

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session February 19, 2019  
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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#### **2018-2019 Board Goals**

- To fortify and strengthen the unification of the Board team with a focus on governance.
- Monitor the effectiveness of all of our instructional programs, including but not limited to Special Education, based on student achievement data.
- 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 to develop an engaged, connected community, and a growing environment of local organizations and businesses.

#### **2018-2019 District Goals**

- Increase achievement of all students in the district including those who are not meeting grade-level benchmarks. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- Continue to provide for the emotional well being and support for our students. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 1)
- To assist in developing an engaged and connected environment within the community. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 4)
- To create a learning environment that maximizes student access to 21st Century Tools. (Supports Strategic Plan Goal 3)

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**

- **2018-2019 DISTRICT/SUPERINTENDENT GOALS ACTION PLAN - Dr. Varley reviewed the plan(s).**
- **February 14, 2019 In-service Day - Mr. Silkensen and Ms. O'Connor presented;**
  - 26 different topics of professional development were offered to district staff
  - Our leadership cohort is a multi-year professional development program that supports teacher leadership. Teachers learn about adult development, teaming, and choose their own leadership role to assume based on a topic they find to be meaningful to them. Participants selected topics of interest to them, attended professional development, worked with Christy and Brian, and read professional texts to present the following topics of professional development to our staff:
    - **Christine Calafati & Jessica Gatti:** Everything You Want To Know About Vowels
    - **Romina Viola:** Supporting Students with Reading Writing Workshop
    - **Donna Kuzemczak & Ro Franklin:** "Patterns of Power" Instead of Grammar "rules"
    - **Cindy Regan & Kathleen Cogan:** Interactive Read Aloud to support Literacy Acquisition with Social-Emotional Education and a Responsive Classroom
    - **Michaela Harris & Karen Stein:** Setting up Research Groups, Modeling Research Charts, Selecting Nonfiction Text, & Planning for a Research Group
  - Denis Sheeran met with the math teachers. The last two trainings revolved around breaking down the LinkIt! Data. During the in-service, teachers were provided time with Denis to create small group instruction action plans. We also provided time for the math teachers to work with the math intervention teachers.

- **Do the Math Intervention Program by Marilyn Burns**
  - We would like to pilot Do the Math by Marilyn Burns this year at Brooklake Elementary School.
  - Math intervention aims to provide more time for students to develop understanding, reason, reflect, and practice critical math content. Do The Math is a research-based intervention program that gives students the chance to keep up or catch up with grade-level content. The program focuses on rebuilding the four core topic areas (Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, and Fractions that support students' successful transition from elementary to middle and high school.
  - Do the Math is similar to the LLI program as it is a module based program. The instruction is consistent with Math in Focus instruction.
  - Do The Math Math Intervention in New York City Schools Impact Study
  - Case Study #2

#### **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 comments at this time.

#### **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 to pilot Do The Math Intervention program by Marilyn Burns.  
Motion;            Second;                            FC    YC    LR    SS    KH    AT    NR

Both resolution items were discussed and approved for the board agenda.

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** The board discussed providing nights out for parents involving topics on social/digital media and vaping. The board discussed an upcoming meeting with Governor Murphy and Mayor Taylor regarding equal application of the State's School Funding Formula. Mr. Ritiriv congratulated Mr. Shanley on his election to the Morris County SBA's Board of Directors.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no communications.

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT-OPEN:** Mr. Zuckerman updated the board on the Borough's upcoming budget presentation and Borough's commitment to action if/when the Governor signs legalization of recreational marijuana use.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. The motion received a second from Ms. Cali and was passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Csatló  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary