

FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION
June 6, 2017
MINUTES

The 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 7:30 p.m. in Room D111 at the J.P. Case Middle School.

Members Present

Jessica Abbott
Tim Bart
Dennis Copeland
Marianne Kenny*

***arrived 7:31 p.m.**

Michael Stager
Christopher Walker
Anna Fallon

Members Absent

Sandra Borucki
Laurie Markowski

Board Attorney Present

Alicia Hoffmeyer

On the motion of Mr. Bart, seconded by Ms. Abbott, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 7:31 p.m. to executive session in Room D111.

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.

Personnel

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.

The Board returned to public session at 10:19 p.m. in the auditorium.

PERSONNEL

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

The Personnel item was approved under one motion made by Mr. Stager, seconded by Dr. Copeland.

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

1. Approval was given to employ the following applicants as substitute nurses for the 2016-2017 school year. Emergent hire paperwork has been processed. Fees to be reimbursed.

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Huchteman	Julia
2.	Quick	Emily
3.	Snyder	Elizabeth
4.	Pallai-Koshinski	Eva

Aye: Ms. Abbott Mr. Stager Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
Mr. Bart Mr. Walker
Dr. Copeland Ms. Fallon
Dr. Kenny

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ms. Fallon 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.

Kara Basedow, parent, has a grave concern for leadership. She shared an email conversation she had with Dr. Caulfield and Ms. Fallon. The parent is very upset with the way in which Dr. Caulfield behaved. She is upset that Ms. Fallon didn't stop the conversation. Ms. Fallon explained that this is a personnel matter. Ms. Fallon assured the parent that action was taken. Ms. Fallon apologized and shared she was aware of the situation. Ms. Fallon stated the Board does not discipline staff. Ms. Basedow wanted Dr. Caulfield placed on leave.

Susan Mitcheltree, resident, called for Dr. Caulfield to be placed on administrative leave. She restated this is a pattern and asked to call in Mr. Bland as Acting Superintendent.

Rachel Ladd, parent, requested that Mr. Bland be appointed as Acting Superintendent. She outlined his credentials. She also stated it is in his job description as his responsibility to step in when the Superintendent is not available.

Dr. Hutto, retired employee, confirmed that she received disrespectful correspondence from the Superintendent. She expressed concern for Dr. Caulfield continuing.

Wendy Kent, parent, shared that she agreed with Dr. Caulfield resigning. She continued to express concern about the state of the district. She noted that we must move forward with positive strategies for the district and the children. She noted this is not the only poison among us. The speakers have criticized Dr. Caulfield for being rude and disrespectful. She stated she feels that the people attending the Board Meetings are behaving exactly the same way. She is appalled at the things people are saying about Ms. Fallon. Ms. Fallon volunteers full time for this district. She added that Ms. Fallon is not a mean person, she is a mother of two great children, yet you call both her and her children names. Ms. Fallon has worked hard for the district and does not deserve to be treated the way that she has been. She stated that the negativity must stop, people must begin to listen to one another.

Ms. Fallon noted the Board interviewed an Interim Superintendent candidate this evening. The following stakeholders were present, the FRAA, FREA, a parent and a student. She stated the advertisement for the Interim Superintendent is in several places.

Mr. Bart wanted to share with the community that another parent Board of Education Meeting will be rescheduled. Ms. Fallon agreed.

Rachel White, parent, asked that Dr. Caulfield be put on administrative leave.

On the motion of Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Stager, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m. viva voce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Voorhees
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
2017 Board Meetings
June 12 & 26
July 24
August 21 - Goal Setting Session
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 13 & 27
December 11