

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session, April 16, 2018

Board Conference Room

67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

(Formal action may be taken)

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 UPDATES

- ELA - Ms. O'connor provided an update focusing specifically on test preparation and Teacher's College trainings at Briarwood. Many experienced 1:1 with TC professional. Deemed very effective. At Brooklake and Ridgedale focus was on new units designed to raise the level of rigor in writing.
- LLI - Ms. O'Connor reviewed findings of a recent study of the program implementation. For FY19 the district will begin the program immediately and exit students back into on track cycle prior to February. Those not exited will remain as enhancement until year end.
- Math - Mr. Silkensen focused on consultant Mr. Sheeran's work getting grades 3-8 ready for whole problem practice, problem attack strategy, student exemplars and online practice.
- Science - Mr. Silkensen reviewed current and upcoming lessons in all grades, most of which are contained in the Next Generation Science Standards FOSS kits.

Discussion; Ms. Crimi asked about French Curriculum for next year. Dr. Varley stated program will have live instruction at grades K-2 and 6-8. Mr. Shaley stressed need for dual certified French and Spanish if available. Ms. Heinold asked for information on the district's handling of oral presentations and keyboarding skills. Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Silkensen provided examples of how programs and activities cover the skills. Mr. Shanley asked any consideration has been given to after-school enrichment activities surrounding TED TALKS. Mr. Silkensen communicated various district activities, however an afterschool program has not been looked into. Ms. Crimi stated her desire for online access to program timing. Ms. O'Connor stated the pacing guide for instruction is available.

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.)

G. CURRICULUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approves the Superintendent's current to date bullying report.
Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

2. **Approve** the St. Claire's Home Instruction Contract for student J.B. for the 2017-2018 School Year.
Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

3. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approves to pilot LinkIt! For data analytics and online math benchmark assessments for the district.
Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

The above resolutions were reviewed by Dr. Varley. Mr. Shanley asked for references using LinkIt!. References were provided by Mr. Silkensen. Ms. Cali stated her district recently purchased program. Mr. Silkensen stated the district is currently piloting the program. The program areas of strength:

- **Narrow Focus:** Support individual goals such as data warehousing, benchmarking, and local test creation and delivery.
- **Broad Application:** Comprehensive solution to manage all classroom and leadership data, assessment and analytics initiatives.

- **Fully Agnostic:** Allows for all data and assessments across all grades and subject to be consolidated in a single location whether it was generated on our platform or anywhere else.

Ms. Crimi provided information on Teachrock.org. Mr. Shanley reported to the board information provided in NJSBA magazine on staying the course, highlighting the board's responsibility to emulate districts of high achievement. Ms. Crimi commented on the magazines focus on health and wellness. Stating her support for Ms. Conroy's mindfulness initiative. Mr. Shanley commented on the recent NJSBA meeting, highlighting a presentation by a Madison School Principal.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: Ms. Shanley asked for more information on the types of service and time LinkIt! Offered. Mr. Silkensen stated the company is allowing use for three months. The district is accumulating data to establish year end benchmarks. Ms. Shanley asked if pilot was free. Mr. Silkensen confirmed it was. Ms. Shanley asked for information and contact. Mr. Silkensen will provide.

Ms. Thomas motioned to convene an executive session to discuss possible litigation. Ms. Cali seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ms. Thomas motioned to adjourn the executive session and reconvene into public. The motion received a second from Ms. Heinold and passed by unanimous consent.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heinold motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John Csatlos
Board Secretary