

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2009
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by Julie Bell at 6:07 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at the Copper Hill School.

Members Present

Julie Bell
Dennis Copeland*
Patrick Larmore*
Doris McGivney

Michael Bonieski
Janine Foreman*
Laurie Markowski
Joseph Zarish

Members Absent

John Yankowski

*Mr. Larmore entered the meeting at 6:24 .m.
*Dr. Copeland entered the meeting at 6:27 p.m.
*Ms. Foreman entered the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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.

Negotiations
Personnel

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.

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, to executive session at 6:07 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of the Copper Hill School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2009 were approved, viva voce.

Mr. Zarish abstained.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Executive Session of November 16, 2009 were approved, viva voce.

Ms. Foreman and Mr. Zarish abstained.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Norman Bard, technology employee, addressed the Board. Mr. Bard does not agree with his termination. He noted he emailed the full board with his concerns. He has only had one write-up and feels that it does not warrant dismissal. The one write-up did not outline what to change and "the letter was setting me up for failure." Mr. Bard stated that no changes were outlined and he had only 30 days to remedy concerns. He feels he was unfairly dismissed.

Kay Mazzetta, speech teacher in the district, stated that Mr. Bard is a dedicated professional. She has know him for nine years and has found him to be an exceptional diligent professional. Ms. Mazzetta is hoping the decision will not be approved and requested that Mr. Bard be given more time to comply with the requests for change.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Nolan and Ms. Bruhn presented the Survey and Focus Group Findings as attached. Mr. Nolan added that he did gather the administration as feedback through meetings.

PERSONNEL

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations & Leaves of Absence

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, a motion was made to approve items all personnel recommendations with the exception of the following:

Approval to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2009-2010 school year:

rr.	Boelhower	Peter	JPC	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
ss.	Headley	Ana	FAD	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
tt.	Heirling	Kimberly	JPC	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
uu.	Mandal	Mitra	FAD	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
vv.	Orrei	Catherine	FAD	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
ww.	Quattrochi	Megan	RFIS	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
xx.	Mitcheltree	Susan	CH	Home Instruction	70	\$29

No roll call was taken.

A discussion ensued . Ms. Bell noted the Board received documentation regarding the process taken regarding Mr. Bard’s termination. Ms. McGivney asked if anyone has worked with Mr. Bard to attempt to provide guidance. Mr. Nolan responded that Ms. Ritger and Mr. Bland met with him and discussed the situation. Mr. Nolan feels he was supported.

Ms. Foreman questioned if the board is comfortable with the recommendation. Ms. McGivney noted that she is not completely comfortable as did Mr. Zarish. Mr. Zarish said he has not had enough time to review the recommendation.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Zarish, a motion was made to table the following:

Approval to confirm the ten day suspension of employment with pay for Norman **Bard**, Computer Technician, effective December 4, 2009.

Approval to terminate the employment of Norman **Bard**, effective December 18, 2009.

Approval to compensate Norman **Bard** for seven (7) unused vacation days at 1/260th of his contracted rate (per Board Policy #4020)

Aye: Ms. McGivney Nay: Ms. Bell Abstain: 0
 Mr. Zarish Dr. Bonieski
 Dr. Copeland
 Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski

The motion does not carry.

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

The following motion was tabled:

Approval to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2009-2010 school year:

rr.	Boelhower	Peter	JPC	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
ss.	Headley	Ana	FAD	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
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ww.	Quattrochi	Megan	RFIS	CPR/AED Training	3	\$32
xx.	Mitcheltree	Susan	CH	Home Instruction	70	\$29

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to confirm the ten day suspension of employment with pay for Norman **Bard**, Computer Technician, effective December 4, 2009.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: Ms. McGivney Abstain: Mr. Zarish
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to terminate the employment of Norman **Bard**, effective December 18, 2009.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: Ms. McGivney Abstain: Mr. Zarish
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to compensate Norman **Bard** for seven (7) unused vacation days at 1/260th of his contracted rate (per Board Policy #4020)

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: Ms. McGivney Abstain: Mr. Zarish
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given for the following staff member to take days without pay, for personal reasons:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Date(s)
a.	Rozansky	Sheila	BS	December 11, 2009

