

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting, January 03, 2019
Board Conference Room
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).

2018-2019 Board Goals

- To fortify and strengthen the unification of the Board team with a focus on governance.
- Monitor the effectiveness of all of our instructional programs, including but not limited to Special Education, based on student achievement data.
- 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 to develop an engaged, connected community, and a growing environment of local organizations and businesses.

2018-2019 District Goals

- Increase achievement of all students in the district including those who are not meeting grade-level benchmarks. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- Continue to provide for the emotional well being and support for our students. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- To assist in developing an engaged and connected environment within the community. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 4)
- To create a learning environment that maximizes student access to 21st Century Tools. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 3)

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

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 6, 2018, certified by the Clerk of Morris County:

Board Members Three -Year Term

Mr. Charles "Skip" Shanley	2,576
Ms. Linda Rozek	2,577

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

E. OATHS OF OFFICE – Administered by John Csatlos, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board Members:

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.)

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 th 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.

K. RESOLUTIONS

POLICY:

1. **Approve**, the Florham Park Board of Education designates the following meeting dates for Regular Meetings with Executive Sessions through December 31, 2019, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A;10-6, to be held at the Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium, at 6:30 p.m.; the Florham Park Board of Education designates the following meeting dates for Work Session Meetings through December 31, 2019, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A;10-6, to be held at the Board Office Conference Room, at 5:30 p.m. All Meetings shall be held in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” and formal action maybe taken at any meeting.

WORK SESSION

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 22
 Tuesday, February 19
 Monday, March 18
 Tuesday, April 23
 Monday, May 20
 Monday, June 17
 Monday, July 22
 Monday, August 19
 Monday, September 16
 Monday, October 21
 Monday, November 18
 Monday, December 09

Monday, January 28
 Monday, February 25
 Monday, March 25
 Monday, April 29
 Tuesday, May 28
 Monday, June 24
 Monday, July 29
 Monday, August 26
 Monday, September 23
 Monday, October 28
 Monday, November 25
 Monday, December 16

Other Meetings:

January 2020 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 6, 2020 @ Board Conference Room
 Action may be taken at all meetings.
 Closed sessions may also be held.

Motion; AT Second; LR 7 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the Board of Education Committees Representatives, Delegates and Liaisons through December 31, 2019. *(Posted on district website and on file in administration office.)*

Motion; AT Second; LR 7 yes, 0 no

3. **Approve** the following agenda format for all regular meetings of the Board of Education for calendar year 2019.

A.	Call to Order
B.	Roll Call
C.	Executive Session
D.	Reconvene Public Session
E.	Flag Salute
F.	Sunshine Statement
G.	Superintendent’s Report
H.	Public Comment-Agenda Items
I.	Committee Reports
J.	Resolutions

K.	Old/New Business
L.	Correspondence/Communications
M.	Public Comment-Open
N.	Adjournment

Motion; AT Second; LR 7 yes, 0 no

4. **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Florham Park Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Florham Park Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florham Park Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2019 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Florham Park Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

Motion; AT Second; LR 7 yes, 0 no

L. **PUBLIC COMMENT - OPEN** - Representatives from Preschool Advantage introduced themselves and the mission of their Not for Profit Organization. Dr. Varley exchanged information and will make contact in the near future.

M . 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.

The board did not have any items for executive session and therefore did not adjourn into executive session.

N. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Thomas motioned to adjourn the Special Reorganization meeting. The motion received a second from Ms. Rozek. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatlos
Board Secretary