

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session September 16, 2019

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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#### **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>
Mr. Perillo (Brian)	X	
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	X	
Ms. Rozek(Linda)	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 - Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Silkensen reported as follows:**

- Process of Identification of Student Interventions
  - The introduction of a summer stipend position where new students to the district are assessed on benchmark assessments as helped to expedite the start of the LLI reading intervention.
  - On 9/16 Ridgedale began instruction for the LLI intervention.
  - On 9/25 Brooklake & Briarwood will begin the LLI intervention for students.
  - From the second week of school until Columbus Day teachers are conducting benchmark assessments in conjunction with teaching. As students are identified they will be continually added to the LLI intervention on a cyclical basis.
  - The district would like to applaud the hard work and dedication of the LLI teaching staff who have worked tirelessly to make this early start date and additional instructional time possible.
- STEAM Update
  - STEAM classes have begun and we have been tweeting videos and pictures to celebrate student successes. We have received an enormous amount of positive feedback from our STEAM classes.
- Teacher Training Update
  - September in-service
    - LinkIt! & Frontline Training
      - Reviewed how to access student data to inform instruction
      - Walked the teachers through the new single sign-in Frontline platform
    - SEL Training
      - Karen Stein, Kathleen Cogan, & Cindy Regan trained the teachers on the new SEL curriculum
    - Running Records Calibration
      - Christy O'Connor completed a running records recalibration with the entire staff

- Mentor Program
  - We have 4 new teachers that have been connected with a mentor. New teachers that do not have to have mentors for state certification are partnered with the grade level team leaders.
- Teach Rock event in NY on November 6th
  - We have our middle school music teachers attending the free workshop in NY. They are going to the workshop to look for more ways to incorporate the curriculum
- Technology Integration
  - We are in the process of syncing student educational online accounts to Genesis to create single sign-ons for educational websites.
- LinkIt! Data Warehouse
  - Data Points that are in LinkIt! (5 years of data)
    - Running Records: Past 3 years
    - PARCC/NJSLA: Past 5 years
    - WIDA scores: Past 4 years
    - Writing Assessments
    - Nonsense Word Assessments
    - iReady Assessments
    - Math Program Pre and Post Assessments
    - LinkIt! Math Benchmarks
    - Project Read Pre, Mid, & Post Assessments
    - Attendance Records
    - Middle School Grades

#### **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 comment at this time.

#### **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;                      BP      FC      YC      LR      KH      AT      NR

Discussion - There was no discussion on this item.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Crimi mentioned the Junior Achievement "Hackathon" event and the excitement over "Financial Park". The board decided and directed the administration to change the next public work-session meeting for curriculum to Friday, October 25, 2019 at 9:30 am following other committee meetings due to NJSBA Conference.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no items for discussion.

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN:** Councilman Zuckerman asked for update on referendum information. Dr. Caponegro and Mr. Csatos provided details on rollout of FAQ and Flyer. Both are being made available this week on website and at PTA Meeting and Back to School Nights.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Crimi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. The motion received a second from Ms. Rozek and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Csatló".

John Csatló  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary