

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2011
MINUTES**

The regular session of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by Patrick Larmore at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the Copper Hill School.

Members Present

Michael Bonieski
Bruce Davidson
Janine Foreman
Laurie Markowski

Doris McGivney**
David Paulk*
Patrick Larmore

Members Absent

Dennis Copeland
Joseph Zarish

*arrived at 6:34 p.m.

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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.

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. Foreman, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, to executive session at 6:31 p.m. to the Principals Conference Room.

The Board returned to public session at 6:58 p.m. in the Media Center at Copper Hill School.

On the motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Executive Session on January 10, 2011 were approved, unanimously viva voce.

On the motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 10, 2011 were approved, unanimously viva voce.

CITIZENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A Security Drill Presentation was presented by the Vice Principals.

A Transportation Presentation was presented by Mr. Nolan. Mr. Nolan began with the history of the budget and that we have began talking with Flemington Borough and Raritan Township municipalities. Dr. Bonieski asked if another meeting is scheduled with the municipalities. Mr. Nolan noted that he has continued discussion with the Township. Mr. Larmore reviewed the conversations that took place with the municipalities. Future meetings will need to take place to continue the discussions and the possible next steps. Mr. Larmore noted that the Board of Education did state that decisions need to be made for our budget. Ms. McGivney asked how Branchburg's model is working. Mr. Nolan briefly reviewed their subscription busing model that the township administers.

REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of November 2010 and further certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of 6A: 23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's known financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year 2010-2011.

I, Stephanie Hope, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23-2.11(a), as of November 30, 2010. As of these dates, sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s known financial obligations for the remainder of school year 2010-2011.

On the motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of November 2010:

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Ms. McGivney Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Davidson Dr. Paulk
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski

PERSONNEL

Dr. Bonieski noted the next meeting is February 15, 2011.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

All Personnel items were approved under one motion made by Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

1. Approval was given to accept the resignation of Dorothy Yoos, Vice-Principal at Robert Hunter School, effective February 1, 2011.
2. Approval was given to employ Dorothy Yoos as an unassigned elementary school teacher, effective February 1, 2011 through February 11, 2011. Salary to be \$50,898 based on Step 8 of the 2010-2011 teachers’ salary guide with 7 years of experience.
3. Approval was given to employ the following maternity leave replacement. The candidate is highly-qualified for this position. Fingerprinting and health exam required. The 2010-2011 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/Replacing /Loc	Effective Date	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/ College
a.	Yoos	Dorothy	Grade 1/Suzanne Galletta	Feb 14, 2011- June 30, 2011	\$ 50,898/MA/8	Elementary/Delaware Valley

4. Approval was given to employ Francesca Fedyna as Interim Vice-Principal at Robert Hunter School, effective February 2, 2011 for a maximum of 30 work days at \$394.52 per day.
5. Approval was given to the following staff members to take days without pay for personal reasons:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Date(s)
a.	Hoffman	Melissa	FAD	February 2, 2011
b.	Parmar	Sureka	RFIS	February 15, 16,17 & 22, 2011

6. Approval was given to increase the 2010-2011 salary of Carol Baker, Language Arts/Social Studies Supervisor, from \$111,414.19 to \$113,085.40 to reflect a 1.5% longevity increase as per contract, retroactive to September 1, 2010.
7. Approval was given to amend the motion of October 18, 2011:

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

b.	Madlinger	Marybeth	RFIS	Resource Center	Disability Leave	January 3, 2011-February 10, 2011
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	February 11, 2011-May 16, 2011
					Involuntary Unpaid leave	May 17, 2011-June 30, 2011

to read:

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

b.	Madlinger	Marybeth	RFIS	Resource Center	Disability Leave	January 3, 2011-February 4, 2011
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	February 3, 2011-May 11, 2011
					Involuntary Unpaid leave	May 12, 2011-June 30, 2011

8. Approval was given to amend the 2010-2011 salaries of the following staff members, effective December 31, 2010.

Item	Last Name	First Name	From	To	Reason
a.	Force	Lindsay	\$46,898	\$47,898	BA+15
b.	Vaccarino	Katie	\$48,498	\$50,698	MA

9. Approval was given to accept the resignation of Patricia Romagna, School Counselor at Francis A. Desmares School, effective January 15, 2011. Let the minutes reflect that there is a separation agreement between the Board of Education and Patricia Romagna.

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

10. Approval was given to adjust the 2010-2011 salary of Kostandinos Taburas, Computer Technician, from \$29,843.55 to \$33,670.55, effective December 17, 2010.

All Staff – Additional Compensation

11. Approval was given to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2010-2011 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
a.	Dukette	Jacqueline	RFIS	Lunch Duty	Stipend	\$3,007 prorated
b.	DeCanio	Daniel	RFIS	CPR/AED/First Aid	3	\$32
c.	Reiter	Kimberly	CH	CPR/AED/First Aid	3	\$32
d.	Assini	Andrew	JPC	Teaching Islam workshop preparation	2	\$32
e.	DeCanio	Daniel	JPC	Teaching Islam workshop preparation	2	\$32
f.	Southern	Kristina	JPC	Teaching Islam workshop preparation	2	\$32
g.	Cinquemani	Tiffany	RH	Science Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
h.	Dukette	Jaclyn	RFIS	Science Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
i.	Gorka	Alaina	FAD	Science Curriculum Writing	15	\$32
j.	Stumm	Donna	RFIS	Science Curriculum Writing	15	\$32

Substitutes

12. Approval was given to employ the following applicants as Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year pending criminal history background checks:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position(s)
a.	Bonnetti	Michelle	Teacher, Teacher Assistant
b.	Campisi	Kyle	Teacher, Teacher Assistant
c.	Lepore	Lynn	Renewal of Substitute Certificate
d.	Garlette	Megan	Teacher, Teacher Assistant
e.	Zerella	Jessica	Teacher, Teacher Assistant

Field Placements

13. Approval was given for the following field placements for the 2010-2011 school year:

Candidate/ College/Univ.	Cooperating Teacher	Loc/Position	Dates
Jasmine Martin/TCNJ	Ginger Boese	BS/Grade 2	January 18, 2011-April 29, 2011
Christopher Vulcz/TCNJ	Kristina Southern	RFIS/Grade 8 S.S.	January 18, 2011-April 29, 2011

14. Approval was given for the following students to observe classes in the district during 2010-2011 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	College/University/School
a.	Fernandes	Malissa	Kean University
b.	Jones	Tahneisha	Kean University
c.	Nielsen	Diane	Kean University
d.	Small	Lauren	Kean University

Professional Development/Travel

15. Approval was given for 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.	Bruhn	Laura	NJSPRA Workshop: Education Foundations, Monroe Township, NJ	Feb. 10, 2011	R, M	\$100
b.	DeGenova	Sherrill	Teaching Children w/Autism Spectrum Disorder Using Video Modeling, Clark, NJ	Feb. 17, 2011	R, M	\$130
c.	Griffith	Deborah	Teaching Children w/ Autism Spectrum Disorder Using Video Modeling, Clark, NJ	Feb. 17, 2011	R	\$100
d.	Hart	Deborah	Teaching Children w/ Autism Spectrum Disorder Using Video Modeling, Clark, NJ	Feb. 17, 2011	R, M	\$130
e.	Schultz	Daniel	NJMEA Statewide Convention, East Brunswick, NJ	Feb. 25, 2011	R, M	\$155
f.	Spencer	Jesse	How to Prevent & Teach About Cyber Bullying, East Brunswick, NJ	Feb. 25, 2011	R	\$75

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

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Ms. McGivney Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Davidson Dr. Paulk
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski

CURRICULUM

The next meeting will be February 23, 2011.

The Curriculum item was approved under one motion made by Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Mr. Davidson.

1. Approval was given to employ Naomi Drew, consultant, to prepare and present a workshop entitled, "Reducing Bullying, Conflict and Mean Behaviors" at the February 17, 2011 Staff Development Workshop for a maximum of \$1,200.

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Ms. McGivney Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Davidson Dr. Paulk
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

Ms. Markowski noted the next meeting date will be January 31, 2011.

Ms. Hope noted the date of the Community Recycling Day and that it is sponsored by the Green Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Davidson noted the next meeting will be February 9, 2011.

The Transportation item was approved under one motion made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

1. Approval was given of a labor agreement between the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education and the Hunterdon Central Bus Drivers Association for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 as the attached summary outlines.

Aye:	Dr. Bonieski	Ms. McGivney	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Mr. Davidson	Dr. Paulk				
	Ms. Foreman	Mr. Larmore				
	Ms. Markowski					

FINANCE

The next meeting will be January 31, 2011.

All Finance items were approved under one motion made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Bonieski.

1. Approval was given of the attached transfer list from December.
2. Approval was given of the attached bill list totaling \$2,422,467.26 for December.
3. Approval was given of the attached transfer list from January.
4. Approval was given of the attached bill list totaling \$1,694,845.91 for January.
5. Approval was given to accept the 2009-2010 Extraordinary Aid from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$524,445 for Special Education Student costs in excess of \$40,000 and to approve an increase in the 2010-2011 budget for \$524,445 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and the N.J. Department of Education Regulations for construction services account 12-000-400-450 in the amount of \$118,500 , health benefits account 11-000-291-270 in the amount of \$239,401, PERS employee benefits 11-000-289-241 in the amount of \$106,544 and technology supplies 11-190-100-610-24-01 in the amount of \$60,000.

Aye:	Dr. Bonieski	Ms. McGivney	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Mr. Davidson	Dr. Paulk				
	Ms. Foreman	Mr. Larmore				
	Ms. Markowski					

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Markowski noted the next meeting was not yet determined.

Ms. Markowski reviewed the items from the January 22, 2011 meeting which states the bylaws are being changed to be the same for all counties. Reviewed county meetings with Presidents and Vice Presidents of local boards, meetings in the summer and any school board member can go to a meeting that interest them.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

Ms. Markowski noted the next meeting was not yet determined.

Ms. Markowski reviewed the items from the January 22, 2011 meeting which included an Opportunity Scholarship Act, which states monies go to private schools and about ¼ of the monies stay with public schools. Ms. Markowski also reviewed the Goals of the NJSBA.

POLICY

Ms. Foreman noted the next meeting will be February 2, 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS

All Miscellaneous items were approved under one motion made by Dr. Paulk, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

1. Approval was given to confirm the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education TPAF Grant application, in the amount of \$139.00, for reimbursement based on 0% increases by Superintendent, Business Administrator and Assistant Superintendent for 2010-2011 school year.
2. Approval was given for the following schools to accept the following donations, during the 2010-2011 school year:

Donor	School	Donation	Cost
PTO	BS	Shade Structure for the Courtyard	\$12,994.00
PTO	JPC	Backdrop Hanger for the J.P. Case Theatre	\$ 6,000.00
NJ 101.5 FM Radio Station	JPC	1 st Place Christmas Choir Concert Contest	\$ 1,000.00

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Ms. McGivney Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Davidson Dr. Paulk
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McGivney questioned when billing for facility use will take place. Mr. Hope noted the billing is being done manually and it is very time consuming. Ms. Hope stated she is doing the best she can. Ms. McGivney asked when we will be accepting facility use forms for the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Hope noted anytime.

Ms. Markowski congratulated the J.P. Case Tigerettes for winning the Christmas Choir Concert Contest.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Kristen Boyce, Boro, asked when will the Board of Education be getting input from the public regarding courtesy/hazardous busing. Mr. Nolan stated shortly.

Erik Abeshaus, Tewksbury, asked about where the Board stands regarding solar projects. Ms. Hope stated the Board conducted an energy audit and have reviewed financing options. The Board has not yet made a decision and will continue meeting with municipalities and surrounding schools. Mr. Abeshaus is a salesman.

ADJOURN

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Upcoming Board Meetings – Copper Hill School

February 7-District Advisory
 February 28
 March 7
 March 28
 April 11