

FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2021
MINUTES

The **Virtual** Regular Meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by the Board President **via Zoom** at 7:00 p.m.

Member(s) Present Virtually

Jessica Abbott	Laurie Markowski
Valerie Bart	Susan Mitcheltree
Jeffrey Cain	Meanie Rosengarden
Marianne Kenny	Tim Bart

Member(s) Absent

Pamela Baker

Ms. Gwen Thornton with New Jersey School Boards Association gave an update to the Board. She thanked the Board for all of their work this year. She stated the Board needs to think about putting a plan in place to revise the Strategic Plan. She noted they could revisit this next year. She noted the Superintendent's evaluation needs to be completed by July 1st. She reminded the Board that they need to complete the Board self evaluation. She noted to be mindful of the legislation movement towards regionalization, K-12. She stated the Bill includes that the State will cover the cost for feasibility studies and the election. The Bill also includes that not all communities have to agree, the majority will override. Ms. Thornton urged the Board to follow this Bill. Mr. Bart noted that we are working on putting the update for the Strategic Plan into the upcoming calendar. He also noted that Dr. McGann plans to complete her section of her evaluation by May 16th. The Board will work thereafter to complete their section by June 30th. The Board may consider working on their evaluations during July and August. Mr. Bart noted it is important for school Superintendents to talk to everyone before being pulled into a regionalization study. Mr. Bart asked the New Jersey School Board Association to take a position regarding the continued loss of state aid. He noted the continued loss of state aid is a tremendous hardship and he hopes the New Jersey School Board Association supports Hunterdon County. Ms. Thornton noted she will carry that message back to Trenton. Ms. Thornton also noted that the workshop will be virtual in 2021. She wished us all a successful ending to the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGann gave a District COVID-19 Update and shared Planning for the Future in September 2021, as attached. Dr. McGann shared enrollment data and spoke about what the September 2021 school year will look like. Dr. McGann reviewed several events that are being planned. She referenced focusing on Tier 5 at this time and outlined where we are at this time with the pandemic. Dr. McGann highlighted some referendum work. She noted that Mr. Alderiso has been invited to attend a Board meeting in June to share updates. She stated the Facilities/Operations/Security Committee will do a walkthrough on May 20th of Reading-Fleming Intermediate School and possibly Robert Hunter Elementary School.

On the motion of Ms. Rosengarden, seconded by Mr. Cain, minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2021 were approved viva voce.

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 March 2021, 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 2020-2021.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies 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 March 31, 2021. As of these dates, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's known financial obligations for the remainder of the school year 2020-2021.

On the motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. Abbott, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of March 2021.

Aye: Ms. Abbott
Mrs. Bart
Mr. Cain
Dr. Kenny

Ms. Markowski
Ms. Mitcheltree
Ms. Rosengarden
Mr. Bart

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Bart read the following statement regarding public comment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a), the Open Public Meetings Act. Members of the public are invited to address the Board according to the Board’s policy and bylaws. Please be aware that this portion is your opportunity to comment, and is not a forum for the Board to respond to your comments. However, the Board will certainly give all comments appropriate consideration.

Mr. Bart set the session to 30 minutes with 3 minutes for each person, using raised hands in the zoom program.

None

PERSONNEL

The next meeting will be May 10, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

All Personnel item(s) were approved under one motion made by Ms. Mitcheltree, seconded by Mr. Cain.

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

- Approval was given to adopt a job description for the position of Administrator of Summer Extended School Year and Supplemental Services, as attached.*
***Ms. Rosengarden abstained.**

- Approval was given to accept the resignation of the following staff member(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Purpose	Effective Date
1.	Genovese	Mary	CH	Speech-Language Pathologist	Retirement	September 30, 2021

- Approval was given to accept the resignation of the following staff member(s) for the 2020-2021 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Purpose	Effective Date
1.	Alberalla	Jaime	RFIS	Resource Center	Resignation	June 30, 2021
2.	Dolan	Jamie	JPC	Resource Center / In-class Support	Resignation	June 30, 2021
3.	Newell	Kaitlyn	BS	Grade 1	Resignation	June 30, 2021

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

- Approval was given to promote the following staff member, effective April 27, 2021, as follows:

Item	Staff Member		Current Position:			New Position:		
	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Current Salary:	Loc.	Position	New Salary
1.	Magierowski	Jarret	CO	Tier 2 Diagnostician	\$51,832.79	CO	Tier 3 Project Coordinator	\$53,500 (prorated)

5. Approval was given to confirm the resignation of the following staff member(s) for the 2020-2021 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Purpose	Effective Date
1.	Blazier	Jeanette	RH	Cafeteria Aide	Resignation	April 16, 2021

Substitutes

6. Approval was given to employ the following applicant(s) as substitute(s) during the 2020-2021 school year, pending fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Carnovale	Kathy
2.	Mcalinden	Loren

Field Placement

7. Approval was given for the following student(s) to complete their university requirements, at no cost to the District, pending fingerprints and health exam, during the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	University	Purpose	Cooperating Teacher/Position/Loc	Effective Dates
1.	Zobele	Eleanora	Montclair State University	Practicum	Colette Bails/School Counselor/JPC	Fall Semester 2021

8. Approval was given for the following Hunterdon Central High School Student(s) to volunteer for the following spring sport(s), during the 2020-2021 school year, pending fingerprints and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Supervising Coach/Sport	Effective Date
1.	McCarthy	Caroline	JPC	Carly Hering/Varsity Girls Lacrosse	April 2021 - May 31, 2021

Aye: Ms. Abbott Ms. Markowski **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** Ms. Rosengarden-#1
 Mrs. Bart Ms. Mitcheltree
 Mr. Cain Mr. Bart
 Dr. Kenny

CURRICULUM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND GRANTS

The next meeting will be May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

All Curriculum item(s) were approved under one motion made by Mr. Cain, seconded by Ms. Abbott.

1. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2020-2021 school year. If alternates are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Youberg	Louise	FAD	Kindergarten ESI-R Administration	61.5 shared hrs.	Hourly

2. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2020-2021 school year. If alternate(s) are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost. These positions will be partially funded through the 2021 ESSA grant.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Account #	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Buccigrossi	Marianne	FAD	Planning for ESL Summer Program	20-241-200-100-000-00-21	3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
2.	Clapps	Taylor	FAD/RH			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
3.	Deneka	Karin	RFIS			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.

4.	Fielding	Therese	RFIS			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
5.	Klein	Lea	FAD			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
6.	Moncada	Viviana	FAD			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
7.	Sladkey	Samantha	JPC			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
8.	Tavares	Anabela	RFIS			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
9.	Thompson	Carla	FAD			3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.		
10.	Carlucci	Lori	RH			Planning for FAD and RH Title I Summer Support Skills Program	20-232-200-101-000-03-21 20-232-200-101-000-05-21	21 shared hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
11.	Cascio	Leigh Anne	FAD						
12.	Grossweiler	Jessica	FAD						
13.	Lango	Cori	BS						
14.	O'Brien	Brittany	FAD						
15.	Restaino	Samantha	FAD						
16.	Thompson	Christine	FAD						

3. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2021-2022 school year. If alternates are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Accardi	Jaclyn	FAD	Summer Workshop Facilitator	5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
2.	Thompson	Christine	FAD	Summer Workshop Facilitator	5 hrs	\$33.78/hr.

4. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2021-2022 school year. If alternate(s) are necessary, their employment will be confirmed as replacements at no additional cost. These positions will be partially funded through the 2022 ESSA grant.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Account #	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Buccigrossi	Marianne	FAD	ESL Summer Program	20-241-100-100-000-00-22	488 shared hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$40
2.	Clapps	Taylor	FAD/RH				
3.	Deneka	Karin	RFIS				
4.	Fielding	Therese	RFIS				
5.	Klein	Lea	FAD				
6.	Moncada	Viviana	FAD				
7.	Sladkey	Samantha	JPC				
8.	Tavares	Anabela	RFIS				
9.	Thompson	Carla	FAD				
10.	Carlucci	Lori	RH	FAD and RH Title I Summer Support Skills Program	20-232-100-100-001-03-22 20-232-100-100-001-05-22	342 shared hrs.	Hourly not to exceed \$40
11.	Cascio	Leigh Anne	FAD				
12.	Grossweiler	Jessica	FAD				
13.	Lango	Cori	BS				
14.	O'Brien	Brittany	FAD				
15.	Restaino	Samantha	FAD				
16.	Thompson	Christine	FAD				

5. Approval was given to confirm the following staff member(s), or their alternate(s), for additional compensation during the 2020-2021 school year. These staff members served as replacements for other staff who were previously approved by the Board. As such, there is no additional allocation of funds needed as a result of this substitution.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Lo.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Pierson	Jenni Lee	BS	Prepare a workshop for April 20, 2021 90-Minute Meeting	3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr

6. Approval was given to accept the following curriculum, professional development, and/or technology-related donation(s) for the 2020-2021 school year.

Item	Donation	Donor	Value	Location
1.	Funds to purchase Diversity & Inclusion Classroom Books	Nestle Food Science	\$50.00	BS
2.	Ten Cordoba Ukuleles	The Connor G. Foundation	\$1,000.00	RFIS
3.	Karaoke Machine with Protection Plan	PTO	\$53.98	FAD
4.	School Specialty School Planners (2nd & 4th Grade)	PTO	\$762.58	FAD
5.	Tripods	PTO	\$450.00	FAD
6.	Researching Like a Historian Hardcover books for 4th Grade Unit 3 Reading/ Language Arts	PTO	\$100.00	FAD
7.	Hand Sanitizer	Costco	\$100.00	FAD

7. Approval was given of the following travel expenditures for staff member(s) 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 professional development plans.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Workshop/Conference	Dates	Includes (see below)	Max. Amount
1.	Fenneman	Noelle	Comprehensive Virtual IMSE Orton-Gillingham Training	May 17-28, 2021	R	\$1,275
2.	Nagy	Samantha	Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Virtual Reading Institute Workshop	June 28 - July 2, 2021	R	\$850
R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other						

Aye: Ms. Abbott
Mrs. Bart
Mr. Cain
Dr. Kenny

Ms. Markowski
Ms. Mitcheltree
Ms. Rosengarden
Mr. Bart

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS/SECURITY

The next meeting will be May 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

All Facilities/Operations/Security item(s) were approved under one motion made by Ms. Markowski, seconded by Mrs. Bart.

- Approval was given for DLB Associates Consulting Engineers to provide services to upgrade the UPS systems for an amount not to exceed \$8,350.
- Approval was given to authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise and accept bids for the well tank replacements at Robert Hunter Elementary School.

Mr. Bart asked if the well pump is in with the referendum. Ms. Voorhees noted no, it is included with the 2021-2022 budget and will be bid in June after the budget is approved at the reorganization meeting.

Aye: Ms. Abbott
Mrs. Bart
Mr. Cain
Dr. Kenny

Ms. Markowski
Ms. Mitcheltree
Ms. Rosengarden
Mr. Bart

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

TRANSPORTATION

The next meeting will be May 4, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE

The next meeting will be May 4, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Finance item(s) were approved under one motion made by Dr. Kenny, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

1. Approval was given of the attached transfer list from March 16, 2021 to April 19, 2021.
2. Approval was given of the attached bill list for the month of April totaling \$6,590,115.24.

Aye: Ms. Abbott Ms. Markowski **Nay: 0** **Abstain: 0**
 Mrs. Bart Ms. Mitcheltree
 Mr. Cain Ms. Rosengarden
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Bart

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The next meeting(s) will be May 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

This meeting date may change. Dr. McGann will advise.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The next meeting will be May 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

All Special Education item(s) were approved under one motion made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Mitcheltree.

1. Approval was given to increase the number of shared hours for the following Translators/Interpreters from 300 shared hours, to 400 shared hours (certification, fingerprints, background check, and health exam requirements have been satisfied), during the 2020-2021 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position	Max # of Hours	Rate
1.	Attiyah	Hanan	Translator/Interpreter	400 shared hours	\$30.62 per hour
2.	Burgos	Lillian	Translator/Interpreter		
3.	Chavez	Darlyn	Translator/Interpreter		
4.	Collado-Wright	Maria	Translator/Interpreter		
5.	Dawood	Ariej	Translator/Interpreter		
6.	Dienes	Loretta	Translator/Interpreter		
7.	Frignani	Claudia	Translator/Interpreter		
8.	Hamed	Hanan Yousef	Translator/Interpreter		
9.	Internoscia	Cheryl	Translator/Interpreter		
10.	Kubu	Stephanie	Translator/Interpreter		
11.	Lizana	Esteban	Translator/Interpreter		
12.	Marin Correa	Viviana	Translator/Interpreter		
13.	Mykulak	Maria	Translator/Interpreter		
14.	Obregon	Maria	Translator/Interpreter		
15.	Peake	Nydia	Translator/Interpreter		
16.	Picchio	Delfina	Translator/Interpreter		
17.	Picchio	Matilde	Translator/Interpreter		
18.	Remela	Gehan	Translator/Interpreter		
19.	Rizk	Mary	Translator/Interpreter		
20.	Shoemaker	Ivette	Translator/Interpreter		
21.	Tempalsky	Katia	Translator/Interpreter		
22.	Vargas	Johnny	Translator/Interpreter		

23.	Velasco	Monika	Translator/Interpreter		
24.	Yanez	Marcella	Translator/Interpreter		

2. Approval was given for the following student(s) to receive their education at the following out of district school, during the 2020-2021 school year. Flemington Raritan Regional School District to provide transportation.

Item	Student Number	Effective Date(s)	School	Tuition
1.	20211938	April 21, 2021	Morris-Union Jointure Commission	\$16,956

Aye: Ms. Abbott Ms. Markowski **Nay: 0** **Abstain: 0**
 Mrs. Bart Ms. Mitcheltree
 Mr. Cain Ms. Rosengarden
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Bart

MISCELLANEOUS (INFORMATION-ACTION ITEMS)

All Miscellaneous/Action item(s) were approved under one motion made by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Cain.

Action Items

1. Approval was given to accept the following donation(s) for the 2020-2021 school year:

Item	Donation	Value	Location	Funding Source
1.	Amazon Gift Card	\$527.59	JPC	Artsonia-to purchase supplies for a design contest.

Aye: Ms. Abbott Ms. Markowski **Nay: 0** **Abstain: 0**
 Mrs. Bart Ms. Mitcheltree
 Mr. Cain Ms. Rosengarden
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Bart

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bart noted Teacher appreciation week starts next week. He expressed the Board’s appreciation. He hopes teachers enjoy what the PTO’s have planned.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

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Mr. Bart set the session to 30 minutes with 3 minutes for each person, using raised hands.

None

Mr. Bart asked if there will be an Executive Session before the May 3rd reorganization meeting. Dr. McGann noted there is not one planned at this time.

ADJOURN

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

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Voorhees
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

2021 Board Meetings

May 3 - Reorganization of the District/Public Hearing/Work Session/Regular Meeting

May 17

June 7 & 21

July 26

August 23

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 13