

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session May 20, 2019  
Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium  
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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#### **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)



3. **Be It Resolved**, that the board grants authorization for Christy O'Connor, ELA Supervisor, to have access to district teachers and administrators for the purpose of administering a survey and conducting interviews to pursue her doctoral studies regarding teacher leadership. Mrs. O'Connor is seeking her Ph.D in Education Leadership at Teachers, College, Columbia University.

Motion;            Second;                    FC    YC    LR    KH    AT    NR

Discussion: All items approved for the regular board meeting agenda.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Resolution - Capital Projects Referendum**

The Florham Park Board of Education hereby authorizes LAN Associates to prepare Schematic Plans for capital projects at the Ridgedale Middle School; Briarwood Elementary School, and; Brooklake Elementary School.

The Board of Education further authorizes LAN Associates to prepare Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications for the capital projects that address renovations for STEAM labs at the Ridgedale Middle School and the Brooklake Elementary School and office renovations to create secure entrances at the Brooklake Elementary School and the Briarwood Elementary School.

The Board of Education further authorizes submission of applications to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education to amend the School District's Long Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP") to include the Project as outlined herein.

The Florham Park Board of Education approves the submission of the Various Upgrades and Renovations at: Ridgedale Middle School **State Project #1530-030-19-3000**; Briarwood Elementary School **State Project #1530-015-19-4000**, and; Brooklake Elementary School **State Project #1530-020-19-2000** by LAN Associates to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education.

Motion; AT            Second; NR

6 yes, 0 no

## 2. Board Vacancy - Interviews

The Board of Education interviewed Mr. Perillo, Mr. Matsakis and Ms. Sherer.

### **I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN:** Mr. Zuckerman stated that resident wishes to have area near property cleaned.

Motion by Ms. Thomas to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Action will be taken on the Board Candidacy.

Motion by Ms. Heinold to reconvene the public session. The motion received a second from Ms. Crimi and passed by unanimous vote.

**Resolution:** Mr. Ritrivi introduced the following:

Approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Perillo, Pinchbrook Rd. to fill the vacant board member seat through December 31, 2019.

Motion; NR      Second; AT

6 yes, 0 no

### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Rozek to adjourn the regular public work session at 8:34pm. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Csatló  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary