

- Sally Foster Wrapping paper and cookie dough
- Entertainment books (Ridgedale only)
- Kids Stuff books (lower grades)
- Big G. Box Tops/Campbell's Labels
- Book Fair
- Ridgedale Dances
- Family Portraits
- Prize Auction
- Talent Show (to offset 8th grade expenses)
- Candy Sale at RMS (to offset 8th grade expenses)
- Lifetouch School Pictures (PTA gets % of packages sold)
- Countryside School Pictures (PTA gets % of packages sold)
- Lunch Program
- Plant Sale
- McDonald's Night
- Car Wash (to offset 8th grade expenses)
- Drive In Movie Night Family Night
- Vendor's Day
- Target Points Program for Schools
- Kids Art
- Spirit of New Jersey Adults only cruise
- Walk / Runathon

Motion: JG Seconded: JC 5 yes, 0 no

PERSONNEL

1. Rescind approval of Mariel Galgas to the position of Elementary Teacher, Grade K (Maternity Leave Replacement), Briarwood School, at an annual salary of BA Step 1 (\$46,000.00) for the period of 9/1/09-12/21/09 (No Benefits).
2. Approve Erica Rossman to the position of Elementary Teacher, Grade K (Maternity Leave Replacement), Briarwood School, at an annual salary of BA Step 1 (\$46,000.00) for the period of 9/1/09-12/21/09. (No Benefits).
3. Rescind approval of Tara DeLeeuw to the position of Elementary Teacher, Grade 2 (Maternity Leave Replacement), Briarwood School, at an annual salary of BA Step 1 (\$46,000.00) for the period of 9/1/09-6/30/10. (No Benefits).
4. Approve Mariel Galgas to the position of Elementary Teacher, Grade 2 (Maternity Leave Replacement), Briarwood School, at an annual salary of BA Step 1 (\$46,000.00) for the period of 9/1/09-6/30/10. (No Benefits).

5. Rescind the following Co-Curricular assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Karen Cooley	BK	Surprise Patrol	10 hrs
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6. Approve the following Co-Curricular assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Joseph Aquino	RMS	Cross Country	105 hrs
Donna Kuzemczak	BK	Surprise Patrol	10 hrs

7. Approve the adjustment in salary of Cheryl Sproul, Kindergarten Teacher, Briarwood School from BA+30 Step 4 (\$52,730) to MA Step 4 (\$54,882) effective 9/1/09.
8. Approve the adjustment in salary of Allison Conroy, Elementary Teacher, Grade 3, Brooklake School, from BA Step 4 (\$49,502) to BA + 30 Step 4 (\$52,730) effective 9/1/09.
9. Approve the following 2009-2010 student teaching assignments:

<u>Student / College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Matthew Giorgio FDU	Student Teacher	Ms. Janes Grade 6-8	9/21/09–01/15/10
Tiffany Giacchino Montclair State University	School Counselor Internship	Dr. Caponegro District Wide	Jan.-May 2010

10. Approve the following NCLB position assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Dr. Steve Caponegro	NCLB Coordinator (not to exceed 35 hrs)
Shewa Hawkins	PeacePals Facilitator (not to exceed 50 hrs)

11. Approve the following substitute teacher/ sub nurse for the 2009-2010 school year:

Susan Hoffman

12. Approve Robin Gatti's time to be increased from 6.0 hours/day to 6.5 hours/day as a staff assistant.

13. Approve the following home instructors at a rate of \$40.00/hour for the 2009-2010 school year:

BWD

Linda Laub K-5 / ESL
Christe Cirelli Pre-K, K-5, SPED
Lori-Jane Dolan K-5
Kathryn Stefko K-5

BKL

Kathy McAllen: Gr.3-5 (All) (C.A.)
Janice Vitiello K-5, SPED
Charles Murray SPED
Sonia Couto K-5/Spanish/World Language
Katie Ruppel SPED/K-5

RMS

Karen Janes History/Communication Arts
Susan Kravetz Spec.Ed./ Speech
Danielle Schur SPED
Jeff Gruenwald K-5, History
Jean Fitzmaurice Communication Arts
Brian Silkensen K-5, Social Studies
Vin Marchese SPED

14. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Sidney Leon for the period 8/19/09 through 9/1/09.

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

FINANCE

1. 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	Emma Petrocelli	Teacher	Conference	10/6/09	\$95	Local
B	Hilde Dyer	Librarian	Consortium	9/16,11/14,1/21, 5/18	NA	Local
C	Yvonne Pyziak	Guidance	Workshop	12/29 & 12/30	\$225	Local
D	David Burrows	Speech	Workshop	11/10/09	\$178	Local
E	Karen Stein	Teacher	Convention	10/13/09	\$95.00	Local
F	Karen Stein	Teacher	Workshop	10/5/09	N/A	Local
G	Karen Janes	Teacher	Workshop	10/20/09	N/A	Local
H	Dr. Sharon Maricle	Principal	Conference	10/21 & 10/22	N/A	Local
I	Jeff Gruenwald	Teacher	Workshop	10/14/09	N/A	Local

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the acceptance of the following donations:

Grafica, Chester, NJ

1000 basic calculators valued at \$3,000.00

Girl Scout Troop #1015

Magnolia tree planted at Brooklake School valued at \$125

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

3. Approve a contract with Jean Wilcox, Learning Disabilities Specialist, LDT-C for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate not to exceed \$350.00 per evaluation and at a rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours.

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

FACILITIES

1. Approve the following facility requests:

a.Starting Five Basketball	RMS & BKL Gym	9/8-11/19/09
b.Girl Scouts	BWD Teacher’s RM	October-June 2010
c.Florham Park Police	RMS Gym (Safe Night)	October 30, 2009
d.PTA-5 th Grade Drop in	BKL Gym	January 15, 2010
e.PTA Bingo Nights	BKL Gym	October-March 2010
f.Florham Park Rec	BKL Gym	Dec. 09-March 2010
g.Garden State Basketball	RMS Gym	Dec. 09-Feb. 2010
h.Flor Mad Baseball	RMS Gym	Jan-March 2010

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

TRANSPORTATION

1. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grades 6-8 to NJ State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ
2. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Brooklake Elementary School, grade 4 to Morristown Community Theatre, Morristown, NJ.
3. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grade 7 to Oak Knoll, Summit, NJ.
4. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grade 7 to HIC, Blairstown, NJ.
5. Approve the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grades 6-8, Cross Country, Morristown, NJ.

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Mrs. Michalowski thanked various individuals for their recent donations to the district.

COMMUNICATIONS – Dr. Ronzitti summarized correspondence from NJ Excel recognizing the professionalism and dedicated support of the district’s custodial/maintenance staff.

Motion by Mr. Gaffney and seconded by Dr. Carollo to adjourn the September 21, 2009 meeting of the Florham Park Board of Education at 8:03 pm.

Motion: JG

Seconded: JC

5 yes, 0 no

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. John Csatlos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary