

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Public Meeting, June 29, 2009
Board of Education Conference Room
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

6:30 p.m.

Mission Statement: We are committed to the achievement of individual academic excellence through high quality teaching, learning and community involvement, which results in students being well prepared to meet future educational challenges and to contribute to society.

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SUNSHINE STATEMENT

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., 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.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Dr. Carollo (John)		X
Mr. DeCoursey (Kevin)	X	
Mr. Gaffney (John)	X	
Mrs. Haynes (Marianne)	X	
Mrs. Michalowski (Linda)		X
Mr. Montuore (Patrick)	X	
Mr. MacFarlane (John)	X	

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, negotiations, and /or litigation; 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 required.

Mr. DeCoursey motioned to convene the Executive Session. Said motion was seconded by Dr. Carollo and carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mr. Montuore to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:05 pm. Said motion was seconded by Mr. DeCoursey and passed by unanimous vote.

In attendance: District Administrators, members of the FPEA and general public

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Ronzitti reported on the following:

- Enrollment ended the year at 1,045
- Two fire drills were conducted at each school in compliance with state statutes.
- Brooklake Elementary School will continue the Pizza and Ice Cream Summer Reading Social Program as well as a Summer Surprise Patrol Reading Program

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Camacho, who is on the agenda this evening corrected her placement of further education. Mr. Csatlos made notation for correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – Mr. Gaffney stated the committee had not met since the 6/15/09 meeting.

Personnel – Mr. Montuore stated the committee had not met since the 6/15/09 meeting.

Curriculum – Mr. DeCoursey stated the committee had not met since the 6/15/09 meeting.

Finance and Facilities – Mr. Gaffney stated the committee met on 6/22/09 to discuss the proposal form Optimum Lightpath to provide Internet/Voice over IP/Fiber Network services.

Transportation – Mr. Montuore stated the committee had not met since the 6/15/09 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Contracts of:

- School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Supervisor of Technology and Student Activities

Mr. McFarlane stated that the State of NJ requires that a hearing be held on the contracts of the aforementioned individuals as well as the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. MacFarlane stated that the contracts for these individuals would not be changing in any of the particulars. Thus the board will only be setting the salary for the upcoming 2009/10 school year. The board has recommended an increase of 3.85%. The Board of Education is contractually obligated to adjust the salary of the Superintendent by 4.55%, however Dr. Ronzitti has requested that the Board approve a 3.85% increase for him as well, citing various reasons for his request. Mr. MacFarlane opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public. Mr. MacFarlane closed the public hearing.

Mr. DeCoursey motioned to approve the resolutions on tonight's agenda by consent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Montuore.

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

POLICY

1. Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009, Regular Public Meeting.
(Doc. PL1)

Motion: KD Seconded: PM 5 yes, 0 no

2. Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 Executive Session. (Doc. PL2)

Motion: KD Seconded: PM 5 yes, 0 no

PERSONNEL

1. Approve the following action:

Approve the revised hourly rates for summer custodial and summer painters to \$8.75/hr and \$16.00/hr respectively.

Approve hiring Ms. Anda Srbijanovic as Part-Time (.44 fte) Night Custodian effective 9/1/09 at Step 3 \$39,545.00 prorated.

Approve hiring Mr. Michael Casuburi as Part-Time (.44 fte) Night Custodian effective 9/1/09 at Step 5 \$42,005.00 prorated.

Approve a contract between the Florham Park Board of Education and Mr. John Csatlos, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a salary of \$124,620.00.

Approve a contract between the Florham Park Board of Education and Mr. Peter Christ, Supervisor of Technology and Student Activities, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a salary of \$108,000.00.

Approve the salary of Dr. William Ronzitti, Chief School Administrator, for the period of 7/1/09 through 6/30/10 in the amount of \$178,625.00.

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year:

Chet Parlavecchio

Approve with regret the resignation of Mrs. Susan Hartmann, for the purpose of resigning effective September 15, 2009.

Approve the following 2009-2010 field intern assignments:

<u>Student / College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Katie Ruppell College of St. Elizabeth	Internship	Susan Tietjen Administrator	7/09-5/10/10
Maria Camacho University of Scranton	Internship	Susan Tietjen Administrator	6/22-8/21/09

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

4. Professional Development/Travel:

The Florham Park Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 and 18A:12-24 to approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members that is educationally necessary and financially prudent.

The following list of workshops, seminars, conferences and other travel-related staff development has been reviewed by the Florham Park Board of Education and found to be (1) educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; (2) directly related and within the scope of the district employee or board members' current responsibilities; (3) critical to the instructional needs of and furthers the efficient operation of the Florham Park School district; & (4) is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1.

	Name	Position	Description	Date(s)	Approx. Cost	Funding Source
A	Lauren Krikorian	School Psychologist	Workshop	7/14/09	N/A	Local

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

5. **WHEREAS**, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned status authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Florham Park Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year excess revenue into its' Emergency Reserve and Capital Reserve Account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Florham Park Board of Education has determined that excess revenue and unexpended appropriations exist and are available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Florham Park Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 and \$100,000 respectively.

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

6. Approve an agreement between the Florham Park Board of Education and Optimum Lightpath, a business telecommunications services subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corporation, for the purpose of building, providing and managing internet, voice and private fiber network for the period July 1, 2009 ending 60 months after initial activation approximately 12/31/14.

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

FACILITIES

1. Approve the following facility requests:

a. Hanover Park Wrestling

RMS Gym

8/3-8/7/09

b. Florham Park Rec

RMS Gym

7/2-7/30/09

Motion: KD

Seconded: PM

5 yes, 0 no

TRANSPORTATION

OLD BUSINESS - Mr. Montuore wished to thank Mr. Majeski, the teaching staff and all who participated in the trip to Washington D.C.. Mr. Montuore stated that he observed the fun and excitement that all were having and furthermore commented that the behavior of the students was exemplary. Mr. Montuore wholeheartedly supports the continuation of this school sponsored trip.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. MacFarlane motioned to approve settlement #121689 and authorized the superintendent to execute the settlement agreement upon the recommendation of the board's legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaffney.

Motion: JM

Seconded: JG

5 yes, 0 no

COMMUNICATIONS –

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. DeCoursey and seconded by Mr. Gaffney to adjourn the June 29, 2009 meeting of the Florham Park Board of Education at 7:27 pm.

Motion: KD

Seconded: JG

5 yes, 0 no

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary