

## **FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Work Session January 21, 2020

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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#### **2019-2020 Board Goals**

- 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.
- Support the development/implementation of the district's Social-Emotional Learning initiative.
- Recognize the accomplishments of staff and students.

#### **2019-2020 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>
Mr. Perillo (Brian)		<b>X</b>
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)		<b>X</b>
Ms. Rozek(Linda)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Heinold (Kristina)	<b>X</b>	
Ms. Thomas (Alita)		<b>X</b>
Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas)	<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 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:** Ms. O'Connor provided a report as follows;

**1) Intervention services update**

Special education teachers met with Christy to review student growth at the end of their second cycle. In this meeting teachers discussed all Brooklake and Briarwood students with IEPs, their progress, and their goals as we collectively planned and grouped them into new groups for the third cycle of the year.

**2) January Inservice**

During the January inservice the following professional development was offered:

6-8 ELA with Christy O'Connor- Content Area Literacy and Cohort Goals

4-8 Math with Dennis Sheeran- Using data to plan small group instruction

K-5 ELA with Christy O'Connor- Creating student and unit goals in reading and writing for small group instruction.

Pre-School: Creative Curriculum Articulation

Specials: Articulation

CST: Articulation with Jane Steffen

Guidance: Articulation

**3) Professional Development Update**

We continue to have professional development provided this month with Dennis Sheeran in grades 3-8, TC grades K-2, and TC grades 6-8 for job embedded practice, coaching, and planning time.

**4) Curriculum Update**

The current units of study that students are engaged in are some of the most rigorous units of the year as we prepare for the NJSLA and take advantage of uninterrupted instructional days.

**5) Brooklake Test Prep**

In comparison to neighboring districts we spend less time on test preparation. We will use technology-time to help expose students to the NJSLA and address keyboarding skills as a way to prepare our students.



**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Rozek moved to adjourn the work-session meeting at 6:35p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Heinold and carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Csatos". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Csatos  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary