

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session April 19, 2021
Board Conference Room and Via Telecommunications
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

Public Work Session - 5:30pm

MINUTES

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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2020-2021 Board Goals

- Regardless of the learning environment (virtual, hybrid, in-person), the board will use student achievement data to monitor the effectiveness of all of our instructional programs, including but not limited to Special Education; and curricular updates that encompass the district's Social Justice vision.
- Ensure that all funds are used in an effective and efficient manner to achieve the Board and District goals; curricular needs; and meet the district's long-range facilities needs, including the capital improvement projects supported by the referendum.
- Continue to support effective and transparent communication with the community to further the development of an engaged, connected community, and a growing environment of local organizations and businesses.
- Support the health, safety, and welfare of the district's students and staff, with a continued emphasis on the district's Social-Emotional Learning initiative.
- Continue to recognize the accomplishments of staff and students.

2020-2021 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:

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. Sabatos (Stacey)	X	
Ms. Heinold (Kristina)		X
Ms. Crimi (Fabienne)	X	
Mr. Ritrivi (Nicholas)	X	
Mr. Perillo (Brian)		X
Ms. Rozek(Linda)	X	
Ms. Cali (Yvonne)	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: Mr. Silkensen and Dr. O'Connor presented:

- Status of State Testing
 - Due to COVID-19, the administration of the spring 2021 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) statewide assessments will be canceled.
 - Still required to administer:
 - Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)
 - ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessments.
 - Instead, the State will administer the Start Strong assessments in ELA, math, and science in the fall of 2021.
- Professional Development Update
 - Leadership Training
 - 3 trainings left for Cohort 2
 - 2 trainings left for Cohort 1
 - Final TC Training Completed for the 20-21 SY
 - Gizmos Training for 3rd Grade Teachers
 - Extra training focused on how to use the program with 3rd grade students
 - Tailored to the upcoming Science Unit 4: Continuing the Cycle
- Math Update
 - PD: Dynamic Differentiation in the Mathematics Classroom, Grades 3-8
 - Reinforced the concept of concrete, pictorial, & abstract
 - Provided helpful resources
 - Reflex Math (Online Program):
 - Provides practice for math fluency
 - Adapts to the students academic performance levels
 - Piloting in grades 2-8
 - Will be providing math teachers PD this Thursday and Friday
- Status of Intervention Programs
 - 204 Students in LLI/ESL/Gifted and Talented
 - Briarwood 65
 - Brooklake: 65
 - Ridgedale: 75

- Summer Bridge Program
 - 2 week Summer Bridge Program for ELA/Math
 - Eligibility: Students eligible for BSI in Grades K-3
- Human Growth & Development
 - 5th and 6th grade completed the Human Growth and Development lessons.
 - 6th Grade completed the lessons due to the cancellation last year due to COVID-19
 - New format for 5th Grade
 - Positive feedback
 - Covered all areas in one day

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 specific 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 were no public comments at this time.

G. CURRICULUM: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

1. **Approve** eliminating the LLD program at Brooklake School for the 2021-2022 school year.
Motion; YC Second; FC 5 yes, 0 no
2. **Approve** establishing an MD program at Brooklake School for the 2021-2022 school year.
Motion; YC Second; FC 5 yes, 0 no

H. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: There was no old/new business.

I. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rozek moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. The motion received a second from Ms. Crimi and was passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John Csatló
Business Administrator/Board Secretary