

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session April 23, 2019

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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#### **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)

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

**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**

**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.) No comments at this time.

**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.

Motion;            Second;                            FC    YC    LR    SS    KH    AT    NR

- 2. Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the updates to the Peer Leadership Program/Criteria.

Motion;            Second;                            FC    YC    LR    SS    KH    AT    NR

Discussion: All items were reviewed and will move to regular meeting agenda.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Silkensen presented information as follows:

- **Do the Math Intervention Program by Marilyn Burns Update**
  - Brooklake completed the first 5 day cycle of the Math BSI program. The teachers' feedback was positive about the program.
  - Easy to use and follow along.
  - Manipulatives are utilized with each lesson, which helped the students understand the concepts.
  - We will continue to monitor the students growth in the program
  - We will conduct a second training with a Do the Math trainer for the first week in May.
- **STEAM Update**
  - Jason Erdreich, the President of the New Jersey Technology and Engineering Education Association(NJTEEA), worked with our RMS Stem Lab teachers on utilizing alternative energy sources into our 8th Grade STEM Lab curriculum.
  - He praised the Florham Park District for the logical progression of coding languages to our K-8 students. With the new progression, we will be able to utilize the programming language Python.
- **ELA Update**
  - LLI services are being extended to Kindergarten to help assist students who are struggling to read at a level C. This is a team effort that involves the reading intervention and Special Ed teachers at Briarwood school who are working together to service these students. We have seen tremendous gains in the reading growth for students with IEPs and believe the additional LLI support in the morning is a large factor in this growth.
  - Grades 3-8 are engaged in their test prep units which are a review of the units and standards covered this year. A letter will be sent out by Dr. Varley describing the curriculum during testing.
  - Following the NJSLA, FPKS will continue with our curriculum and engage in curriculum that is designed to support learning and tap into the fun of the end of the year with units such as writing comics, reading fantasy, learning about historical fiction, and engaging in content area literacy.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN:** Councilman Zuckerman made comments regarding standardized testing and movement by districts in NJ back to a community vote on school budgets.

Ms. Thomas motioned to convene into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. No action is to be taken. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali.

Motion; AT Second; YC

7 yes, 0 no

Ms. Thomas motioned to reconvene the public session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rozek.

Motion; AT Second; LR

7 yes, 0 no

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Thomas motioned to adjourn the public meeting at 7:05. Ms. Crimi seconded the motion.

Motion; AT Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatos  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary