

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session June 22, 2020

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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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. 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: - Dr. Caponegro and Ms. O'Connor presented the following:

1. Summer Assignments
 - Summer assignments and fall material lists have been posted on each school's website and emailed to the parents. Summer assignments were also reviewed with the students prior to year's end.
2. Curriculum Council Positions FY 21
 - New format and posting for Curriculum Council Position
3. Curriculum Council Positions FY 21 (Math)
 - Discussed the creation of three math curriculum council positions to assist curriculum council and the curriculum department, provide professional development, assist with analyzing trends, and to coach staff on best practices. For the FY21, the positions require a math certification.
4. State Requirements for Curriculum and Summer Curriculum Assignments
5. Third Grade Instrumental Music
 - Presentation by Mr. Hipwell and Mr. Connolly on proposing that the Brooklake instrumental music lessons/participation start in Gr.4, rather than in Gr.3 starting FY21. Students would still be provided music as a special.
6. RMS Enrichment Period Survey
 - Presentation by Mr. Christ indicating that staff felt it important to keep the RMS Enrichment Period during Period 1.

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)

Ms. Alcantara commented on the district social studies curriculum with regards to social justice as well as instrumental music curriculum and instructional delivery. Ms. O'Connor and Dr. Caponegro addressed Ms. Alcantara's comments and concerns. Ms. O'Connor stated presentations of curriculum are not contained on the parent resource page of the district website.

G. CURRICULUM

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

J. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Crimi moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Thomas and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary