

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
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 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of the Copper Hill School.

Members Present

Michael Bonieski David Paulk
Bruce Davidson Joseph Zarish
Laurie Markowski Patrick Larmore
Doris McGivney

Members Absent

Janine Foreman
Dennis Copeland

CITIZENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Nolan thanked Daniel Bland and Professional Learning Communities for their recent work on professional development.

Dr. Carol Baker, Language Arts & Social Studies Supervisor and Hope Koene, Grade 8 student and winner of Gifted and Talented Naming Contest presented “Stretch”. Hope gave a presentation on why the name was chosen. She also shared the logo she created and what it signifies. The Board recognized her achievement.

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 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 July 31, 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 motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2010:

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

PERSONNEL

Next meeting, October 14, 2010

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 Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ Jean Lazauskas as maternity leave replacement for Kristin Stines, Spanish Teacher at J.P. Case Middle School, effective September 21, 2010 through February 4, 2011. Salary to be \$50,298 prorated based on Step 5 of the 2009-2010 teachers’ salary guide with a master’s degree and 4 years of public school experience. The 2010-2011 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations. Ms. Lazauskas is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Ms. Lazauskas holds a Standard Certificate as a Teacher of Spanish. Ms. Lazauskas is highly-qualified for this position. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, 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.	Hansen	Susan	RH	November 3, 2010

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to amend the motion of August 23, 2010:

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

Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
Stines	Kristin	JPC	Disability Leave	September 21, 2010-November 3, 2010
			Family Leave/NJ Paid	November 8, 2010-February 4, 2011

to read:

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

Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
Stines	Kristin	JPC	Disability Leave	September 22, 2010-November 3, 2010
			Family Leave/NJ Paid	November 8, 2010-February 4, 2011

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

All Staff – Additional Compensation

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, 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	Rate
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					Hours	
a.	Gargano	Rosemary	FAD	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
b.	Lisiewski	Lisa	JPC	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
c.	McPherson	Shirley	RH	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
d.	Pecka	Cathleen	RFIS	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
e.	Turtola	Joanne	BS	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
f.	Voss	Adriana	CH	Staff Development Day	3	Hourly
g.	Alexanderson	Karin	RH	Staff Development Day	18	Hourly
h.	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
i.	Custy	Mary Jane	BS	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
j.	Genovese	Mary	BS	Staff Development Day	19.5	Hourly
k.	Hoff	Kelly	CH	Staff Development Day	18	Hourly
l.	McKenzie	Laurie	CH	Staff Development Day	19.5	Hourly
m.	McPeek	Megan	RH	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
n.	Osmond	Stephanie	CH	Staff Development Day	18	Hourly
o.	Petersen	Christine	CH	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
p.	Ribaudo	Lisa	FAD	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
q.	Salvato	Stacey	FAD	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
r.	Skove	Reparta	CH	Staff Development Day	14	Hourly
s.	Strawman	Andrea	BS	Staff Development Day	17.5	Hourly
t.	Bontempo	Emil	BS	CPR/AED/First Aid	3	\$32
u.	Judson	Tommie Lou	RH	Review revised Pediculosis guidelines	2	\$32
v.	Kolvites	Kathleen	BS	Review revised Pediculosis guidelines	2	\$32
w.	Pecka	Cathleen	RFIS	Library Summer hours due to flood paid by insurance company	20	Hourly
x.	Reed	Christine	RFIS	Library Summer hours due to flood paid by insurance company	24	Hourly

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

Substitutes

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given to employ the following applicants as Substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year pending criminal history background checks:

Last Name	First Name	Position (s)
Gargano	Rosemary	Secretary
Beruta	Lauren	Teacher, Teacher Assistant

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

Field Placements

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given for the following field placements for the 2010-2011 school year:

Item	Candidate/College/Univ.	Cooperating Teacher	Loc/Position	Dates
a.	Jennifer Furman/Kean University	Alaina Gorka	FAD/Grade 4	Jan. 18, 2011-May 9, 2011
b.	Nicole White/College of NJ	Lori Carlucci	RH/Grade 2	Jan. 18, 2011-April 29, 2011

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

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, approval was given for the following students to observe classes in the district during 2010-2011 school year:

Last Name	First Name	College/University/School
Kline	Wendy	The College of New Jersey

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

Professional Development/Travel

On motion of Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Ms. Markowski, 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.	Corfield	Marie	Art Educators of New Jersey Conference, Somerset, NJ	Oct. 5, 2010	R, M	\$125
b.	Fontanez	Sarah	Second Step Training, Washington, DC	Oct. 25-27, 2010	R, M, L, F, O	\$2050
c.	Grunstra	Kathleen	Mentor Training, Edison, NJ	Oct. 6 or 8, 2010	R, M	\$175
d.	Howell	Carol	Second Step Training, Washington, DC	Oct. 25-27, 2010	R, M, L, F, O	\$2050
e.	Judson	Tommie Lou	Hands Workshop, Sayreville, NJ	Oct. 2, 2010	R, M	\$145
f.	Mayers	Marge	Presenter at the Art Educators of New Jersey Conference, Somerset, NJ	Oct. 5 & 6, 2010	R, M, O	\$250
g.	McConnell	Laura	Presenter at the Art Educators of New Jersey Conference, Somerset, NJ	Oct. 5, 2010	R	\$145
h.	Nolan	Gregory	Strauss Esmay Seniority Rights & Tenure Issues Workshop, Toms River, NJ	Oct. 13, 2010	R, M	\$150
i.	Rozansky	Sheila	Mentor Teacher Training, Edison, NJ	Oct. 6 or 8, 2010	R, M	\$175
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. Markowski Mr. Zarish
 Mr. Larmore

CURRICULUM

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, approval was given to employ consultant Dr. Erin Falk to serve as Job Coach at a rate of \$75 per hour not to exceed \$2,250.

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

Dr. Bonieski asked for an explanation of a job coach. Mr. Nolan explained.

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Mr. Davidson, approval was given to adopt “Stretch” as the new name of the District’s Gifted and Talented Program focused on language arts and the humanities.

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

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

On motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Mr. Davidson, approval was given for Design Ideas Group Architecture & Planning, LLC to provide architectural services and engineering services in the amount of \$15,500 plus reimbursable expenses for the removal/replace of the existing hot water heater/storage tank at the Reading-Fleming Intermediate School.

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

Mr. Larmore stated this was budgeted but was eliminated with the budget cuts.

TRANSPORTATION

No report – Mr. Larmore noted that we need to eliminate one JTC member as per the bylaws. Dr. Paulk was removed from the committee.

FINANCE

On motion of Mr. Zarish, seconded by Mr. Davidson, approval was given of the attached transfer list for 2010-2011.

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

On motion of Mr. Zarish, seconded by Mr. Davidson approval was given of the attached bill list totaling \$1,195,925.42.

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

Mr. Zarish asked about excavating payments on bill list. Ms. Hope explained black top repairs that were completed.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

No report.

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

Ms. Markowski noted that the next meetings are Friday, September 24 and October 4th.

POLICY

No report.

COMMUNICATION

No report.

MISCELLANEOUS

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given for Mountain Lakes Board of Education to provide itinerant speech services three times per week during the 2010-2011 school year for student #2010317 at a rate of \$126 per hour. Funds to be provided through the 2011 IDEA-B Grant.

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

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given for Eden Institute to provide up to 200 hours of consultation services for the Autism Program during the 2010-2011 school year at a rate not to exceed \$200 per hour. Funds to be provided through the IDEA-ARRA Grant.

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

Dr. Bonieski asked if 200 hours was correct. Mr. Nolan will check. The motion was tabled.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to accept homeless student #2010021 at J.P. Case Middle School effective September 7, 2010.

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

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given to amend the 2010 IDEA-B Grant application to include the 2009 IDEA-B Grant carryovers in the following amounts:

	Public	Non-Public
Basic	\$74,613	\$9,412
Preschool	\$0	\$5,895

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

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given of the 2010-2015 Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Strategic Plan.

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

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. McGivney, approval was given for students to take the following field trips during the 2010-2011 school year:

Item	School	Location	Dates	Payment
a.	Copper Hill	The State House in Trenton (4 th Grade)	TBD	PTO
b.	Copper Hill	Camp Bernie (4 th Grade)	TBD	PTO
c.	J.P. Case	Hunterdon Central H.S. (Boys Choral Festival)	Oct. 29, 2010	Music Student Activity Fund

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Larmore stated he received a call and an email from the Board of Education President of Orange regarding district unfair labor practice with the union.

Mr. Larmore received an email from Mr. Marconi, the topic was negotiations.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Marconi, Raritan Township, questioned process of negotiations. Mr. Larmore stated we are at an impasse. We are going to mediation. The goal of the mediator is to attempt to bring two groups closer. Mediators are hired by the State. There is a meeting set for September 29th. It can go into arbitration if mediation does not work. Contract has currently expired. Ms. McGivney stated striking is illegal. Mr. Marconi stated he finds it hard to justify any raise. This is not fair after all the cuts this board took. He asked the board to consider sharing information with the public and also stated that an increase rate to benefits is a raise. He asked the Board to look out for the entire community.

Nancy Funk, Raritan Township, concerned with voting that takes place in our schools. She is concerned for the safety of the children, there are many people going in and out the doors are wide open. Ms. Hope noted that elections were run by the Hunterdon County Board of Elections. The Board does not make decisions as to where elections are held. Ms. Markowski agreed with the safety concerns. Ms. McGivney also noted it is disruptive to education. Mr. Nolan also noted advantages to having it in the schools. He supports voting in the schools.

Lisa Clemens, Raritan Township, stated that voting day is a big day. She uses it as a learning opportunity for her kids. It is a privilege and a great way to teach children.

ADJOURN

On motion of Ms. McGivney, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope
 Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Upcoming Board Meetings – Copper Hill School
 September 24 – Board Planning Session
 October 4
 October 18
 November 1
 November 15
 December 6
 December 20
 January 10, 2011
 January 24
 February 7
 February 28
 March 7
 March 28
 April 11