

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010
MINUTES**

The regular session of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by Julie Bell at 6:09 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room of the Copper Hill School, 100 Everitts Road, Ringoes, NJ.

Members Present

Michael Bonieski
Janine Foreman
Laurie Markowski
Chris Murdock
Julie Bell

Members Absent

Dennis Copeland
Patrick Larmore
Doris McGivney
Joseph Zarish

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.

Superintendent's Evaluation
Negotiations

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 Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. McGivney, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.

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

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Larmore, minutes of the Budget Work Session/Regular Meeting of March 15, 2010 were approved, viva voce.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Special Meeting of March 18, 2010 were approved, viva voce.

Mr. Larmore abstained.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

No citizens addressed the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gregory T. Nolan, Superintendent, Laura Bruhn, District Web Master/Community Outreach Coordinator, Mary Jernigen and Lou Mallea presented the Strategic Plan as attached.

Mr. Nolan presented the opening statement of the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Bruhn co-facilitated the presentation and introduced Mary Jernigen and Lou Mallea. Ms. Jernigan spoke about the process and her enjoyment in the process. Mr. Mallea stated that it was a very effective process and he thought the committee did a wonderful job. He then shared the Mission Statement. Ms. Bruhn, Ms. Jernigan and Mr. Mallea walked through the belief statements. Mr. Nolan presented the Goal Statements.

Mr. Nolan was very pleased with the work of the committee. Ms. Markowski stated that everyone did a wonderful job. It was a great process. She thanked Mr. Nolan and Ms. Bruhn for their contribution to the process.

Mr. Larmore stated that it was a daunting task to take 30 people and accomplish something. It was very well run and organized. It hit the mark on where the district needs to go.

Ms. McGivney asked how the committee came to the statement of concern for safety. Mr. Nolan said that action teams will provide further guidance.

Mr. Nolan will communicate the plan to the public and the road map for the future.

Dr. Copeland applauded the committee. He asked about belief statements number five and six.

Mr. Nolan stated we needed “the village” theme for the Strategic Plan. Everyone as well as our community needs to play a role.

Dr. Copeland asked if this is the final draft. Mr. Nolan responded that if it is approved this evening, it will become the final report.

Dr. Copeland asked how we will communicate the plan.

Mr. Nolan stated that we will begin next week to parents and staff and then begin to communicate it to the community. Mr. Nolan feels this is a critical component to the organization.

Mr. Nolan thanked all the members of the committee.

Mark Masessa, Vice Principal, Kathy Schilder, School Nurse and community members gave a presentation on the Francis A. Desmares Elementary School Community Garden Project as attached. Ms. Schilder began the presentation on the proposed Garden Project. America’s Grow-A Row representative and the director of Rutgers’s Agricultural Research Farm were present. There is no charge for their services. If Francis A. Desmares School does not receive the grant, they still have enough funding to proceed with the project.

Ms. Hope noted how impressed she was with all of the work that has already taken place. Ms. Foreman was also impressed with the effort.

Mr. Masessa added that the project takes an active community. Ms. Schilder is a great visionary along with the support of the parents. There is a huge buzz around the school. He thanked the Board and Carol Howell, principal. He added that the staff is very excited as well.

Dr. Copeland asked how we will deal with the deer. Grow-a-Row has funding to placing fencing around the project and we will be looking for additional ways to generate funding to support future concerns.

Ms. Markowski stated that it was a great thing for the cafeteria. She also asked about summer maintenance. Ms. Schilder stated that they will organize a volunteer network to maintain the garden and many have expressed a desire to work there over the summer. They also have a Grow-a-Row volunteer list in excess of 900 members to help support efforts.

Ms. Bell stated she was happy to see the program. She stated that it is good to see us giving back to the farming community.

PERSONNEL

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Holly **Donovan**, Grade 4 Teacher at Robert Hunter Elementary School, effective June 30, 2010.

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Beverly **Bodgen**, Support Skills Teacher at Reading- Fleming Intermediate School, effective June 30, 2010.

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Susan **Ingram**, Support Skills Teacher at Copper Hill Elementary School, effective June 30, 2010.

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Margriet **deJong-Rouse**, Resource Center Teacher at Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, effective June 30, 2010.

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given to accept the resignation of Dana **Garrenger**, Grade 4 Teacher at Barley Sheaf School, effective April 1, 2010.

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

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

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Date(s)
a.	McPherson	Shirley	RH	April 16 & 19, 2010

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

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.	Hallinan	David	JPC	CPR/AED	3	\$32
b.	Szierer	Marianne	CH	Home Instruction	70	\$29

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

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:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position (s)
a.	Garrenger	Dana	Teacher

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

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 2009-2010 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	College/University/School
a.	Rossetti	Colleen	Hunterdon Central Regional High School

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

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.	Brennan	Elizabeth	NJASP Spring Conference, Jamesburg, NJ	May 7, 2010	R, M	\$120
b.	Malzberg	Sharon	Nursing Research Day, West Long Branch, NJ	April 30, 2010	R	\$15
c.	Rosengarden	Melanie	Nursing Research Day, West Long Branch, NJ	April 30, 2010	R, M	\$85

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

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

CURRICULUM

No report.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

No report.

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Markowski spoke about the awards dinner in the spring. The Matthew Smith Award will be given during the student recognition dinner that evening.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

The Board of Directors and the Delegate Assembly will meet May 14th and 15th. The annual NJSBA workshop has been relocated to Somerset, NJ. New members will be voted on at the next meeting.

POLICY

No report.

COMMUNICATION

No update was given. It was noted that the annual Celebration of Learning will be held next Tuesday, April 20.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following 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
Dec	12/2	12/17	12/4	12/1	12/22	12/8
	12/15	12/18	12/18	12/8	12/23	12/21
Jan	1/7	1/14	1/19	1/7	1/15	1/19
	1/21	1/15	1/21	1/19	1/21	1/25
Feb	2/17	2/19	2/17	2/4	2/18	2/18
	2/24	2/22	2/18	2/22	2/19	2/22
Mar	3/9	3/9	3/10	3/9	3/19	3/8
	3/17	3/18	3/18	3/16	3/25	3/24

Month	Code C					
	BS	CH	FAD	JPC	RF	RH
Sept						
Oct	10/21	10/15		10/9	10/16	10/17
Nov			11/2	11/23		12/11
Dec	12/10					
Jan		1/25	2/7		1/20	
Feb				2/1		2/19
Mar	3/26	3/29	3/5			

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:30, Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts, the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District has undergone the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) performance review. Based on that district performance review (DPR), the Commissioner has placed the district on a continuum each of the five areas that were evaluated in the DPR.

DPR Area	Placement on the Continuum
Instruction and Program	88%
Fiscal Management	97%
Operations	90%
Personnel	100%
Governance	80%

The 2010-2011 Schedule of Board of Education meetings as attached.

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

Item	Donor	School	Purpose/Assemblies	Date
a.	Grow-A-Row and Rutgers University Agricultural Experiment Station	Francis A. Desmares	Goods and services including labor and consultations for the Desmares Community Garden	Spring 2010

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given for the following students to attend out of district schools on a prorated tuition basis for the 2009-2010 school year. Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to provide transportation for student #502740.

Item	Student ID #	Attending School	2009-2010 Tuition
a.	100010	Regional Day School at Jackson	\$49,988
b.	502740	Mercer Elementary School	\$54,320
c.	600142	Bonnie Brae School	\$61,200

Aye: Dr. Bonieski Dr. Copeland Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski Ms. McGivney
 Dr. Murdock Mr. Zarish
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On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to accept the approved 2009-2010 No Child Left Behind Grant (NCLB) as indicated below:

2009-2010 NCLB Original Application		
NCLB Title	Description	Amount
Title I, Part A	Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies	\$100,018
Title II, Part A	Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund	\$76,001
Title II, Part D	Enhancing Education Through Technology	\$1,054
Title III	English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	\$19,897
Title IV	Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act	\$6,6320
Total		\$203,290

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to accept the District Mission Statement, Belief Statements and Goals, as attached.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from Rutgers and Grow-A-Row.

A thank you card was received from Ms. Markowski.

A copy of Holly Donovan’s letter of resignation was received.

Correspondence was received from the school attorney regarding the response to Briteside Adult Care Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bell thanked Doris McGivney and Mike Bonieski and the rest of the board for their input and commitment to completing the Superintendent’s evaluation. This was the easiest year.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

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No citizens addressed the Board.

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On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

The Board returned to Public Session in the Media Center of the Copper Hill School.

ADJOURN

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope

Upcoming Board Meetings – Copper Hill School

April 20 - School Elections

April 26 – Reorganization/Regular Meeting

May 13 - Regular Meeting