

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting, January 06, 2020

Board Conference Room

67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

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).

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)

Mr. John Csatos, Board Secretary serving as Presiding Officer pro tempore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 5, 2019, certified by the Clerk of Morris County:

Board Members Three -Year Term

Fabienne Crimi	1,435
Yvonne Cali	1,471
Nicholas Ritrivi	1,441

Board Member Two -Year Unexpired Term

Brian Perillo	1,492
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Florham Park Borough School Proposal #1

Yes	1,565
No	819

Florham Park Borough School Proposal #2

Yes	1,524
No	845

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

E. OATHS OF OFFICE – Mr. Csatos administered the oath of office to the newly elected 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.
- J. I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrator and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Mr. Csatos provided each board member with a copy of the Code of Ethics. Each Board Member reviewed the Code of Ethics and signed a confirming document to be kept on file.

G. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. Heinold (Kristina)	X	
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	X	
Mr. Perillo (Brian)	X	
Mrs. Rozek (Linda)	X	
Mrs. Thomas (Alita)	X	
Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas)	X	

H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Mr. Csatos opened the floor to accept nominations for Board President. Ms. Cali motioned to nominate Mr. Nicholas Ritrivi for Board President. The nomination received a second from Ms. Thomas. With no further nominations Mr. Csatos call for a vote.

Election of Board President - Mr. Nicolas Ritrivi

Motion; YC Second; AT 7 yes, 0 no

Mr. John Csatos congratulated Mr. Ritrivi on his election and turned over the meeting to President Ritrivi.

Election of Board Vice-President - Mr. Ritrivi opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Ms. Cali nominated Ms. Thomas. The nomination received a second from Ms. Rozek. With no further nominations Mr. Ritrivi called for a vote.

Motion; FC Second; LR 7 yes, 0 no

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes.) There were no public comments at this time.

J. NEW BUSINESS: Committees, Delegates, Liaison Assignments, Board Meetings, Dates, Time, Agenda Format and Mission. Mr. Rittriv and the Board discussed the above and reached consensus on their respective roles.

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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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

Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday, February 18
Monday, March 16
Monday, April 20
Monday, May 18
Monday, June 22
Monday, July 20
Monday, August 24
Monday, September 21
Monday, October 19
Monday, November 23
Monday, December 14

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, January 27
Monday, February 24
Monday, March 23
Monday, April 27
Tuesday, May 26
Monday, June 29
Monday, July 27
Monday, August 31
Monday, September 28
Monday, October 26
Monday, November 30
Monday, December 21

Other Meetings:

January 2021 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 4, 2021 @ Board Conference Room
Action may be taken at all meetings.
Closed sessions may also be held.

Motion; NR Second; AT 7 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the Board of Education Committees Representatives, Delegates and Liaisons through December 31, 2020. (*Posted on district website and on file in administration office.*)

Motion; NR Second; AT 7 yes, 0 no

3. **Approve** the following agenda format for all regular meetings of the Board of Education for calendar year 2020.

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-Open
I.	Committee Reports
J.	Resolutions
K.	Old/New Business
L.	Correspondence/Communications
M.	Adjournment

Motion; NR

Second; AT

7 yes, 0 no

Mr. Ritrivi stated the district has a need to convene an executive session for the purpose of reviewing two legal matters, one involving special education and the other involving safety/security. The board anticipates taking action and the session is expected to last 10 minutes.

L. 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/legal matters; 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.

Motion; NR

Second; AT

7 yes, 0 no

