

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Public Meeting, April 23, 2012
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. They will achieve these goals in accordance and alignment with the New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards which guide our academic instruction.

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A. 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.

B. CALL TO ORDER

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ROLL CALL

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

In attendance: District Administrators. There were two members of the general public.

E.SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Ronzitti reported that enrollment to date is 1,040.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported 19 reported incidents under HIB policy. All incidents have been investigated and adjudicated in compliance with the policy. 19 of the 19 incidents were adjudicated as “normal social conflict”.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported there has been no communications regarding the potential of consolidation.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported the following security drills: RMS 3/19 fire, 3/7 shelter in place, BLK 3/7 fire drill, 3/21 shelter in place, 3/19 table top exercise, BWD 3/7 fire drill, 3/22 shelter in place.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported that Dr. Caponegro and Dr. Ronzitti will be participating in a panel discussion at FDU regarding changes in public education and charter schools.
- Dr. Ronzitti read a letter from an American soldier thanking Brooklake staff and students for their Valentine’s Day Card.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported that the recent “Pennies for Patients” fundraiser to benefit those with leukemia raised \$2,834.00. Dr. Ronzitti thanked Mrs. Tietjen, the students, staff and parents.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported on the upcoming workshops for Parents of Students with Special Needs.
- Dr. Ronzitti reported on this weekend’s fundraiser for the Police Unity Tour. Dr. Ronzitti also presented Mr. Montuore with a framed Police Unity Tour lithograph which will be displayed in the main entrance of Ridgedale Middle School.
- Dr. Caponegro presented a brief summary and video regarding special education community activities.

F.PUBLIC COMMENT

(Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes.)

There were no comments from the general public.

G.COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy- Dr. Carollo stated that the committee has not met since 3/26/12.

Curriculum- Mrs. Tobias stated that the committee had met on 4/19/12. The committee discussed the District Professional Development Plan, I Ready Program, Teachscape Program and possible field trip to Alcatel/Lucent of Murray Hill, New Jersey.

Personnel- Mr. Montuore stated that the committee has not met since 3/26/12.

Finance/Facility- Mr. Gaffney stated the committee has not met since 3/26/12.

Transportation - Mrs. Haynes reported that the committee has not met since the 3/26/12.

H.P.R.H.S Articulation- Mrs. Tobias reported that she attended the last H.P.R.H.S. Board of Education meeting. They presented an award to Anthony Cefelo, State Wrestling Champion 2012. The new athletic director had a presentation on survivors of Darfur. Next year Whippany Park HS and Hanover Park HS will compete against each other. Mrs. Tobias also reported out on Project Community Pride. There were 25 referrals in March. The program is working with Madison Honda for an upcoming fundraiser. The “Band Night” fundraiser is scheduled for 4/28 at the Madison Elks Lodge.

Mr. Montuore made a motion to approve the resolutions on the agenda by consent. The motion received a second by Mr. Gaffney.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

H.RESOLUTION:

POLICY

1. **Approve** the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. (Doc. PL1)

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the minutes of the March 26, 2012 Executive Session. (Doc. PL2)

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

PERSONNEL

1. **Approve the following 2011-2012 Student Teaching Assignments:**

<u>Student / College</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Co-op Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Caitlin Anelli College of St. Elizabeth	Student Teacher	Brian Silkensen Social Studies	9/3-12/14/12
Aubree Gurkovich College of St. Elizabeth	Student Teacher	Michael Harris ELA	9/10-10/12/12
Sara Tumas-Zolty College of St. Elizabeth	Student Teacher	Kim Laurino Spanish	9/10-10/12/12
Rebecca Baldrey FDU	Student Teacher	Maria Angellino Grade 4	9/4-12/21/12
Diane Mai FDU	Student Teacher	Jill Alcuri Grade 3	9/4-12/21/12

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

2. **WHEREAS, Susan Tietjen** has served the children of Florham Park diligently as a Principal and Teacher; and

WHEREAS, during her service as a Principal and Teacher in the Florham Park Public Schools she has raised the instructional standards of the district; and

WHEREAS, Susan Tietjen has worked diligently and conscientiously to provide for the health, attitude, education and pride of the students in the Florham Park public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Florham Park Board of Education recognizes **Susan Tietjen** as an exemplary educator and wishes her the best of luck in retirement, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florham Park Board of Education wholeheartedly thanks **Susan Tietjen** for her service to the Florham Park Public Schools and accept her letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement.

Motion; KD Second; PM 6 yes, 0 no

Mr. DeCoursey congratulated Mrs. Tietjen and he presented her will flowers and a framed resolution of appreciation.

3. **Approve** authorizing the Superintendent to post and advertise, if necessary, for the position of Principal.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

4. **Accept** with regret the resignation of Marissa M. Caruso, Staff Assistant, Ridgedale Middle School, effective immediately.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

5. **Approve** Nadia Jagnandan, a high school student, to volunteer for RMS homework club.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

6. **Approve the following substitute (s) for the 2011-2012 School Year:**

Amanda Lynn Glucksman

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

CURRICULUM

1. **Approve** the following out of district placement and applicable tuition effective 4/2/12.

Case #480-37 Sawtelle Learning Center \$51,725.00(pro-rated)

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the district and individual schools’ 2012-2013 professional development plans for submission to the county superintendent of schools.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

3. **Approve**, the Superintendent’s current to date bullying report.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

4. **Whereas**, the Mr. Majeski and the district curriculum council have reviewed various programs to implement in compliance with the State of New Jersey, Department of Education legislation on Teacher Evaluation, and

Whereas, Dr. William Ronzitti has reviewed the results of the council,

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Florham Park Board of Education approve the purchase in the FY13 School District Budget of “Teachscape” at a cost not to exceed \$23,026.40.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

FINANCE

1. 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	Briana Helm	Counselor	Workshop	3/20/12	\$20.00	Local
B	Cheryl Bernstein	Counselor	Workshop	3/30/12	N/A	Local
C	Mark Majeski	Principal	Workshop	3/26/12	\$115.00	Local

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the professional services proposal from LAN Associates with regard to Project# 27-1530-015-12-1000- Briarwood School Exterior Doors to be funded from the approved FY 2013 budget.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

3. **Whereas**, the Alliance for Competative Energy Services (ACES) recently awarded contracts pursuant to bid solicitations,, and

Whereas, the Florham Park Board of Education is a member of ACES and required to execute contracts with third party providers based up the bid award

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Florham Park Board of Education execute a contract with Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC for electric street lighting for the period May 2012 until May 2013.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

FACILITIES

1. **Approve the following facility requests:**

a.Morris-Union Jointure Commission	RMS Band Room	May 2012
b.Fairleigh Dickinson University Classes	BWD Library & Music RM	June/July 2012
c.Florham Park PTA Dance	RMS Gym	April 2012
d.Garden State Basketball	RMS & BKL Gym	April 2012
e.Hoop Heaven, LLC	Brooklake Gym	April-May 2012
f.Hoop Heaven, LLC	RMS Gym	May 2012
g.Florham Park Baseball	RMS Auditorium	April 2012

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

TRANSPORTATION

1. **Approve** the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grades 6-8 to the Morristown Beard, Morristown, NJ.
2. **Approve** the scheduling of the field trip for Briarwood Elementary School, grade K to the Great Swamp, Basking Ridge, NJ.
3. **Approve** the scheduling of the field trip for Ridgedale Middle School, grades 6-8 to the Newark Academy, Livingston, NJ.
4. **Approve** the scheduling of the field trip for Brooklake Elementary School, grade 4 to the Cooper Gristmill, Chester, NJ.
5. **Approve** the scheduling of the field trip for Brooklake Elementary School, grade 5 to the BASF, Florham Park, NJ.

Motion; PM Second; JC 6 yes, 0 no

I. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

J. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

K. 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 renewals, non-renewals and tenure, negotiations FPBOE/FPEA, and /or litigation special education placements; 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; JG Second; JT 6 yes, 0 no

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Montuore motioned to adjourn the regular public meeting at 7:43p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tobias.

Motion; PM Second; JT 6 yes, 0 no

Respectfully Submitted

John Csatlos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary