

**FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Public Meeting, July 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Ridgedale Middle School Auditorium

**-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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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Ms. Anello (Christina)	<b>X</b>	
Mr. Miscia (John)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Cali (John)	<b>X</b>	
Mr. Priore (Michael)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Sabatos (Stacey)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Heinold (Kristina)	<b>X</b>	
Mr. Perillo (Brian)		<b>X</b>

**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. 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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Caponegro reported the following:**

The timeframe and details of the Briarwood Elementary School Principal Search process.

**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 the 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.

Multiple parents voiced concern over the number of proposed section of Grade 4 for the upcoming 23/24 fiscal year. Dr. Caponegro replied with information on the budgeting process and the fluidity of scheduling sections and staffing.

**G. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Personnel**

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Mr. Jeremy Serfozo, Principal, Briarwood Elementary School effective September 18, 2023 or sooner at a salary of \$119,500.00. (SAP.001.PRI.01;#11-000-240-103)

Motion; MP      Second; YC

6 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to hire personnel and transfer personnel as needed to fill vacancies and ensure proper staffing for the SY24 during the months of July and August 2023.

Motion; MP      Second; YC

6 yes, 0 no

**H. 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; 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;            CA    JM    YC    MP    SS    KH    BP

**I. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Priore to adjourn the Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations, legal issues, personnel issues and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Said motion was seconded by Ms. Sabatos.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Cali motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The motion received a second from Mr. Priore and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Csatló".

John Csatló  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary