

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting, January 4, 2021
Board Conference Room & via televideo conferencing
67-71 Ridgedale Avenue

MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

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.

Assistance for persons with disabilities for the purpose of attending this or any other district meeting/function can be obtained by contacting the Board Secretary's office at 973-822-3880 (x1005).

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)

Mr. John Csatlós, serving as Presiding Officer pro tempore until the election of a Board President, welcomed everyone in attendance.

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. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 3, 2020, certified by the Clerk of Morris County:

Board Members Three -Year Term (Vote for Two)

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| _____ | Kristina Heinold | 3,167 |
| | Stacey Sabatos | 3,062 |
| | Faith Alcantara | 2,419 |
| | Write-in | 61 |

Note; Certified by the Morris County Election Division and on file in Administration Office

E. OATHS OF OFFICE – Administered by John Csatlós, Board Secretary, to the newly elected Board Members; Ms. Heinold and Ms. Sabatos.

Oath: I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Government established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. (So help me God.)

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a Board of Education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all the duties of that office according to the best of my ability. (So help me God.)

F. Distribute Code of Ethics to Board Members

CODE OF ETHICS

Policy 0142

The members of the Florham Park Board of Education recognize that they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the board. In order to make a clear public statement of its philosophy of service to the pupils of the district, the board adopts this code of ethics pursuant to School Ethics Act, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1

- A. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to th schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- B. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- C. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- D. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- E. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action, which may compromise the board.
- F. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

Election of Board Vice-President - Ms. Cali opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Crimi nominated Ms. Rozek. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heinold. There were no further nominations and the floor was closed.

Motion; FC Second; KH 6 yes, 0 no

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Petitioners who have requested to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting will be allotted three (3) minutes.) Ms. Ionio congratulated Ms. Cali on her election of Board President.

J. NEW BUSINESS: Committees, Delegates, Liaison Assignments, Board Meetings, Dates, Time, Agenda Format and Mission. Mr. Csatos explained the mission of the board this evening to adopt a calendar, committee assignments and an agenda format.

The board members discussed all three items presented by Mr. Csatos.

K. RESOLUTIONS

POLICY:

1. **Approve**, the Florham Park Board of Education designates the following meeting dates for Regular Meetings with Executive Sessions through December 31, 2021, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A;10-6, to be held at the Board of Education Conference Room, at 6:30 p.m.; the Florham Park Board of Education designates the following meeting dates for Work Session Meetings through December 31, 2021, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A;10-6, to be held at the Board Office Conference Room, at 5:30 p.m. All Meetings shall be held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and formal action may be taken at any meeting.

| <u>WORK SESSION</u> | <u>REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS</u> |
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| Tuesday, January 19 | Monday, January 25 |
| Tuesday, February 16 | Monday, February 22 |
| Monday, March 22 | Monday, March 29 |
| Monday, April 19 | Monday, April 26 |
| Monday, May 17 | Tuesday, May 24 |
| Monday, June 21 | Monday, June 28 |
| Monday, July 19 | Monday, July 26 |
| Monday, August 23 | Monday, August 30 |
| Monday, September 20 | Monday, September 27 |
| Monday, October 18 | Monday, October 25 |
| Monday, November 22 | Monday, November 29 |
| Monday, December 13 | Monday, December 20 |

Other Meetings:

January 2022 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Board Conference Room
Action may be taken at all meetings. Closed sessions may also be held.

Motion; FC Second; NR 6 yes, 0 no

2. **Approve** the Board of Education Committees Representatives, Delegates and Liaisons through December 31, 2021. (*Posted on the district website and on file in the administration office.*)

Motion; FC Second; NR 6 yes, 0 no

3. **Approve** the following agenda format for all regular meetings of the Board of Education for calendar year 2021.

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| A. | Call to Order |
| B. | Roll Call |
| C. | Executive Session |
| D. | Reconvene Public Session |
| E. | Flag Salute |
| F. | Sunshine Statement |
| G. | Superintendent's Report |
| H. | Public Comment |
| I. | Committee Reports |
| J. | Resolutions |
| K. | Old/New Business |
| L. | Correspondence/Communications |
| M. | Adjournment |

Motion; FC Second; NR

6 yes, 0 no

Mr. Csatos and Dr. Caponegro indicated that there were no items at hand requiring an executive session this evening.

L. 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 current and potential litigation; 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; Second;

Motion by _____ to adjourn the Executive Session for the purposes of negotiations, legal issues, personnel issues and reconvene the Regular Meeting at _____ p.m. Said motion was seconded by _____.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Crimi motioned to adjourn the special reorganization meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion received a second from Mr. Ritrivi and passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



John Csatos
Business Administrator/Board Secretary