

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session, July 16, 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

- Personnel Meetings - Dr. Varley asked the principals to comment on the proposed movement of meeting dates by the board. The principals cited possible difficulty in retaining candidates during the two week wait. Ms. Cali supported lent validity to the comment. The board agreed to adhere to the current process and cycle for hiring.
- 2018-2019 Goal Setting - Dr. Varley informed the board of the process and timeline for creation. Ms. Charlene Peterson has been contacted to secure possible dates.
- LLI Update - Ms. O'Connor provided an update on the ESY program and the interventions that are taking place currently. The focus and dedication on instruction is evident this year. Dr. Varley recognized the efforts of Ms. O'Connor and Mr. Silkense for stepping up to run the program this year. Ms. O'Connor thanked Mr. Csatlos, Ms. Guering and Mr. Infantolino for their support.
- Summer trainings
- STEAM teachers training
 - Teachers are completing the code.org lessons
 - Two days during the summer will be devoted to training the STEAM teachers
 - Mr. J. Erdreich (STEM Consultant)-
 - STEM Teacher from Madison Public Schools who has been a part of the STEAM Lab designs and advised on our elementary robotic programs
 - President of the New Jersey Technology and Engineering Educators Association

- STEM4SCHOOL - Mr. Erderich's company provides on-going professional development opportunities, facility design and curriculum development K-12.

- Mrs. Crimi asked about the programs, whether the PD opportunities will be during the summer, and if all of our STEAM teachers in district will receive the training.
 - Their will be at least 3 STEAM trainings prior to the school year with our K-8 STEAM teachers.
 - July 19 - Arts Integration and STEAM Online Conference - Live online conference and lifetime access to the resources and workshops from the day.
<https://artsintegrationconference.com/>
 - August 14 - STEM Bootcamp, which is a New Jersey Technology and Engineering Educators Association Event
http://www.njteea.org/store/p11/Summer_Bootcamp.html
 - We are in the process of setting up 3 dates for training with Jason Erdreich in district with our K-8 STEAM teachers

- Mr. Shanley expressed his desire to see 3D printers added to Briarwood and Brooklake as soon as possible. 3D printers provide a great recess opportunity for students who are interested in various lab activities and promotes their creativity.
 - Mr. Silkensen agreed that 3D printers would be a great tool for Briarwood and Brooklake. He explained budget plan timeline to introduce these components as the programs are developed. This initial investment (year 1) focuses on coding, STEM challenges and robotics. Brooklake items include Vex Robots, Lego WeDo, and Makey Makey. Briarwood will have Ozibits.
 - Math Teachers
 - 6 Professional Development Days with Denis Sheeran
 - 4 with the middle school teachers
 - Focus on Big Ideas
 - Map out the entire year day by day
 - Denis created the template of the day by day plans using our district and school calendars
 - 2 with grade 4-5 teachers
 - Focus on Active Engagement and curriculum mapping
 - 1:1 Training
 - 2 Day training for 8th Grade teachers

- Focus on Google Educator Level 1
- Utilizing Technology with Blended Learning
- Set Grade Level rules and procedures so each class is consistent with expectations
- New Teacher Orientation
 - 3 Days the last week in August
 - Focus on AchieveNJ requirements
 - Danielson Model Training
 - Evaluation Process
 - I&RS process
 - Special Education (IDEA)
 - Building and District Policies
 - Benchmark Assessments
 - Website creation
 - Review and learn about all online resources

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.)

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. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approved the district to use the LinkIt! Program for math & science benchmark assessments.
Motion; Second; FC YC LR SS KH AT NR

Mr. Silkensen provided a comprehensive review of the process to recommend LinkIt! Ms. Cali communicated her professional support for the program. The items are to move forward to the regular agenda.

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Csatos provided the board with an explanation for the prior meeting recommendation and continuation of an outsourced provider of before/aftercare. Mr. Shanley communicated his desire to continue the research of an in-house teacher led program and its implementation when viable.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN: Mr. Zuckerman commented that he is interested to see if the funding expended on our programs has yielded better test results in Aug. Mr. Zuckerman asked the board for their plans for the additional State Aid. Mr. Csatos commented on the recent reporting in the media. He stated the actual funds not appropriated to the budget as adopted is \$17,636. Mr. Zuckerman asked for the board's thoughts on that. There was support for applying this to STEM in the K-5 program. Mr. Csatos explained the process to designate the funds.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the work session at 6:46 pm. The motion received a second from Ms Heinold and was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary