

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session March 22, 2021

Board Conference Room and Via Telecommunications

67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

**Public Work Session - 5:30pm**

### **-MINUTES-**

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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#### **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)

**A. CALL TO ORDER**: Ms. Cali called the meeting to order.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

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

- Individual Teacher Data Conferences - All ELA/Math Teachers in District
- Chromebook Device Roadmap
- [The Road Forward: Spring Assessment Data Collection](#)
- Read Across America
- PD Update
- Reading Intervention Update

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN:** This portion of the meeting is open to any individuals for the purpose of addressing resolutions on this agenda or matters that they find is important to the Board of Education, and is governed by Board Policy 0167. Prior to making a comment, members of the public are required to state their names, addresses and subject matter of the comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on the topic have been heard. Comments made by members of the public **may or may not** be responded to by the Board. Any response that is provided will be made at the end of the public comment period, after all comments have been heard.

The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. Therefore, comments regarding specific students and employees will not be responded to by the Board. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

**G. CURRICULUM:**

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

FY 2021/2022 TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET

**Resolutions - Finance**

**1. FY22 TENTATIVE BUDGET-TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Board of Education Policy and N.J.A.C.6A:23A-7.1 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2021-2022 School Year;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Florham Park School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel and expense reimbursement maximum for the 2021-2022 School Year at a sum of \$8,200.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Motion; NR      Second; FC

6 yes, 0 no

**2. FY22 TENTATIVE BUDGET-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2** (a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations Legal \$ 43,000.00 Auditor \$34,655.00 School Physician \$ 21,500.00 Financial/Other Advisory \$15,250.00: and

**WHEREAS**, the administration needs to notice the board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums, upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Florham Park School District Board of Education establishes maximums for professional services listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion; NR      Second; FC

6 yes, 0 no

**3. FY22 TENTATIVE BUDGET-TAXING AUTHORITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the district use its taxing authority for the 2021-2022 school year totaling \$19,601,871.00 and calculated as follows:

2% increase over prior year adjusted levy	\$384,350.00
Prior Year Levy	<u>\$19,217,521.00</u>
Total FY22 General Fund Tax Levy	<u>\$19,601,871.00</u>

Motion; NR      Second; FC

6 yes, 0 no

#### 4. TENTATIVE 2021-2022 BUDGET

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Florham Park School District, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2021-2022 school year using the 2021-2022 State Aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Expenditures	\$21,369,452.00	\$229,000.00	\$2,345,989.00	\$23,944,441.00
Less:				
Revenue	<u>\$ 1,767,581.00</u>	<u>\$229,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 458,393.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,454,974.00</u>
Taxes to Be Raised	<u>\$19,601,871.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,887,596.00</u>	<u>\$21,489,467.00</u>

And,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held at the Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Briarwood Elementary School Multipurpose Room for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion; NR      Second; FC

6 yes, 0 no

**I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** Dr. Caponegro made brief comments on the recent A rating by Niche and will comment further at the regular public meeting on March 29, 2021.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Cali motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Crimi and carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatos  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary