

FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021  
MINUTES

The In-Person Regular Meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by the Board President at 6:03 p.m.

Member(s) Present

Jessica Abbott  
Pamela Baker  
Valerie Bart  
Jeff Cain

Laurie Markowski  
Susan Mitcheltree  
Melanie Rosengarden  
Tim Bart

Attorney Present

Alicia D'Anella

The Board interviewed candidates to fill the Board Vacancy for Raritan Township prior to Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting.

SUNSHINE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Flemington-Raritan School District Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically: **Board Candidate(s) Deliberation & Selection.**
- Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will/~~will not~~ return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Izbicki took roll call.

**On the motion of Ms. Baker, seconded by Ms. Abbott, approval was given to appoint Mr. Murty Varanasi as Board Member, representing Raritan Township, pending fingerprints and criminal history check.**

**Aye: Ms. Abbott Ms. Markowski Nay: 0 Abstain:**  
**Ms. Baker Ms. Mitcheltree**  
**Ms. Bart Ms. Rosengarden**  
**Mr. Cain Mr. Bart**

Mr. Bart read the District Mission Statement.

District Mission Statement

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District values children. Together, **WE:**  
 Foster social, emotional, and academic growth in a safe and nurturing environment.  
 Respect values and traditions within our families and schools.  
 Strive to respond to the needs of our diverse and changing community.  
 Develop the curiosity and creativity of critical thinkers to become collaborative problem solvers  
 who meet the challenges of a globally competitive society.

Every Student -Every Day -Every Opportunity

**Mr. Bart called for a single motion, due to impending weather, to approve all item(s) under the Report of the Standing Committees and Appointments, Personnel, Curriculum, Facilities/Operations/Security, Finance, Policy, Special Service & Miscellaneous/Action(s), pages 3 - 9 were approved. Motion by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Markowski**

<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Ms. Abbott</b>	<b>Ms. Markowski</b>	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
	<b>Ms. Baker</b>	<b>Ms. Mitcheltree</b>			
	<b>Ms. Bart</b>	<b>Ms. Rosengarden</b>			
	<b>Mr. Cain</b>	<b>Mr. Bart</b>			

**PERSONNEL**

The next meeting will be September 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

1. Approval was given to adopt the 2021-2022 District Organizational Chart.
2. Approval was given to confirm rescinding the offer of employment to Kimberly Rieg, as the .5 Reading Support Teacher, effective August 24, 2021.
3. Approval was given for the attached list of staff member(s) to take a leave of absence or amend their leave during the 2021-2022 school year, as indicated in Attachment A.
4. Approval was given to employ the following staff member(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check, and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Salary/Degree/Step	Effective Dates	Certification/College
1.	Bianchetti	Caroline	RH	Behavioral Disabilities	\$61,335/MA/1	September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3 (CEAS), Teacher of Students with Disabilities (CEAS Pending)/Rowan University, Muskingum University
2.	Kunz	Kathryn	FAD	.5 Reading Support	\$29,755/BA/5	September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Elementary School Teacher/Saint Michael's College
3.	Salazar	Jennifer	RH	Grade 1	\$66,670/MA/7	September 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-5/College of Staten Island, University

5. Approval was given to confirm the employment of the following leave replacement(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position/Replacing	Effective Date	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
1.	Cuzzola	Alyssa	RH	Grade 4 / Sharon Pinto	November 15, 2021- March 28, 2022	Sub Per Diem Rate for Days 1-60	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CE - Pending), Hofstra University
						\$57,960 (prorated)/ BA/1 (Days 61+)	
2.	Ruberto	Noelle	RFIS	Grade 6 Social Studies & Science/Shannon Brace	September 1, 2021- October 19, 2021	Sub Per Diem Rate for Days 1-60	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6 (CEAS), Preschool through Grade 3 (CEAS)/Bloomsburg University
						\$57,960 (prorated)/ BA/1 (Days 61+)	

6. Approval was given to amend the August 23, 2021 motion:

to employ the following leave replacement(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending certification, fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position/Replacing	Effective Date	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
1.	Hendricks	Tara	RH	LLD Kindergarten/ Carly Bergstrom-Rossellini	September 1, 2021 - November 24, 2021	Sub Per Diem Rate for Days 1-20	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, Teacher of Students with Disabilities/Centenary University
						\$57,960 (prorated)/ BA/1 (Days 21+)	

to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position/Replacing	Effective Date	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
1.	Hendricks	Tara	RH	LLD Kindergarten/ Carly Bergstrom-Rossellini	September 1, 2021 - November 24, 2021	Sub Per Diem Rate for Days 1-20	Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6, Teacher of Students with Disabilities/Centenary University
						\$59,085 (prorated)/ BA+15/1 (Days 21+)	

7. Approval was given for Melissa Wiegartner, Speech and Language Pathologist to receive a \$1,000 stipend (prorated) for National Board Certification, for the 2021-2022 school year as indicated in the FREA Contract.

8. Approval was given to confirm the updated salaries for the following staff member(s) for advancement on the 2021-2022 Teachers Salary Guide, effective September 1, 2021, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc./ Position	From: Salary/Degree/Step	To:Salary/Degree/Step
1.	Senneca	Nicole	RFIS/LLD	\$58,660/BA/3	\$59,785/BA+15/3

9. Approval was given to appoint the following mentor(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Item	Mentor				Mentee		
	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Stipend	Last Name	First Name	Loc.
1.	Carr	Rebecca	RH	\$550 (prorated)	Bianchetti	Caroline	RH
2.	Madlinger	MaryBeth	RFIS	\$550 (prorated)	Emerick	Devon	RFIS

10. Approval was given to employ the following applicant(s) as substitute(s) during the 2021-2022 school year, pending fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Althoff	Kurt
2.	DeMartino	Kristin
3.	Kane	Lori
4.	Makary	Engy
5.	Meyer	Deirdre
6.	Mosco	Dominick
7.	Obregon-Rincon	Maria
8.	Podinker	Barbara
9.	Roccia	Monika
10.	Taggert	Maura
11.	Vito	Jennifer

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

11. Approval was given to confirm rescinding the offer of employment to Jacquelyn Gritz, Cafeteria Aide, FAD, effective August 24, 2021.
12. Approval was given to confirm the employment of the following staff member(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending fingerprints, background check and health exam, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Position	Rate/Step	Effective Date
1.	Malherbe	Kristy	FAD	Cafeteria Aide	\$17.71/hr./1	September 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

All Staff – Additional Compensation

13. Approval was given to confirm the employment of the following staff member(s) for extra compensation during the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max # of Hours	Rate
1.	Floyd	Erikka	CH	Kindergarten Orientation	2 hrs.	Hourly
2.	Ahmed	Vanessa	RFIS	To assist with school opening	30 hrs.	Hourly
3.	Braynor	Jessica	RH	To assist with school opening	30 hrs.	Hourly
4.	Malherbe	Kristy	FAD	Cafeteria Aide Training	3 hrs.	Hourly

CURRICULUM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND GRANTS

The next meeting will be September 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

- Approval was given to employ the following consultant(s) during the 2021-2022 school year.

Item	Consultant	Location	Purpose	Number of Days	Cost not to exceed
1.	CAST, Inc.	District	Professional Learning Services	2 days	\$11,000*

\*ESSER II Fund

- Approval was given to confirm the following staff member(s), for additional compensation during the 2021-2022 school year.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
1.	Ewing	Colleen	RH	Kindergarten ESI-R Administration	50 shared hrs.	Hourly
2.	Coster	Lisa	RFIS	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
3.	Gonzales	Kristen	CH	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
4.	Grossweiler	Jessica	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
5.	Hale	Kelly	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
6.	Johnson	Kaitlin	RH	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
7.	Klein	Lea	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
8.	Korlesky	Kimberly	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
9.	McKenzie- DeAngelis	Margaret	RH	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
10.	Mele	Kristin	JPC	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
11.	Moore	Jeffrey	CH	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
12.	Perkins	Madison	RFIS	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
13.	Rowe	Kari	BS	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
14.	Royer	Leslie	CH	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
15.	Salvato	Stacey	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
16.	Strunk	Carri	RFIS	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
17.	Thompson	Carla	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
18.	Thompson	Christine	FAD	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
19.	Wong	May	SS	Mentor Teacher Training	.5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.

- Approval was given to accept the following curriculum, professional development, and/or technology-related donation(s) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Item	Donation	Donor	Value	Location
1.	30 Backpacks with Supplies for Vamos Kindergarten	St. Paul Lutheran Church	\$415.00	FAD

- 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.	McGann	Kari	National Conference on Education 2022, Nashville, TN	February 16-19, 2022	R,M,L,F,O	\$3,300
2.	Mulligan	David	Ornamental & Turf Pest Problems; Legal & Safety Issues, Princeton, NJ	September 27-28, 2021	R	\$300
R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other						

5. Approval was given to apply for 2021-2022 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Amendment funds as indicated below:

ESSA Title	Description	Amount
Title I, Part A	Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies	\$91,623
Title II, Part A	Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund	\$39,909
Title III	English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	\$40,970
Title III	Immigrant	\$7,978
Title IV	Student Support and Academic Enrichment	\$12,716
Total		\$193,196

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS/SECURITY

The next meeting will be September 23, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval was given of the REVISED Robert Hunter Dual Use Classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year:

Item	School	Room #	Uses
1.	Robert Hunter	100	2 Reading Recovery
2.	Robert Hunter	113	2 Student Support
3.	Robert Hunter	121	2 Speech
4.	Robert Hunter	126	2 Resource Center
5.	Robert Hunter	128	G&T Math & Stretch
6.	Robert Hunter	136	Therapy & Resource Center
7.	Robert Hunter	138	2 ESL

2. Approval was given of the following change order(s):

Item	Contractor	Project	Change Order #	Amt.
1.	Mechanical Degrees, Inc.	BS, FAD & RH- HVAC upgrades/improvements	04	\$ 6,972.21

3. Approval was given of the following contractor payments:

Item	Contractor	Amount
1.	Mechanical Degrees Inc.	\$1,322,503.67
2.	Thassian Mechanical Contracting Inc.	\$ 931,952.38
3.	Pravco Inc.	\$ 352,947.00
4.	Z Brothers Concrete Contractors Inc	\$ 189,039.46
5.	Panoramic Window & Door Systems Inc.	\$ 110,995.78
6.	Topline Construction Corp.	\$ 395,421.58
7.	Topline Constructions Corp.	\$ 12,974.39

TRANSPORTATION

The next meeting will be September 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE

The next meeting will be September 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval was given for the transfer list from August 17, 2021 to September 1, 2021.
2. Approval was given for the bill list for the month of September totaling \$307,926.90

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The next meeting(s) will be September 23, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval was given to adopt the following revised policies and regulations, which will be placed on file:
  1. P 3142 - Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member
  2. R 3142 - Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Member
  3. P 3221 - Evaluation of Teachers (M)
  4. R 3221 - Evaluation of Teachers (M)
  5. P 3222 - Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)
  6. R 3222 - Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (M)
  7. P 3223 - Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, & Assistant Principals (M)
  8. R 3223 - Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, & Assistant Principals (M)
  9. P 3224 - Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
  10. R 3224 - Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals (M)
  11. P 4146 - Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member
  12. R 4146 - Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The next meeting TBD @ 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval was given for Bergen County Special Services School District to provide Audio Verbal Techniques/Consultative Services for the following student(s) effective September 2021 - through March 2022.

Item	Student ID#	Tuition
1.	7983201732	\$4,620

2. Approval was given for the following students to receive their education at the schools indicated during the 2021-2022 school year. Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to provide transportation.

Item	Student ID#	School	Tuition
1.	9465638741	The Center School	\$75,153.60

3. Approval was given to amend the June 21, 2021 motion:

for the following students to receive their education at the schools indicated during the 2021-2022 school year. The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to provide transportation:

Item	Student ID#	School	Tuition
1.	5129255691	Eden	\$158,323.86
2.	4551925677	Rutgers Day School	\$88,200

to read:

Item	Student ID#	School	Tuition
1.	5129255691	Eden	\$24,579.96
2.	4551925677	Rutgers Day School	\$51,450

## MISCELLANEOUS (INFORMATION-ACTION ITEMS)

## Action Items

1. Approval was given to dispose of the below list of items from Barley Sheaf Elementary School that are no longer usable/broken and are not required as a trade-in or a replacement purchase for the 2021-2022 school year:

Item	Number of Items	Damaged/Broken/Rusted
1.	1	science lab table
2.	25	student chairs
3.	10	adult chairs
4.	2	4 drawer cabinets
5.	1	exam table
6.	15	computer tables
7.	1	non-working copy machine

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McGann gave a brief report on the success of the first day of school and spoke about having the opportunity to ride the bus with some of the students. Dr. McGann reported that enrollment increased by 18 students. Dr. McGann and Mr. Bart thanked all staff, custodial, technology and the facilities department for all their help through the storm. Dr. McGann updated the board on progress of referendum projects around the district as well. Dr. McGann gave an update on mask breaks and read a letter from district physician, Dr. Raleigh highlighting that the goal is to keep the student population healthy, the CDC recommends vaccinations to all who are eligible and that consistent and correct mask wearing is critical. Dr. McGann discussed the Governor's Executive Order requiring all staff to be vaccinated and said that information would be forthcoming as it is made available.

Dr. McGann was proud to announce and formally welcome the following new employees. She wished them much success in the 2021-2022 school year.

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location
1.	Amiet	Todd	Director of Educational Facilities & Operations	CO
2.	Azofeifa-Urena	Hannah	Grade 5 ELA/SS	RFIS
3.	Baehr	Erin	Grade 8 Language Arts	JPC
4.	Barmakian	Paige	Grade 6 ELA	RFIS
5.	Barnhart	Faith	Cafeteria Aide	FAD
6.	Bernardoni	Pamela	Cafeteria Aide	BS
7.	Bianchetti	Caroline	Behavioral Disabilities	RH
8.	Case	Robyn	Preschool Disabilities Teacher	CH
9.	Chiang	Annelisa	Grade 3	RH
10.	Cuzzola	Alyssa	Grade 4	RH
11.	Dlouhy	Sarah	Grade 3 Resource Center	RH
12.	Edelsberg	Lauren	Kindergarten	RH
13.	Fernandes	Amanda	Resource Center-Grade 4	RH
14.	Ferrara	Theresa	LDT-C	SS
15.	Fiske	Jacquelin	Health & Physical Education	FAD
16.	Fiumara	Kristin	District Wide Behavior Analyst	RH
17.	Floyd	Erikka	Kindergarten	CH
18.	Geist	Marissa	School Social Worker	SS
19.	Harrington	Margaret	Grade 3	BS

20.	Hendricks	Tara	LLD/Kindergarten	RH
21.	Izbicki	Edward	Interim School Business Administrator	BO
22.	Jeges	Yasmin	Kindergarten	FAD
23.	Kall	Christina	Health and Hygiene Team	CH
24.	Kanaras	Amailia	Grade 2	CH
25.	Karnick	Kristine	Grade 5 Resource Center	RFIS
26.	Kohlhepp	Katie	Grade 3	CH
27.	Kraus	Erin	Autism	CH
28.	Kunz	Kathryn	.5 Reading Support	FAD
29.	Liscinsky	Linnea	Grade 2	FAD
30.	Lobenberg	Jermey	Computer Tech - Tier 1	CO
31.	Lopez	Ashley	Grade 5 - Math and Science	RFIS
32.	Maiorano	Anthony	District Wide Social Worker	RH
33.	Mantineo	Bethaney	Resource Center-Grade 5 Math/Science	RFIS
34.	McCarty	Edward	Grade 7 Resource Center - Math	JPC
35.	Mecanko	Chelsea	Resource Room Grade 3	RH
36.	Migliore	Megan	Grade 2	RH
37.	Monaco	Ernest	Special Education Grade 8 Math/Science	JPC
38.	Nealis	MaryEllen	Cafeteria Aide	RH
39.	Parkhurst	Micelle	Grade 1	FAD
40.	Ricciardi	Margaret	Grade K/1 Resource Center	BS
41.	Rizzo	Robert	Cafeteria Aide	CH
42.	Robertello	Briana	Speech & Language Pathologist	CH
43.	Roberto	Noelle	Grade 6 Social Studies/Science	RFIS
44.	Runyon	George	Computer Tech - Tier 1	CO
45.	Salazar	Jennifer	Grade 1	RH
46.	Vallecilla	Amelia	Grade 5 ELA & Social Studies	RFIS
47.	Van Fleet	Heather	ESL	RH
48.	Wagner	Lauren	Grade 8 LA/SS	JPC
49.	Wiegartner	Melissa	Speech & Language Pathologist	CH

**On the motion of Ms. Rosengarden, seconded by Ms. Bart, minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 23, 2021 were approved viva voce.**

**Aye: Ms. Abbott  
Ms. Baker  
Mrs. Bart  
Mr. Cain**

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

**Nay: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## 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 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 2021-2022.

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 July 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 2021-2022.

**On the motion of Ms. Mitcheltree, seconded by Ms. Rosengarden, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of July 2021.**

<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Ms. Abbott</b>	<b>Ms. Markowski</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>
	<b>Ms. Baker</b>	<b>Ms. Mitcheltree</b>		
	<b>Ms. Bart</b>	<b>Ms. Rosengarden</b>		
	<b>Mr. Cain</b>	<b>Mr. Bart</b>		

**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.

Caitlin Ryan Persche, Raritan Township - Read a statement in support of masks, and spoke of pandemic fatigue and the delta variant.

Allison (inaudible), Raritan Township – Continued to read a statement from the previous speaker in support of masks, cited different ways to prevent spread of COVID such as vaccination, masks and clean hands campaign. Submitted petition in support of masks.

Jessica Lombardo, Raritan Township - Against wearing masks.

Dr. Plunkett, Raritan Township - Has practiced medicine in Hunterdon County for 15 years and has 3 children in the district. Stated Hunterdon County is one of the healthiest counties in New Jersey and cited studies that support wearing masks. She warned of the delta variant and urged everyone to get vaccinated and wear masks.

Christina Wong, Raritan Township - Expressed support of mask wearing and spoke of statistics regarding COVID cases in children.

Jennifer Grubb, Raritan Township - Spoke about statistics of the studies previously cited having no control groups and supports having the choice to mask or not.

Richard Williams, Raritan Township - Spoke of various studies previously cited that lack reliable data, requested that the Board listen to parents concerns about important topics such as mask mandates and vaccines.

Carolyn Goodwin, Raritan Township - Concerned with lack of mask breaks during the day, requested that children have more time outside.

Christine (inaudible), Raritan Township - Spoke in support of masks.

(not signed in, could not hear) Gatto, Raritan Township - Urged residents to carefully consider their vote, expressed opinion that the Board is biased.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Abbott reports the School Board has received the following:

- Petition in favor of masks with 306 signatures.
- Petition in favor of writing the governor a letter requesting family choice in masking with 202 signatures

- 1 email regarding the use of roundup on school grounds.
- 2 emails expressing frustration with the board for not agreeing to write a letter to the governor advocating individual choice in masking.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bart discussed the need for clear guidance from the Governor regarding mask mandates and advised a letter was drafted for the Board to review asking the Governor provide clear metrics on future policy. Mr. Bart read the letter aloud.

**On the motion of Mr. Cain, seconded by Ms. Abbott, approval was given to send a letter to Governor Murphy regarding Executive Order #251 as read by Mr. Bart.**

<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Ms. Abbott</b>	<b>Ms. Mitcheltree</b>	<b>Nay: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: Ms. Baker</b>
	<b>Mrs. Bart</b>	<b>Ms. Rosengarden</b>		
	<b>Mr. Cain</b>	<b>Mr. Bart</b>		
	<b>Ms. Markowski</b>			

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bart asked the Board to move the below to our next meeting in October for discussion, due to the weather:

1. Discussion of Board Goals
2. Discussion of Superintendent Goals
3. Discussion of District Goals

Mrs. Bart reiterated what she spoke about at a previous meeting regarding mask wearing and how important it is.

**CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Due to the weather there was no 2nd Citizens Address the Board.

**ADJOURN**

On the motion of Ms. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Markowski the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. viva voce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Edward F. Izbicki, Sr.  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

2021 Board Meetings  
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