

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 23, 2012**

**INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD CANDIDATES – 6:00-6:30 P.M. – J.P. CASE AUDITORIUM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M. – J.P. CASE ROOM D-111**

**REGULAR MEETING – WILL BEGIN AT THE CONCLUSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – J.P. CASE AUDITORIUM**

- I. Call to Order by the Board President in the J.P. Case Auditorium.
- II. Sunshine Law Be advised that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (Sunshine Law) and that adequate notice of the date, time and agenda has been sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and/or The Courier-News, and has been posted and filed with the Flemington Borough Clerk and the Raritan Township Clerk.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. District Mission Statement

The Flemington-Raritan Regional Schools provides our students with an exceptional education, empowering them to become problem solvers, collaborators and critical thinkers. The district creates a culture in which students act responsibly and communicate effectively in preparing to become productive citizens in a changing, global society. It is the expectation of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels.

- VI. Board Candidate Interviews
- VII. Sunshine Resolution

Be It Resolved, by the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss the matters stipulated, in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975.

FRAA/FREA Negotiations  
Board Candidate Deliberation & Selection

The matters discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and formal action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a meeting to which the public has been invited.

- VIII. Motion to appoint new Board Member.
- VIX. Oath of Office administered to new Board Member.
- X. Approval of Minutes- Executive Session - January 9, 2012  
Regular Meeting - January 9, 2012
- XI. Board Recognitions

The Board of Education would like to recognize Musashi Eto, a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade student at Robert Hunter School. Musashi, with the help of his 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade teacher Elizabeth Rainey, founded the Flemington-Iwate Friendship Network. Musashi has worked hard to motivate and encourage fellow students to write letters to children in Japan who were impacted by an earthquake and tsunami. The letters that have been shared show a deep connection among the children, respect for each other and an awareness of the world around us. Musashi inspired other students and teachers across our district to take part in his extraordinary cause. Hundreds

of letters have been exchanged in the past year, touching the lives of countless students and families here at home and in Japan. The Board of Education commends and thanks Musashi Eto and teacher Elizabeth Rainey for their efforts and achievement.

XII. Citizens Address the Board

XIII. Superintendent's Report –

Presentation of the Taxpayer’s Guide to Education Spending by Gregory T. Nolan

Presentation of the Education Foundation Research Committee Findings by Laura Bruhn.

XIV. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies

XV. Report of the Standing Committees and Appointment

**A. PERSONNEL – Michael Bonieski, Chairperson – Next Meeting, February 16, 2012**

**THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations & Leaves of Absence**

1. Approval for the following staff members to take days without pay for personal reasons:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Date(s)
a.	McKay	Erin	RH	March 19, 20 & 23, 2012
b.	Broderick	Sharon	BS	January 23-27, 2012

2. Approval to confirm the following staff members to take a day without pay for personal reasons:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Date(s)
a.	Hamed	Hanan	RFIS	January 9, 2012

3. Approval to amend the motion of December 19, 2011:

Approval for the following staff member to take a maternity leave as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Gerlach	Margaret	CH	Grade 2	Disability Leave	March 9, 2012-May 11, 2012
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	May 14, 2012-June 30, 2012

to read:

for the following staff member to take a maternity leave as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Gerlach	Margaret	CH	Grade 2	<b>Unpaid Family Leave</b>	<b>January 30, 2012-March 8, 2012</b>
					Disability Leave	March 9, 2012-May 11, 2012
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	May 14, 2012-June 30, 2012

4. Approval for the following staff member to take a maternity leave as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Behrens	Gabrielle	FAD	Gr. 1	Disability Leave	April 16, 2012-April 27, 2012
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	April 30, 2012-June 30, 2012

5. Approval to employ the following candidates. These candidates are or will be highly-qualified for these positions. Fingerprinting and health exam required. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position /Loc	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/ College
a.	Corral	Patricia	Grade 5/ RFIS	February 10- May 9, 2012	Per Diem Sub Pay	CEAS/Provisional- Elementary K-5/ Rider University
				May 10-June 30, 2012	\$47,298 prorated/ BA+15/Step 1	
b.	Gelpke	Katherine	Grade 2/ CH	January 25-April 26, 2012	Per Diem Sub Pay	CEAS Elementary K-5/ CEAS Students with Disabilities/The College of New Jersey
				April 27-June 30, 2012	\$49,498 prorated/ MA/Step 1	

6. Approval to amend the motion of November 21, 2011:

Approval for the following staff member to take a maternity leave as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Hutchison	Lisa	CH	Grade 2	Disability Leave	January 2, 2012-February 20, 2012
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	February 22, 2012-May 1, 2012

to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Hutchison	Lisa	CH	Grade 2	Disability Leave	January 2, 2012- <b>February 10, 2012</b>
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	<b>February 13, 2012-April 30, 2012</b>

#### Non-Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations & Leaves of Absence

7. Approval to employ Deborah **Hart** as Library Clerk at Robert Hunter School, effective February 1, 2012, pending fingerprinting. Salary to be \$24,169 prorated based on Step 1 of the Library Clerk Guide. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

#### All Staff – Additional Compensation

8. Approval to employ the following staff member for additional compensation during the 2011-2012 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
a.	Montgomery	Lindsay	RFIS	CPR/AED/First Aid	6	\$32/hr

9. Approval to confirm the following staff member for additional compensation during the 2011-2012 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
a.	Servetnick	Kimberly	CH	Winter Concert	1.5	\$29/hr

#### Substitutes

10. Approval to employ the following applicant as a Substitute for the 2011-2012 school year pending criminal history background checks:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position(s)	Certification(s)
a.	Bucher	Dawn	Nurse	County Substitute-expires 7/1/15

#### Field Placements

11. Approval of the following field placements for the 2011-2012 school year:

Candidate/College/Univ.	Cooperating Teacher	Loc/Position	Dates
Omar Arnouk/TCNJ	David Thomas	JP Case/Music	1/17/12-3/2/12
Kaitlyn Kayser/TCNJ	Caroline Foreman	RH/Resource Center	3/5/12-4/27-12

12. Approval for the following students to observe classes during the 2011-2012 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	From	Observing
a.	Zogheb	Michelle	TCNJ	Cate Sewall
b.	Parlow	Samantha	TCNJ	Cate Sewall
c.	Guarini	Allie	TCNJ	Cate Sewall

### Professional Development

13. Approval of the following travel expenditures for staff members or their designated alternate to attend professional development conferences/workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and all travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's professional development plan.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Workshop/ Conference	Dates	Includes (See Below)	Max. Amt.
a.	Sullivan	Hildred	Hunterdon County Librarians Association Winter Meeting, Flemington, NJ	Jan. 25, 2012	R	\$40
b.	Faherty	Heather	NJMEA Music Conference, East Brunswick, NJ	Feb. 23-24, 2012	R, M	\$187
c.	Schultz	Daniel	NJMEA Music Conference, East Brunswick, NJ	Feb. 23-24, 2012	R, M	\$187
d.	Nagy	Rosemary	American Choral Directors Convention, Providence, RI	Feb. 15-17, 2012	R, L	\$480
e.	Stewart	Barbara	NJAGC Conference, Somerset, NJ	Mar. 9, 2012	R, M	\$205
f.	Stager	Melissa	NJAGC Conference, Somerset, NJ	Mar. 9, 2012	R, M	\$215
g.	Carmona	Eva	Literacy Workshop, Iselin, NJ	Mar. 23, 2012	R, M	\$98
h.	Chesseri	Brenda	ABA Training by the Eden Institute, Monroe, NJ	April 26-27, 2012	R, M	\$181
<b>R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other</b>						

### B. CURRICULUM – Dennis Copeland, Chairperson, Next Meeting – February 15, 2012

- Approval to employ Tech4Learning, consultant, to prepare and present a workshop entitled, "Frames and Share" on February 17, 2012 for a maximum amount of \$2,500.00. Monies to be taken from the Title IIA Grant.
- Approval to accept the approved 2010-2011 No Child Left Behind Grant (NCLB) Amendment as indicated below:

NCLB Title	Description	2010-2011	2010-2011
		Original Amount	Revised Amount
Title I, Part A	Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies	\$83,618	\$102,432
Title II, Part A	Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund	\$75,700	\$95,603
Title II, Part D	Enhancing Education Through Technology	\$150	\$260
Title III	English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	\$23,339	\$30,039
Title IV	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act	\$0	\$0
Title V	Innovative Programs	\$0	\$0
Total		\$182,807	\$228,334

3. Approval of the revised Grades 1-8 Physical Education Curriculum Guide.
4. Approval of the revised Grades 1-8 Health Education Curriculum Guide.

**C. FACILITIES/OPERATIONS – Linda Mastellone, Chairperson, Next Meeting – TBA**

1. Approval to amend the motion of October 17, 2011:

to award the bid for the new fire alarm system at the Francis A. Desmares School to Signal Electric Corporation in the total amount of \$147,000. Total amount includes a base bid amount of \$139,000 and an alternate amount totaling \$8,000.

The following bids were received:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1</b>	<b>Alternate 2</b>
Signal Electric Corporation	\$139,000	\$10,000	(\$2,000)
Fire & Security Technologies	\$168,400	\$12,000	(\$6,000)
Haig Service Corporation	\$171,787	\$32,000	(\$8,000)
Open Systems Integrators	\$177,400	\$20,000	(\$9,900)
Alarm & Communication Technologies	\$188,825	\$ -0-	(\$11,200)
P.J. Smith Electrical Contractors	\$235,500	\$ -0-	(\$16,400)

to read:

to award the bid for the new fire alarm system at the Francis A. Desmares School to Signal Electric Corporation in the total amount of **\$149,000**. Total amount includes a base bid amount of \$139,000 and an alternate amount totaling **\$10,000**.

The following bids were received:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1</b>	<b>Alternate 2</b>
Signal Electric Corporation	\$139,000	\$10,000	(\$2,000)
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Alarm & Communication Technologies	\$188,825	\$ -0-	(\$11,200)
P.J. Smith Electrical Contractors	\$235,500	\$ -0-	(\$16,400)

2. Approval to accept the Project Development Agreement with Ameresco, Inc. as attached.

**D. TRANSPORTATION – Janine Foreman, Chairperson, Next Meeting – February 8, 2012**

**E. FINANCE - Bruce Davidson, Chairperson, Next Meeting, February 24, 2012**

1. Approval of the attached transfer list from December 13, 2011 to January 16, 2012.
2. Approval of the attached bill list for the month of January, 2012 totaling \$2,140,427.39

**F. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – Robin Behn**

**G. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR – Dennis Copeland, Ed.D.**

**H. POLICY DEVELOPMENT- Linda Mastellone, Chairperson, Next Meeting – February 7, 2012**

**XVI. Miscellaneous  
Action Items**

1. Approval of the following resolution:

**Resolution to Eliminate the Vote on the Annual Budget and to Move the Election  
Of School Board Members to the General Election in November**

- Whereas Public Law S-3148, Laws of 2012 provides that a local school district may adopt a resolution to eliminate the vote on its annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey, and
- Whereas the above legislation provides that the above action would require districts to hold their annual election for school board members in November during the regular general election, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education has determined that the statutory restrictions on the local levy tax increase for annual school appropriations is appropriate and sufficient to control and maintain a thorough and efficient education for the children of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that dispensing with annual school budget votes will save taxpayer dollars, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education believes that school board member elections in November will attract a far greater number of voters than typically vote in April elections, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan Board of education believes that the elimination of the vote on the school budget and the movement of the board member election to November is in the best interest of the Flemington-Raritan community, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education understands that this decision shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years,
- Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education does hereby determine that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and become effective for the 2012-13 budget, and
- Be It Further Resolved, that the Flemington-Raritan Board of Education does hereby determine that the election of school board members will occur at the annual general election in November, 2012.

2. Approval of the following resolution:

**Resolution  
Waiver of Requirements  
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program**

- Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2012-13, and
- Whereas, the Flemington-Raritan School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having only 66 Medicaid eligible classified students, of whom only 13 parents provided consent **AND** participation in SEMI would not provide a cost benefit to the district based on the projection of the district's available SEMI reimbursement for the 2012-13 budget year
- Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Flemington-Raritan School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools In the County of Hunterdon an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2012-13 school year.
3. Approval for Child Neurology Services of Southern New Jersey to conduct student evaluations during the 2011-2012 school year at a cost not to exceed \$500 per evaluation.
4. Approval to accept the following donation, during the 2011-2012 school year:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Donation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
a.	Mr. & Mrs. Silva	CH	Copper Hill's Music Department	January 4, 2012	\$47.75

XVII. Correspondence

XVIII. Old Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Citizens Address the Board

XXI. Sunshine Resolution

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XXII. Adjourn

Upcoming Board Meetings – J.P. Case Middle School

February 6 – Ethics Presentation

February 10 – Mid-Year Board Planning Session

February 27

March 5

March 19

April 2

April 16