

**FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Public Work Session September 21, 2020  
Board Conference Room & via Video Telecommunications  
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

**MINUTES**

**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)	X	
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	X	
Ms. Rozek(Linda)	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:** - Ms. O'Connor provided updates on the following items;

1. District inservice day:

- COVID Procedures
- Zoom and Technology Training
- New Curriculum Features
- Time in classroom
- Best practices for hybrid and distance learning
- Gizmos/Science for You Training
- Scholastic Literacy Pro
- Creative Curriculum
- Achieve NJ
- Workshop in distance and hybrid learning
- Special education articulation
- Math Big Ideas

2. Thank you teacher leaders who facilitated professional development.

- Karen Stein
- Robert Foster
- Monika Mehta
- Brenda Cochario
- Erin Codey
- Lauren Hoffman
- Dave Letchinger
- Lisa Bregman
- Maria Zieja
- Wendy Tedesco
- Kristin Pettersson
- Jen Munzer
- Kevin Crosetto

**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 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 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.

There was no public comment at this time.

**G. CURRICULUM:**

1. **Approve** the Second Step Pilot (Social Emotional Learning) for the Ridgedale Middle School.  
Motion; NR      Second; AT      7 yes, 0 no
2. **Be It Resolved**, that the board accepts and approves the curriculum revisions for Gifted & Talented for the 2020-2021 school year. *(On file in Administration Offices)*  
Motion; NR      Second; AT      7 yes, 0 no

**H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Dr. Caponegro thanked the parents, teachers, administrators and Board for their teamwork and commitment to a safe and successful open to the school year.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** No items.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Thomas motioned to adjourn the public work session on curriculum at 5:59 p.m. Ms. Crimi provided a second to the motion and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted.



John Csatló  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary