

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by John Yankowski at 7:03 p.m. in the Media Center at the Copper Hill School.

Members Present

Michael Bonieski
Janine Foreman*
Laurie Markowski
John Yankowski

Dennis Copeland
Patrick Larmore
Doris McGivney*

Members Absent

Julie Bell
Joseph Zarish

*Ms. McGivney entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

*Ms. Foreman entered the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2009 were approved, viva voce.

Ms. McGivney and Mr. Yankowski abstained.

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, minutes of the Executive Session of August 24, 2009 were approved, viva voce.

Ms. McGivney and Mr. Yankowski abstained

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

No citizens addressed the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Nolan reported on a successful Professional Staff Development Day on September 19th. Mr. Nolan observed teachers and administrators developing web pages for our new district website. Teachers were discussing and exploring activities to strengthen their use of Everyday Math and sharing strategies for improving and refining our student's writing skills. Teachers shared with Mr. Nolan their work on Benchmark Assessments and Social Studies teachers were collaborating as they assessed new materials and websites to support the curriculum. Mr. Nolan met with the school nurses to brainstorm the issues and possible steps to address HINI.

Mr. Nolan thanked Mr. Bland, Dr. Carol Baker, Anthony DeMarco, Michele Ritger and Laura Bruhn for their work in planning a day of learning and sharing.

Mr. Nolan also reported that all but one of our schools had held their annual Fall Open House. J. P Case Middle School will host the public tomorrow night. Mr. Nolan stated our school administrators and teachers deserve a great deal of praise for their outstanding work in preparing for this important event.

Mr. Nolan stated that he had included in the board members' packet a letter from Dr. Baker to the K-3 staff informing them of the Rotary Reading with Kids Project.

Mr. Nolan introduced Mr. Bland and Ms. Slagle to provide the Board and the public with important information about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

ARRA is an unprecedented opportunity for educators to implement innovative strategies to improve education for at-risk and youth with disabilities, while also stimulating the economy. The funds must be spent between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2011. Mr. Bland and Ms. Slagle shared more information on the ARRA.

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 July 2009 and further certifies that no major account or fund has been overexpended 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 2008-2009.

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 July 31, 2009. As of these dates, sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s known financial obligations for the remainder of school year 2008-2009.

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Mr. Larmore, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2009.

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

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 Ms. McGivney, approval was given for a one day leave of absence without pay on September 25, 2009, for Pamela **Kelliher**, Grade 3 Teacher at Robert Hunter School, for personal reasons.

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

All Staff - Additional Compensation

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, 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.	Broderick	Sharon	BS	CPR/AED/First Aid Training	6	Hourly
b.	Frost	Brenda	BS	CPR/AED/First Aid Training	6	Hourly
c.	Olivia	Christine	BS	CPR/AED/First Aid Training	6	Hourly
d.	Whale	Barbara	BS	CPR/AED/First Aid Training	6	Hourly
e.	Carthas	Kristen	RFIS	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
f.	DeLucas	Vanessa	CH	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
g.	Fischer	Susan	BS	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
h.	Tremel	Jill	RH	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
i.	Volk	Elizabeth	BS	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
j.	Whelan	Erin	RFIS	Columbia U. Writing Institute Follow-Up	2	\$32
k.	Ashton	Marylynne	RFIS	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
l.	Assini	Andrew	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
m.	Barbiche	Jennelle	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
n.	Boelhouwer	Peter	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum	10	\$32

				Writing Committee		
o.	Brugnoli	Susan	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
p.	Casazza	Cynthia	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
q.	DeCanio	Daniel	RFIS	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
r.	Hallock	Patrick	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
s.	Hecky	Carol	RFIS	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
t.	Hill	Jacqueline	RFIS	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
u.	Hlavsa-Suk	Dawn	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
v.	Renda	Jennifer	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
w.	Southern	Kristina	JPC	Grades 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum Writing Committee	10	\$32
x.	Lachner	Janell	CH	Teacher Assistant Compensation for Teaching Certificate	N/A	\$500
y.	Quagliato	Julie	JPC	Club Advisor for REBEL 2	N/A	\$1,144.45

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

Substitutes

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

Name	Position (s)
Evelyn Dart	Teacher
Robert Miller	Teacher
Kristi Sieck	Library Clerk
Colleen Wernoski	Teacher

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

Field Placements

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

Last Name	First Name	College/University
Alexander	Megan	The College of New Jersey
Braumann-Smith	Riva	The College of New Jersey
Ciurzak	Leah	Raritan Valley Community College
Fritzinger	Nicole	Raritan Valley Community College
Holewski	Jill	Montclair State University
Houseman	Marissa	Rowan University
Huber	Stacy	Centenary College
Lometti	Brian	Raritan Valley Community College

Mazzetta	Cassie	Kutztown University
Waniak	Caryle	The College of New Jersey

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

Professional Development/Travel

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given of the following travel expenditures for staff and/or Board 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 with the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and the district's professional development plan:

Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Includes (See Below)	Max. Amt.
Jennelle Barbiche	Differentiated Instruction Leadership Conference Monroe, NJ	Sept. 21, 2009	R	\$150
Marie Corfield	AENJ Conference, Somerset, NJ	Oct. 6, 2009	R, M	\$200
Anthony DeMarco	NJ Science Convention, Somerset, NJ	Oct. 14, 2009	R	\$165
Anthony DeMarco	NJCSS Annual Conference, Piscataway, NJ	Oct. 27, 2009	R, M	\$90
Laurie Gerry	Reading Recovery Continuing Contact Class, Bridgewater, NJ	Sept. 25, 2009 Oct. 23, 2009 Dec. 4, 2009	M	\$75
Laurie Gerry	Reading Recovery New Brunswick, NJ	Oct. 9, 2009	M	\$77
Deborah Hart	Understanding & Implementing the Pre-K Vision, Monroe Township, NJ	Oct. 5, 2009	M	\$55
Stephanie Hope	NJSBA Annual Workshop, Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 28, 2009	R, M	\$300.65
Donna Larkin	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference	Oct. 6, 2009	R	\$145
Laura McConnell	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference	Oct. 6, 2009 Oct. 7, 2009	R	\$145
Doris McGivney	NJSBA Annual Workshop, Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 28, 2009 Oct. 29, 2009 Oct. 30, 2009	R, L, F	\$572
Laurie Markowski	NJSBA Annual Workshop, Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 28, 2009 Oct. 29, 2009 Oct. 30, 2009	R, M, L, F	\$692.75
Lynn Nielsen	APA Training, West Windsor, NJ	Sept. 24, 2009	M	\$37
Gregory Nolan	NJSBA Annual Workshop, Atlantic City, NJ	Oct. 28, 2009 Oct. 29, 2009	R, M, L, F	\$533.30
David Plichta	Differentiated Instruction Leadership Conference Monroe, NJ	Sept. 21, 2009	R	\$150
Peter Sibia	Differentiated Instruction Leadership Conference Monroe, NJ	Sept. 21, 2009	R	\$150
Karen Slagle	APA Training, West Windsor, NJ	Sept. 24, 2009	M	\$37
Karen Slagle	Mentoring Meeting, Long Branch, NJ	Sept. 25, 2009 Nov. 20, 2009	M	\$380

		Jan. 22, 2010 Mar. 12, 2010 May 14, 2010		
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R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other

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

CURRICULUM

No report.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to dispose of 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: Dr. Bonieski Dr. Copeland Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Ms. Foreman Mr. Larmore
 Ms. Markowski Ms. McGivney
 Mr. Yankowski

TRANSPORTATION

No report.

FINANCE

On motion of Ms. Foreman, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the attached transfer list for 2009-2010 school year.

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

On motion of Ms. Foreman, seconded by Dr. Copeland, approval was given of the attached bill list for 2009-2010 school year.

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

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Markowski reported that there is a consolidation meeting on October 7 at J. P. Case Middle School.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

Ms. Markowski reported that the Executive Director contract has been approved.

Labor relations in 122 districts in New Jersey are not settled.

POLICY

The committee is trying to get together for a meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Copeland report that the Communication Committee will meet on September 23 at J. P. Case Middle School.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following motion was tabled:

Approval of the 2009-2010 School Nursing Services Plan, as per attached.

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given of the 2009-2010 District Manuals, as per attached.

Traumatic Loss
School Crisis Response Handbook

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ Beth Krampel as the Francis A. Desmares School piano accompanist for rehearsals and concerts during the 2009-2010 school year for a maximum of \$500.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ Jeannine Roberts as the Reading-Fleming Intermediate School accompanist for concerts and rehearsals during the 2009-2010 school year for a maximum of \$840.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given for J. P. Case Middle School to accept a grant from Hunterdon Prevention Resources for a REBEL 2 Program in the amount of \$1,144.45 for the school year 2009-2010. The \$1,144.45 is to be allocated for the salary of the advisor, to be dispersed ½ mid-year in December 2009, and the remainder of the stipend at the conclusion of the program in June. Check to be deposited into the school account.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given for Francis A. Desmares to accept a donation from the Target - Take Charge of Education Program in the amount of \$89.72 to be deposited in their general supply account.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to accept student # 502731 into the Integrated Preschool Program at Copper Hill School at an annual tuition of \$3,000. Parents to provide transportation.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ David W. Carroll, Esq. to prepare and present a “Special Education Law” workshop on October 13, 2009 at Copper Hill School for up to five hours at the Parker McKay, PA 2009-2010 approved hourly rate.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to contract LUCID Data Corporation to provide PDEExpress data management services for one year effective October 15, 2009, at an initial fee of \$8,495 and a subsequent annual licensing fee of \$2,832. The monies to be funded through the No Child Left Behind Title IIA 2009-2010 Grant.

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

On motion of Mr. Larmore, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ Mary Donovan, consultant, to prepare and present a workshop entitled, “Intervention & Referral Services” to be held on September 29, 2009 at a cost of \$500. Additional funding for this workshop is being provided by the Central Hunterdon Municipal Alliance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes were received from staff for the Board’s recognition for years of service to the District.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nolan provided a brief explanation of the Douglas Development Center.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

No citizens addressed the Board.

ADJOURN

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Foreman, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 7:38 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2009

Upcoming Meeting

October 5
October 19
November 2
November 16
December 7
December 21
January 11, 2010
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 8
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April 12