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to amend the motion of June 8, 2009:

for a disability leave for the purpose of maternity for Megan McPeek, Half-time Support Skills Teacher at Robert Hunter School. Unpaid leave of absence from September 8, 2009 through October 21, 2009. Disability leave to commence on October 22, 2009 through December 23, 2009. Family leave to commence on January 2, 2010 through March 26, 2010. Childcare leave to commence on March 29, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

to read:

for a disability leave for the purpose of maternity for Megan McPeck, Half-time Support Skills Teacher at Robert Hunter School. Unpaid leave of absence from September 8, 2009 through October 21, 2009. Disability leave to commence on October 22, 2009 through **December 15, 2009. Federal family/NJ family paid leave to commence on December 16, 2009 through March 19, 2010. Childcare leave to commence on March 22, 2010 through June 30, 2010.**

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to amend the motion of August 24, 2009:

of a disability leave for the purpose of maternity for Misti Meyer, Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher at J. P. Case Middle School, effective November 16, 2009 through December 11, 2009. Federal family leave/NJ family paid leave to commence on December 14, 2009 through March 5, 2010.

to read:

of a disability leave for the purpose of maternity for Misti Meyer, Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher at J. P. Case Middle School, effective November 16, 2009 through **December 10, 2009 a.m.** Federal family leave/NJ family paid leave to commence on **December 10, 2009 p.m.** through March 5, 2010.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given for Judith **Giardiniere-Morgan**, Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher at J. P. Case Middle School, to take a Federal family leave/NJ family paid leave from December 7, 2009 through January 22, 2010, for personal reasons.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to employ Rosemary **Ryan** as leave replacement for Judith Giardiniere-Morgan, Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher at J. P. Case Middle School, from December 7, 2009 through January 22, 2010. Salary to be \$180 per day. Ms. Ryan is a graduate of Rutgers University and holds certifications in Elementary Education, Teacher of Handicapped and Nursery School. Ms. Ryan is highly qualified for this position. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

Non Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to employ Laura **Zacek** as Cafeteria/Playground Aide at Francis A. Desmares School, effective December 9, 2009. Salary to be \$13.39 per hour based on Step 1 of the Cafeteria/Playground Aides 2009-2010 salary guide. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

All Staff - Additional Compensation

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2009-2010 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
a.	Austra	Christopher	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
b.	Desjamon	Wayne	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
c.	Mulligan	David	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
d.	Plichta	David	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
e.	Powers	Seamon	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
f.	Ruthe	Bryan	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
g.	Schild	William	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
h.	Shumate	James	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
i.	Terrelle	Frank	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
j.	VanGaalén	Ryan	Maint.	Black Seal License		\$400
k.	Balliano	Elizabeth	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
l.	Barbiche	Jennelle	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
m.	Hlavsa-suk	Dawn	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
n.	Susan	Hubert	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
o.	Juroshek	Veena	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
p.	Meizanis	Mindy	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
q.	Petrucelli	Jason	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
r.	Plichta	David	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
s.	Roll	Elizabeth	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
t.	Ruppel	Ann	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
u.	Zjawin	Michelle	JPC	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1 evening	1/400 of annual salary per evening
v.	Quattrochi	Megan	RFIS	Intramurals advisor	300 shared advisor hours	\$29
w.	Cagenello	Stacey	RFIS	Garden Club Advisor (Additional hours due to cancellation of another club)	10	\$29
x.	Tavares	Anabela	RFIS	Garden Club Advisor (Additional hours due to cancellation of another club)	10	\$29
y.	Barrett	Suzanne	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
z.	Blackadar	Katherine	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
aa.	Carson	Cynthia	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
bb.	Cinquemani	Tiffany	RH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
cc.	DeAngelis	Margaret	RH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
dd.	Groegler	Jenni Lee	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32

ee.	Hamlin	Dayna	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
ff.	Hart	Jonathan	CH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
gg.	Hoppe	Tamara	RH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
hh.	Lake	Katie	FAD	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
ii.	Leslie	Patricia	RH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
jj.	Liscinsky	Linnea	FAD	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
kk.	Mulholland	Joey	FAD	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
ll.	Nemec	Lisa	FAD	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
mm.	Petto	Suzanne	CH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
nn.	Roslowski	Katie	CH	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
oo.	Shirvanian	Lindsay	FAD	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
pp.	Volk	Elizabeth	BS	Social Studies Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
qq.	Wright	Ameloisa	RFIS	RFIS ESL Learning Lab Supervisor	24	\$32

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to amend the motion of September 14, 2009:

to employ the following J.P. Case Middle School teachers/substitutes for sports during the 2009-2010 school year as indicated below:

JP CASE SPORTS, 2009-2010	Hours	Rate	Total Stipend	Coach
Basketball Supervision	55	\$29	\$1,595	Kathryn Scheffels

to read:

to employ the following J.P. Case Middle School teachers/substitutes for sports during the 2009-2010 school year as indicated below:

JP CASE SPORTS, 2009-2010	Hours	Rate	Total Stipend	Coach
Basketball Supervision	55	\$29	\$1,595	Kathryn Scheffels Daniel Shirvanian

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

Substitutes

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to employ the following applicants as substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year pending criminal history background checks:

Last Name	First Name	Position (s)
Bindus	Amanda	Teacher
Britting	Nancy	Teacher, Library Clerk
Buchala	Megan	Teacher
Conway	Caitlin	Teacher
Copeland	Abbalonia	Teacher
Fedeli	Christine	Teacher
Gallagher	Kimberly	Teacher
Gonzalez	Brielle	Teacher
Guardigli	Robert	Teacher
Holdsworth	Lynn	Teacher
Jankowski	Katherine	Teacher
Jordan	Melissa	Nurse
Krause	Emily	Teacher
Loreti	Danielle	Teacher
MacDonald	Teresa	Teacher, Library Clerk, Cafeteria Aide
Mitcheltree	Christopher	Teacher
Ponnusamy	Chitra	Teacher
Reich	Dawn	Teacher
Riccie	Cathleen	Renewal of Substitute Certificate
Rosenthal	Jill	Teacher
Russo	Barbara	Teacher
Ryan	Rosemary	Teacher, Library Clerk
Schwoerer	Angela	Teacher, Cafeteria Aide
Thatcher	Jennifer	Teacher, Library Clerk, Secretary, Cafeteria Aide
Woltersdorf	Karen	Renewal of Substitute Certificate

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

Field Placements

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given for the following students/teachers to observe classes in the district during the 2009-2010 school year:

Last Name	First Name	College/University/School
Bossman	Stacey	TCNJ
Heger	Shannon	TCNJ
Miller	Meghan	TCNJ
Cavelli	Vincent	RVCC
Croasdale	Lauren	RVCC
Fritzinger	Nicole	RVCC
Marczyk	Jessica	RVCC
Rice	Holly	RVCC
Schuyler	Kathleen	RVCC
Young	Lauren	RVCC
Figlar	Julie	Berkley Heights School District
Marley	Brenda	Berkley Heights School District

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Dr. Copeland Nay: 0 Abstain: Ms. Bell
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Foreman
 Ms. McGivney Ms. Markowski
 Mr. Zarish

Professional Development/Travel

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given 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.	Bland	Daniel	NJASA Workshop, Monroe, NJ	Jan. 8, 2010	R	\$120
b.	Borawski	Jason	21 st Century Learning Workshop, Union, NJ	Dec. 11, 2009	M	\$90
c.	Campbell	Kristen	"Strengthening Math Skills: Differentiated Instructional Strategies" Workshop, New Brunswick, NJ	Jan. 6, 2010	M	\$35
d.	Cherkezian	Donna	"Working Successfully with Difficult Students" Workshop, Newark, NJ	Jan. 11, 2010	M	\$55
e.	Corson	Seth	21 st Century Learning Workshop, Union, NJ	Dec. 11, 2009	M	\$85
f.	Juroshek	Veena	21 st Century Learning Workshop, Union, NJ	Dec. 11, 2009	M	\$58
g.	Maguire	Anna	"Strengthening Math Skills: Differentiated Instructional Strategies" Workshop, New Brunswick, NJ	Jan. 6, 2010	M	\$60
h.	Plichta	David	Classes for AHERA Inspector & Planner, Piscataway, NJ	Mar. 22-26, 2010	R	\$990
i.	Schultz	Daniel	Midwest Clinic Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.	Dec. 16-18, 2009	R	\$90
j.	Tremel	Jill	Teachers as Scholars, Princeton, NJ	Dec. 15, 2009	M	\$35
k.	Yoos	Dorothy	Safety Seminar, Pemberton, NJ	Jan. 13, 2010	M	\$65

R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

CURRICULUM

Dr. Copeland reviewed the committee minutes. Dr. Copeland also recognized teachers for all of their hard work and for bringing the district into compliance.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to adopt the Grades 6-8 Language Arts Literacy Curriculum.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to adopt the Grades 7-8 Mathematics Curriculum.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to adopt the Grades 7-8 French Curriculum.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to amend the Grade 8 Science Curriculum and Grade 8 Language Arts Curriculum to include additional Career Education instruction guidelines.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Ms. Markowski reviewed the Green Committee minutes and the Non-instructional Committee minutes. She reported that the Flemington Falcons have requested our fields again next year. The Non-instructional Committee will review the request. Mr. Zarish noted that the Flemington Falcons were a very good thing for our district and he strongly recommends that we extend the relationship with them. Mr. Zarish would like to see a long-term relationship with them. He will not be at the next Non-instructional Committee meeting.

Ms. Hope noted that the district once again received the SAIF Incentive Award. The district has received this award every year since the program began. Jim Shumate, Sue Lometti and the Safety Committee are to be commended for their work with this program. The district received a \$5,500 credit on their next payment installment. Ms. Hope also mentioned that the district will be receiving surplus money back from SAIF in excess of \$14,000 for the 2009-2010 school year.

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to dispose of the attached list of obsolete and broken district media property as it is no longer needed for the instructional program and is not required as a trade-in on a replacement purchase.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to dispose of the attached list of obsolete and broken maintenance equipment as it is no longer needed for the operation and maintenance of the district and is not required as a trade-in on a replacement purchase.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given of the following resolution:

Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT)
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OF
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

The Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education agrees to participate in the **Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications** with the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. The Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission shall be the lead Local Educational Agency (LEA) for this program. All New Jersey School districts are invited to participate in the **Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications, which is intended to fulfill the districts obligation under N.J.S.A. 18A:55-3.**

The Board of Education shall provide the Commission with accurate data, i.e. telephone line numbers for each number included in the bid and any other appropriate information necessary for the development of bid specifications.

The Board of Education shall not solicit bids or enter into a contract that would jeopardize the award of a contract for cooperative telecommunication services by the Commission. The Board shall abide by the award of contract made by the Commission. The Board shall not withdraw from this agreement prior to June 30, 2012.

The Board understands that the services to be provided under this cooperative purchasing agreement will include dial tone/local calls (where available), regional toll calls, long distance toll calls and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) when such option is chosen by the participating district.

All fees for the work of the Commission and the expenses of NJASBO will be incorporated into the price for services as provided by the successful vendor (s).

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE (CONTRACTING UNIT)
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2009 the governing body of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District, of the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District;

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Gregory T. Nolan, Superintendent and Stephanie Hope, Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given for Design Ideas Group Architecture & Planning, LLC to provide architectural services as stipulated in their proposal dated November 19, 2009 for the Roof and Exhaust Fan Replacement Services at a fee of \$39,500 plus reimbursable expenses.

Aye:	Ms. Bell	Dr. Bonieski	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland	Ms. Foreman				
	Mr. Larmore	Ms. Markowski				
	Ms. McGivney	Mr. Zarish				

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Larmore referenced the most recent minutes. The next meeting has been canceled.

FINANCE

Ms. Hope explained the request from Raritan Township on tonight’s agenda and reviewed the relationship. Ms. Foreman stated she understands financial times and would like to support the partnership. Ms. Hope also recommends approving the request. Dr. Bonieski agrees that we should work together with the township. Mr. Zarish is confused with why this would be happening with the township. He is very concerned. Mr. Zarish asked the board to explain. Dr. Bonieski and Ms. Hope responded that we do not know why they have a cash flow problem. The Board would like more clarity for the reasons.

On motion of Ms. Foreman, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given of Raritan Township’s tax payment delay request as attached.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. Foreman, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given to cancel the following outstanding check from the warrant account:

Date	Check #	Amount
4/27/09	18630	\$750

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

The November meeting was canceled.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

Ms. Markowski reported that the prevailing wage legislation was noted as was renovations for headquarters mentioned. Curriculum information is on the NJSBA website. She also briefly spoke about the Delegate Assembly. Ms. Bell requested that in the spirit of time that a report be given to the full board with their packet.

POLICY

Ms. McGivney reported that the committee met and reviewed policies.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Foreman, approval was given of the following revised policies:

0164 – Conduct of Board Meeting (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect the changes in the district board meetings.

0168 – Recording Board Meetings (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect the Board’s current practice of broadcasting the Board meetings via internet.

1220 – Employment of Chief School Administrator (Revised & Mandated)

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20.1 – Reappointment; non-reappointment of the Superintendent of Schools has been recently revised by the legislature eliminating the “at least” one year notice requirement for reappointment of the Superintendent to thirty days for each term of the contract. Therefore, the notice provision on a five-year contract would be one hundred fifty days. All new Superintendent contracts submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for approval must include this new notice provision. Policy Guide 1220 has been revised to include this new language.

1550 – Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices (Revised)

This policy has been updated to reflect appointment of new Affirmative Action Officer.

7650 – School Vehicles Assignment, Use, Tracking, Maintenance, and Accounting (Revised)

This policy has been changed to reflect the Facilities Manager as the School Vehicle Coordinator for district vehicles.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Bell noted that more of the past meeting revolved around the budget presentation discussion. The Finance Committee will review the agenda for the budget work session and the Board agreed to keep the time to one hour.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following items were reported:

Fire Drills to date for the 2009-2010 School Year:

Month	Fire Drills					
	BS	CH	FAD	JPC	RF	RH
Sept	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/15	9/14	9/23
	9/24	9/29	9/22	9/21	9/21	9/29
Oct	10/8	10/14	10/19	10/5	10/8	10/19
	10/20	10/19	10/26	10/20	10/21	10/26
Nov	11/16	11/12	11/4	11/2	11/16	11/10
	11/23	11/16	11/16	11/9	11/20	11/16

Month	Code C					
	BS	CH	FAD	JPC	RF	RH
Sept						
Oct	10/21	10/15		10/9	10/16	10/17
Nov			11/2			

Out of School Suspensions for the month of November:

J. P. Case	Inappropriate physical contact towards another student	Two Days
J. P. Case	Inappropriate conduct towards another student	One Day

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given of the 2010-2011 student calendar, as per attached.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given for Sonya Kowalczyk, Co-President of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Red Cross Club, to deliver a 30 minute program entitled, "Master of Disaster" to the fourth grade students at Copper Hill School. The program is sponsored by the American Red Cross and will focus on fire safety.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given to apply for a mini-grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Community Development to create and maintain a School Community Garden at Francis A. Desmares School. The maximum amount of the grant is \$2,500 and application must be made by December 30, 2009.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given for Bergen County Special Services Educational Enterprises to conduct a “Behavior Management” staff development workshop on January 26, 2010 at a cost of \$1,300. Funds to be provided through the IDEA-ARRA Grant.

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Individuals with Disabilities Act (ARRA-IDEA) in the following amounts:

Basic: \$759,792 Preschool: \$27,475

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski* Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

* Dr. Bonieski requested a break out of the ARRA-IDEA preschool dollars.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given to accept the following donations:

Donor	School	Purpose/Assemblies	Amount
PTO	Barley Sheaf	Wall-mounted Fans for classrooms	\$2,000
PTO	Reading-Fleming	Ceiling Fans for classrooms	\$3,000

Aye: Ms. Bell Dr. Bonieski Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Dr. Copeland Ms. Foreman
 Mr. Larmore Ms. Markowski
 Ms. McGivney Mr. Zarish

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Bell noted that emails regarding the personnel issue were received.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nolan noted that Diane Morris of NJSBA will facilitate the January 15 Planning Session and will begin to work on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Doris McGivney wanted to discuss the school calendar. She asked if we want to explore a different approach to November to maintain teaching continuity.

Mr. Nolan stated we are locked into the NJEA convention and Thanksgiving. Teacher conferences have a limited window of opportunity. Ms. McGivney would like us to consider an alternative.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

No citizens addressed the Board.

ADJOURN

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope

Upcoming Meeting

December 7
December 21
January 11, 2010
January 15
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 8
March 29
April 12