

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Work Session April 20, 2020
Board Conference Room and Via Virtual Communication
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

AGENDA

(Formal action may be taken)

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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2019-2020 Board Goals

- 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.
- Support the development/implementation of the district's Social-Emotional Learning initiative.
- Recognize the accomplishments of staff and students.

2019-2020 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:

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
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. Ritriivi (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 UPDATE: Dr. Caponegro and Ms. O'Connor presented:

- Distance Learning Update - Dr. Caponegro reported out on how things are going. Ms. Heinold had concerns about the use of live tutorials and discussion vs pre-taped. The board discussed at length the merits of both. Ms. Crimi had concerns regarding Zoom and security. Mr. Stiles and Dr. Caponegro addressed this topic and how the district worked with company representatives for over two weeks prior to our roll out.
- Spring 2019 NJSLA Science Results/Analysis
 - NJAC 6A:8-4.3(a) - 60 day requirement
 - NJAC 6A:30 - Evaluation of performance requirement
- NJSLA Science Results 2019 presentation - Ms. O'Connor stated the NJSLA is a federally required state assessment based off of the NJSLA - Science. This test focuses on the new standards, literacy based reading and writing comprehension, and inquiry based learning. On average the 202 students in Florham Park out performed the state by every measure. In grade 5 domain physical science was identified as a source of strength and the domain life science is an area of growth. 42.8% of Grade 5 students scored at levels 4 and 5. 36.1% of Grade 5 students scored at levels 4 and 5. In grade 8 domain Earth and Space was identified as an area of strength and the domain life science is an area of growth. The district will evaluate the curriculum, pacing guide, and curricular materials to address this need. We will also be looking at ways to target underperforming students.
- Through the QSAC process we identified a way to improve our communication to the public. We have created a new curriculum page on the website.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: (Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes. All agenda and non agenda items are allowed) There were no questions at this time.

G. CURRICULUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Csatlos reported:

- **Finance - Award of Contracts** - Three resolutions will be read into the minutes for passage this evening. These are the final contracts for year 1 of the referendum. The total of all year 1 projects is within the base budget and the district has full year 1 contingency remaining.
- **Finance - Legislation to Delay Property Tax Transmission** - Mr. Csatlos provided background on this resolution from NJSBA. Mr. Csatlos informed the Board of the current process to raise taxes and schedule to pay taxes to the school district. He also informed the Board of the Borough's ability to execute short term borrowing.
- **Finance - Donation of Surplus Personal Protective Materials** - Mr. Csatlos provided background on the district's use of PPM. The district has taken an inventory and has identified a level of surplus for donation to the Borough while protecting our own staff.

Resolutions - All resolutions were introduced into the record by President Ritrivi;

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Finance

1. Award of Contract

Approve as part of State Project#1530-015-19-4000 /Local Project Contract#2 Renovate Computer Labs to General Education Classrooms at Briarwood Elementary School contracting with GL Group, Inc., Bloomingdale, NJ in the amount of \$143,154.00 compliant with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission General Construction Repairs and Carpentry Bid#HCESC-SER-19F.

Motion; NR Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

2. Award of Contract

Approve as part of State Project#1530-015-19-4000 /Local Project Contract#4 Replace Lighting, Ceiling and Kawall System in Multipurpose Room at Briarwood Elementary School contracting with GL Group, Inc., Bloomingdale, NJ in the amount of \$277,435.63 compliant with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission General Construction Repairs and Carpentry Bid#HCESC-SER-19F.

Motion; NR Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

3. Award of Contract

Approve as part of State Project#1530-020-19-2000 /Local Project Contract#8 and #8A Replace Building Ceilings and Lighting at Brooklake Elementary School contracting with GL Group, Inc., Bloomingdale, NJ in the amount of \$899,608.00 compliant with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission General Construction Repairs and Carpentry Bid#HCESC-SER-19F.

Motion; NR Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

4. Opposing Delay in Transmission of Property Tax Revenue to School Districts

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 94% of the Florham Park Public School revenue; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Florham Park Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florham Park Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the Borough of Florham Park Legislative District's representatives Senator Richard J. Codey, Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey and Assemblyman John F. McKeon; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Motion; NR Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

5. Donation of Surplus Personal Protective Materials

Whereas, the district has inventoried and identified surplus personal protective materials for the 2019/20 fiscal year, and

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the district that these materials are of need by the Borough of Florham Park,

Now, Be it Resolved, that the Florham Park Board of Education approves the donation of surplus personal protective materials to the Borough of Florham Park.

Motion; NR Second; FC

7 yes, 0 no

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Heinold stated that there has been communication and she has spoken with Dr. Caponegro regarding an th grade graduation. The board discussed many specifics regarding graduation and how it is affected by the State shutdown. Dr. Caponegro will keep the Board informed on this matter.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rozek motioned to adjourn the Regular Public Worksession of the Florham Park Board of education at 7:29p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Thomas and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatló
Business Administrator/Board Secretary