

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Reorganization Meeting, January 4, 2021

Board Conference Room

67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

(Formal action will be taken on the following)

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.

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).

2020-2021 Board Goals

- Regardless of the learning environment (virtual, hybrid, in-person), the board will use student achievement data to monitor the effectiveness of all of our instructional programs, including but not limited to Special Education; and curricular updates that encompass the district's Social Justice vision.
- Ensure that all funds are used in an effective and efficient manner to achieve the Board and District goals; curricular needs; and meet the district's long-range facilities needs, including the capital improvement projects supported by the referendum.
- Continue to support effective and transparent communication with the community to further the development of an engaged, connected community, and a growing environment of local organizations and businesses.
- Support the health, safety, and welfare of the district's students and staff, with a continued emphasis on the district's Social-Emotional Learning initiative.
- Continue to recognize the accomplishments of staff and students.

2020-2021 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 will serve as Presiding Officer pro tempore until election of a Board President.

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 3, 2020, certified by the Clerk of Morris County:

Board Members Three -Year Term (Vote for Two)

Kristina Heinold	3,167
Stacey Sabatos	3,062
Faith Alcantara	2,419
Write-in	61

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

E. OATHS OF OFFICE – Administered by John Csatló, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board 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.

The Board Secretary shall ensure each board member receives a copy, reviews the Code of Ethics and signs upon receipt and review.

G. ROLL CALL

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Sabatos(Stacey)		
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)		
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)		
Ms. Heinold (Kristina)		
Mr. Perillo (Brian)		
Mrs. Rozek (Linda)		
Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas)		

H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Board President

Motion; **Second;**

Mr. John Csatos, Presiding Officer pro tempore, shall turn over the meeting to newly elected Board President.

Election of Board Vice-President

Motion; **Second;**

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes.)

J. NEW BUSINESS: Committees, Delegates, Liaison Assignments, Board Meetings, Dates, Time, Agenda Format and Mission.

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, 2021, 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, 2021, 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

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 19
 Tuesday, February 16
 Monday, March 22
 Monday, April 19
 Monday, May 17
 Monday, June 21
 Monday, July 19
 Monday, August 23
 Monday, September 20
 Monday, October 18
 Monday, November 22
 Monday, December 13

Monday, January 25
 Monday, February 22
 Monday, March 29
 Monday, April 26
 Tuesday, May 24
 Monday, June 28
 Monday, July 26
 Monday, August 30
 Monday, September 27
 Monday, October 25
 Monday, November 29
 Monday, December 20

Other Meetings:

January 2022 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Board Conference Room
 Action may be taken at all meetings. Closed sessions may also be held.

Motion; Second; SS FC YC KH BP LR NR

2. **Approve** the Board of Education Committees Representatives, Delegates and Liaisons through December 31, 2021. (*Posted on district website and on file in administration office.*)

Motion; Second; SS FC YC KH BP LR NR

3. **Approve** the following agenda format for all regular meetings of the Board of Education for calendar year 2021.

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

Motion; Second; SS FC YC KH BP LR NR

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; 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; Second;

Motion by _____ to adjourn the Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations, legal issues, personnel issues and reconvene the Regular Meeting at _____ p.m. Said motion was seconded by _____.

M. ADJOURNMENT: