

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session, May 21, 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

- Reading and Writing Workshop Update - Ms. O'Connor provided an update; highlighting readiness for PARCC, collaboration with the Borough Library and the upcoming final TC training of the year.
- LLI Update - Teachers are finalizing their last cycle of LLI for the 2017-18 school year.
- LinkIt! Update - Mr. Silkensen introduced Mr. Chad Marcus who provided an overview of the pilot program and
 - 3-Year PARCC Report
- Math Update - Mr. Silkensen stated On June 8th, the math teachers will have a full day training on the Big Ideas Math series. Middle school math teachers, Briarwood, and Brooklake computer teachers were trained to administer the LinkIt! Benchmark assessment. We administered the Pre-algebra Readiness Assessment to the 5th grade class on Thursday. The teachers stated that it was easy to set up the assessment. The students felt that it was easy to navigate.
- Science Update - Mr. Silkensen stated that Kindergarten and 1st grade finished the engineering challenge that was connected to the NGSS unit. The teachers were excited with the results and are interested in creating more opportunities next year.
- STEAM Update - Mr. Silkensen stated the district is one year ahead of schedule with the STEM initiative. We will implement a STEAM program for grades K-5 in the 2018-2019 school year. The art teachers will be teaching the class and they are excited for the new class.

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.) - There were no public comments.

G. CURRICULUM

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, move to:

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

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

2. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the contract to consult with Pepe-Ahern Associates LLC, regarding Special Education Program needs. Not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

3. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the revisions to the ELA curriculum.

Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ritrivi mentioned the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for the Borough Trail. Ms. Thomas stated her desire to start an ad hoc committee in the area of school safety. This will be voted on at the May meeting. Mr. Ritrivi reported out on the recent NJSBA Delegates meeting and the resolutions passed on safety and the school funding formula. Mr. Shanley discussed his recent conversations with afterschool/summer camp directors. Mr. Csatlos provided information on his oversight of the district's current service provider and possible options for the future.

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Crimi stated the Brooklake Concert was great, however the school needs a new piano and chair. The RMS play was great, however they need additional microphones for speaking parts. The mayor and council would like to present two scholarships at this year's graduation. Dr. Varley will address the matter.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: No public comment at this time.

K. ADJOURNMENT -

Mr. Ritrivi mad a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. The motion received a second from Ms. Thomas and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatlos, Board Secretary