

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session, March 19, 2018

Board Conference Room

67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

Public Work Session - 5:30pm

Mission Statement: The Florham Park Schools are committed to the achievement of individual academic excellence through high quality teaching, learning and community involvement. This 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 Student Learning Standards, which guide our academic instruction.

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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.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

| BOARD MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ms. Crimi (Fabienne) | X | |
| Ms. Cali (Yvonne) | X | |
| Ms. Rozek(Linda) | X | |
| Mr. Shanley (Skip) | X | |
| Ms. Heinold (Kristina) | X | |
| Ms. Thomas (Alita) | X | |
| Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas) | X | |

C. FLAG SALUTE:

D. SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), 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.

E. WORK SESSION PRESENTATIONS

- Leadership Presentation - Christy O'Connor, Supervisor of ELA provided information on the program. A group of 15 teachers and 8 administrators that focuses on adult development, teaming strategies, collegial inquiry, with the hoped for outcome of being able to have our program accredited through the state so that we can provide our teachers with a teacher leader endorsement. During the 2017-18 school year teachers have concentrated on teaming. Next year teacher leaders will be leading professional learning study groups of their choice for other teachers in district during. Dr. Varley and Ms O'Connor have be chosen to present at the upcoming NJASA Leadership Conference.
- Debrief Laurie Pessah - Ms. O'Connor informed the board on the work Ms Pessah, Teachers' College has been
- Literacy & LLI - Ms. O'Connor updated the board that Teachers have been receiving professional development support from TC consultants and through Christy O'Connor in current reading and writing units that are closely aligned to the upcoming PARCC test. There will be a two week mini-test prep unit that students are currently planning for during professional learning time and faculty meetings. This is the first time that teachers have implemented both the Reading and Writing Units.

- March 16, 2018 ½ Day In-service - Mr. Silkensen, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, shared the recent professional development day itinerary for all staff. Dr. Varley commended Mr. Silkensen on his hard work, organization and dedication to the staff.

Mr. Silkensen presented a powerpoint outlining all activities taken since the summer of 2017 to evaluate and select a new middle school math program. Mr. Silkensen highlighted the pros and cons of Big Idea's being recommended as a result of the process. This process included the professional expertise of two consultants contracted by the district, Ms. Schultz and Mr. Sheeran.

Mr. Shanley asked Mr. Silkensen about the use of manipulatives.

Mr. Shanley asked for information on the K-5 math series used by Demarest Public Schools.

Mr. Silkensen to provide. Mr. Shanley asked what the commitment to Big Ideas is contractually.

Mr. Silkensen stated six years. Mr. Shanley asked Mr. Csatlos about Madison's recent commitment to the program. Mr. Csatlos will provide information.

Ms. Heinold asked about student accounts for the online product being ready for rollout. Mr. Silkensen stated program will allow district wide upload to sync existing user/password data for ease of setup.

Mr. Ritrivi stated his desire to see ongoing continual articulation with Morris Plains and Madison regarding pacing, implementation and professional development. Also, the status of their grade 6 & 7 results post implementation.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS

(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.

G. CURRICULUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the Superintendent's current to date bullying report.
2. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approves the Superintendent's current to date bullying report.
3. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approves the following Math program textbook for grades 6-8 and related materials for the 2018/2019 school year.

- Big Ideas by the authors Ron Larson and Laurie Boswell

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: There was no public comment.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shanley moved to adjourn the public work session at 6:44pm. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Csatos", is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary