

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session September 17, 2018
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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2017-2018 Board Goals

- 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.
- Monitor the effectiveness of our instructional programs based on student achievement data.
- To fortify and strengthen the unification of the Board team with a focus on individual and Board training.
- To assist in developing an engaged, connected, and growing environment within the community of local organizations and businesses.

2017-2018 District Goals

- To create a learning environment that maximizes student access to 21st Century Tools.
- Conduct a comprehensive program review for mathematics grades 5-8.
- Improve community relations and communications by providing community forums and exchanges that will effectively allow for parent/community input, provide accurate and timely information about our schools and programs and further foster ownership by the community of our schools.
- Continue to focus on English Language Arts and Reader's/Writer's workshop for all students. Ensure that teachers are being trained on all aspects of the workshop model partnering with Teacher's College of Columbia University.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	X	
Ms. Rozek(Linda)	X	
Mr. Shanley (Skip)	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

- Overview of Interventions
 - Schedules have been revised in Briarwood and Brooklake to increase instructional time. Homeroom is now 10 minutes long. During this additional 20-30 minutes we are servicing exceptional children. Students with special needs who remove below benchmark will be receiving 100 minutes a week of LLI instruction as a reading intervention. Gifted and talented will take place twice a week during this time as well for grades K-5. Math BSI will take place at Brooklake three days a week. This allows us to have time for instructional interventions without adding time to the school day or taking students out of core content area classes.
- STEAM Update
 - K-5 STEAM program has begun
 - Starting with STEAM challenges
 - Students and STEAM teachers will be designing and personalizing the STEAM labs. The beginning of the year the STEAM labs are a blank slate so that the students are actively involved with creating the STEAM lab.
- Teacher Training Update
 - September in-service
 - Christy O'Connor recalibrated the running records with the district
 - Jane Steffen instructed teachers how to administer the Nonsense Word Assessment, which is one of many ways to determine dyslexia indicators.

- Brian Silkensen conducted a training on adding information into LinkIt!
- Building Principals reviewed ALICE, Share911, emergency procedures, and building policies.
- Jim Stiles provided an overview and the basics of Genesis
- LinkIt! Training
 - May 2018 - Teachers that administered the math benchmark were trained by LinkIt!
 - September in-service - Instructed all staff how to enter data into LinkIt!
 - RMS, BKL, & BWD - 9/17/18 Faculty meetings - Brian Silkensen trained teachers on how to access data from previous years to use for SGOs and instructional decisions.
 - RMS, BKL, & BWD Team Leaders - Friday, September 21 - LinkIt! Trainers are providing training to team leader on accessing data, using data to inform instruction, analyzing the PARCC results. Team leaders will turnkey to their grade level teams.
- Mentor Program
 - We have to two teachers in the mentor program.
 - They have begun their 30 minute weekly meetings.
 - During the first two weeks the mentors and mentees will develop a short term and long term goal. The goals must have measurable outcomes. Once the goals are established and approved by Brian Silkensen, the peer observations will focused on those goals to create a focus for support.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT-AGENDA ITEMS

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

G. CURRICULUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

1. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the Superintendent's current to date bullying report.

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

2. **Approve** the following District Goals for FY19 developed by the board and the Superintendent;

Proposed 2018-2019 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 support for the emotional well being of 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)

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

3. **Approve** the following Board Goals for FY19 developed by the board and the New Jersey School Boards Association;

Proposed 2018-2019 Board Goals

- To fortify and strengthen the unification of the Board team with a focus on governance.
- 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.

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

Discussion: Ms. Heinold commented that the goals appear to be misaligned with header(typo). Dr. Varely replied and will correct on board agenda.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ritrivi asked for consensus regarding upcoming meeting dates. October dates will be switched to 10/22 and 10/29. Ms. Crimi asked for clarity on the district French program and a survey be issued to parents. Dr. Varley reported the program is offered to grades 6 & 7. Survey will be conducted. Ms. Crimi asked if the responsive classroom can be implemented, ICare is not a good program. Dr. Varley stated it could not be for this year. The district should review program in its entirety. Mr. Shanley to communicate a date for district to visit New Milford. Mr. Shanley followed up and commented on the very positive test results reported last meeting. Specifically, stating the investment of taxpayer money in quality programs and staff are paying off and the students, staff and community at large is benefiting. Mr. Shanley highlighted the achievement of the district and the direction of this board and Dr. Varley.

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ritrivi reported on a phone conference held with Mayor Taylor and Rep. Booker regarding state funding.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: Councilman Zuckerman applauded the district on its academic achievements. A comparison to those high achieving districts surrounding us i.e. Chatham and Madison would be appreciated. Dr. Varley will review.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Heinold to adjourn the meeting at 6:43p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Rozek and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Csatos', is written above the typed name.

John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary