

**FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 26, 2015
MINUTES**

The regular session of the Flemington-Raritan Regional Board of Education was called to order in conformance with the "Sunshine Law" by the Board President at 6:05 p.m. in Room D111 at the J.P. Case Middle School.

Members Present

Sandra Borucki	Eric Liszt
Alan Brewer	Laurie Markowski
Anna Fallon	Michael Stager
Marianne Kenny	Bruce Davidson
Frank Kraus	

Members Absent**Board Attorney Present**

John Comegno
Caitlin Pletcher

On the motion of Ms. Borucki, seconded by Ms. Markowski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 6:06 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 & Litigation

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 6:55 p.m.

On the motion of Ms. Borucki, seconded by Ms. Fallon, minutes of the Executive Session on October 12, 2015* were approved viva voce.*

***Mr. Kraus & Mr. Liszt abstained.**

***Mr. Brewer voted no.**

On the motion of Ms. Markowski, seconded by Dr. Kenny, minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 12, 2015 were approved, as amended, viva voce.*

Ms. Fallon wanted the verbiage changed on the minutes of October 12, 2015. Ms. Voorhees stated we will amend the minutes to the requested changes and document them in the minutes.

***Mr. Kraus, Mr. Liszt & Mr. Brewer abstained.**

On the motion of Ms. Borucki, seconded by Ms. Fallon, minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 20, 2015 were approved, as amended, viva voce.*

Ms. Voorhees briefly explained the template issue related to the amended 2 items.

***Ms. Fallon, Mr. Brewer & Ms. Markowski abstained.**

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Davidson 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.

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bland held a hearing on the Report of Incidents of Violence, Vandalism, HIB and Substance Abuse, as attached. Mr. Bland asked if anyone had any questions, there were none.

Dr. Caulfield presented the District Goals, as attached. Mr. Brewer left meeting after Goal 1 was presented and returned during the presentation of Goal 4. Ms. Fallon asked a question about Goal 1. She wanted to know what happens to what we have already done. Dr. Caulfield noted we need to evaluate what we need to do and what we have done. Dr. Caulfield feels we can use it all. Mr. Bart asked what Dr. Caulfield thinks our weaknesses are? Dr. Caulfield stated she wants to craft a curriculum vision before we discuss technology. She wants to make sure that the technology supports the curriculum and wants to take a purposeful look at what we are doing. Mr. Davidson asked if Dr. Caulfield is considering a resurrection of the Technology Committee. Dr. Caulfield noted she wants to build in key people into the Committee to make sure we move forward. Mr. Brewer asked Dr. Caulfield her priority for safety and security. Dr. Caulfield explained the research we are doing with a district wide manual. The districts goal is to have it in place by the end of the year. Ms. Fallon asked about the infrastructure for security and safety. Dr. Caulfield feels we can add a line to Goal 3, "to complete the infrastructure work that is underway to provide additional safety for students and staff in the school buildings". Mr. O'Brien asked us to consider an assessment for Goal 3, first bullet, and to add "and assess the effectiveness". Ms. Stager asked why we have 4 goals. Dr. Caulfield stated these are 4 very serious issues to build a long range plan on. Mr. Stager asked why Language Arts is not a Goal. He expressed concern that it is not listed. Dr. Caulfield recognizes the need, however, believes we need to do additional work to begin data driven assessment as included with Goal 1. Goal 2 addresses Special Education which will assist with instruction. These Goals need to happen first. Mr. Stager stated he wants to be sure we are addressing academic needs. Ms. Fallon agrees and feels these Goals touch student achievement. Mr. Stager believes the curriculum piece is very important. Dr. Caulfield agrees and feels that these goals will lead us in that direction. Ms. Tilly asked what makes us think we can accomplish Goal 3. Dr. Caulfield shared some of the work we have been doing.

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 August 2015 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 2015-2016.

The 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 August 31, 2015. As of these dates, sufficient funds are available to meet the district's known financial obligations for the remainder of school year 2015-2016.

On the motion of Mr. Liszt, seconded by Ms. Fallon, approval was given to accept the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month of August 2015.

Aye:	Ms. Borucki Ms. Fallon Dr. Kenny Mr. Kraus	Mr. Liszt Ms. Markowski Mr. Stager Mr. Davidson	Nay: 0	Abstain: Mr. Brewer
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PERSONNEL

The next meeting is November 12, 2015.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

All Personnel items were approved under one motion made by Mr. Liszt, seconded by Ms. Markowski.

Certified Staff – Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

1. Approval was given to amend the motion of August 31, 2015, to reflect an actual start date.

to employ the following staff members for the 2015-2016 school year. These candidates will be highly-qualified for these positions. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/Loc.	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
e.	Monteleone	Bettyann	Assistant Director of Special Services/SS	No later than October 26, 2015	\$112,000/MA	CE-Principal, Standard Supervisor, School Psychologist/Seton Hall University

to read:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/Loc.	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
e.	Monteleone	Bettyann	Assistant Director of Pupil Services/Special Projects/SS	October 26, 2015	\$112,000/MA	CE-Principal, Standard Supervisor, School Psychologist/Seton Hall University

2. Approval was given for Jill **Goldman-Botwin**, Health & Physical Education Teacher at Francis A. Desmares School, to take FMLA leave from December 4, 2015 through December 18, 2015.
3. Approval was given to employ the following staff member for the 2015-2016 school year. This candidate is highly-qualified for this position. Fingerprinting and health exam required.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/Loc.	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
1.	Eresman	Jessica	Bilingual/ESL/FAD	January 4, 2016	\$51,255/BA/5	Teacher of Spanish, Elementary School Teacher, Preschool Teacher/ College of Saint Elizabeth

4. Approval was given for employee #642208 to be suspended with pay effective October 13, 2015 until further notice.
5. Approval was given to appoint Michelle **Cook** to the position of English Language Arts/Social Studies Supervisor as outlined in the attached Resolution.

All Staff – Additional Compensation

6. Approval was given to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2015-2016 school year.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc.	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate/Stipend
1.	Bontempo	Emil	JPC	Coach – JV Girls Basketball	120	\$30.62/hr.
2.	Cagenello	Stacy	JPC	Coach – Varsity Girls Basketball	168	\$30.62/hr.
3.	Gordon	David	JPC	Coach – Basketball, Boys Varsity	168	\$30.62/hr.
4.	Handren Heierling	Marisa Kimberly	JPC	Coach – Varsity Cheerleading – shared position	168 shared	\$30.62/hr.
5.	McEnroe	Vincent	JPC	Volunteer Coach – Wrestling	N/A	N/A
6.	Leamy	Patrick	JPC	Volunteer Coach – Wrestling	N/A	N/A
7.	Rourke	Scott	JPC	Coach – Wrestling	168	\$30.62/hr.
8.	Smarz	Alan	JPC	Coach – JV Boys Basketball	120	\$30.62/hr.
9.	Benedetti	Anthony	CH	Bus Duty	N/A	\$21.12/hr.
10.	Mandell	Judy	CH	Bus Duty	N/A	\$21.12/hr.
11.	Skove	Reperta	CH	Bus Duty	N/A	\$21.12/hr.

Field Placements

7. Approval was given for the following students from Seton Hall University to complete their internship with Dana Collins, Supervisor of Math/Science, for a maximum of 50 hours each, during the 2015-2016 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Pisano	Jennifer
2.	Harrity	Lisa

8. Approval was given for the following students from Rider University's Westminster Choir College to complete their practicum from November 10, 2015 through December 10, 2015:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Cooperating Teacher	School
1.	Curico	Marisa	Rosemary Nagy	JPC
2.	Nappa	Chris	Rosemary Nagy	JPC
3.	Palladino	Michelle	Rosemary Nagy	JPC
4.	Brown	William	Heather Faherty	JPC
5.	Cesario	Tyler	Heather Faherty	JPC
6.	Sando	Matthew	Heather Faherty	JPC

Substitutes

9. Approval was given to employ the following applicant(s) as a Substitute(s) for the 2015-2016 school year pending fingerprinting:

Item	Last Name	First Name
1.	Lloyd	Denise
2.	Force	Patricia

Aye: Ms. Borucki
Mr. Brewer
Ms. Fallon
Dr. Kenny
Mr. Kraus

Mr. Liszt
Ms. Markowski
Mr. Stager
Mr. Davidson

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

CURRICULUM, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND GRANTS

The next meeting is November 19, 2015

The Curriculum items were approved under one motion made by Ms. Fallon, seconded by Mr. Liszt.

1. Approval was given to employ the following staff members, or their alternates, for additional compensation during the 2015-2016 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.	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
2.	Hillebrecht	Patricia	RH	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
3.	McPeck	Megan	RH	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
4.	Peake	Nydia	RH	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
5.	Barragan	Kathleen	FAD	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
6.	Hoffman	Melissa	FAD	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
7.	Shirvanian	Lindsay	FAD	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
8.	Vilaragut	Lizette	FAD	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
9.	Youberg	Louise	FAD	Prepare and Present for Title I Parent Night	4 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
10.	Agabiti	Joseph	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
11.	Alexanderson	Karin	RH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
12.	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
13.	Baden	Melissa	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
14.	Bergstrom	Carly	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
15.	Bianco	Kathleen	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
16.	Bird	Zachary	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
17.	Borawski	Jason	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
18.	Burns	Rebecca	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
19.	Cahill	William	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
20.	Campbell	Kristen	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
21.	Corfield	Marie	RH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
22.	Delorenzo	Kristin	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
23.	Dmitrenko	Irina	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
24.	Eckhardt	Cristin	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
25.	Fisher	Michele	RH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
26.	Flavin	Patricia	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
27.	Gardner	Elizabeth	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
28.	Gilmurray	Mindy	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
29.	Gleason	Ashley	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
30.	Golding	Dawn	BS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
31.	Hallock	Patrick	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
32.	Handren	Marisa	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
33.	Hayes	Lindsay	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
34.	Hennessy	Elizabeth	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
35.	Hering	Carly	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
36.	Hlavsa-Suk	Dawn	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	3 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
37.	Johnson	Brittney	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
38.	Klein	Lea	FAD	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
39.	Lango	Cori	BS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
40.	Larkin	Donna	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
41.	Lucchetto	Laura	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
42.	Meyer	Misti	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.

43.	Moore	Laurie Ann	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
44.	Pirog	Michelle	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
45.	Rarich	Rosemary	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
46.	Santoro	Lisa	FAD	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
47.	Schmidt	Cherylann	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
48.	Schultz	Daniel	JPC	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
49.	Shirvavian	Lindsay	FAD	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
50.	Stumm	Donna	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
51.	Thompson	Carla	FAD	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
52.	Tonge	Michele	FAD	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
53.	Totten	Christopher	CH	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	1 hr.	\$33.78/hr.
54.	Truncale	Christopher	BS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
55.	Vala	Susan	RFIS	Flemington Learning Academy Presenter	2 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
56.	Goldman-Botwin	Jill	FAD	Revise 2nd and 3rd grade PE/Health benchmarks	5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.
57.	Mandell	Judith	CH	Revise 2nd and 3rd grade PE/Health benchmarks	5 hrs.	\$33.78/hr.

2. Approval was given of the following field trip(s) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Item	Grade/ Group	School	Destination	Anticipated Date	Cost	Funding Source
1.	Grade 4	RH	DaVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA	June 10, 2016	\$1,744.50	PTO

3. Approval was given to accept the following curriculum, professional development, and/or technology-related donations.

Item	Donation	Value	Location	Funding Source
1.	Bach to Rock Assembly	\$970	BS	PTO
2.	Luray Gross-Writing Residency Assembly	\$1,300	BS	PTO
3.	Become Your Dreams Assembly	\$1,175	BS	PTO
4.	Human Jungle Gym Assembly	\$1,605	BS	PTO
5.	Hiawatha Assembly	\$1,235	BS	PTO
6.	Junk Jam Assembly	\$1,320	BS	PTO
7.	Beyond Mariachi Assembly	\$1,745	BS	PTO
8.	Dick Blick Gift Card	\$300	BS	Artsonia
9.	Michael Fowlin Presentation Assembly	\$1,500	JPC	PTO
10.	8 th Grade Holocaust Assembly with Tova Friedman- Guest Speaker	\$500	JPC	PTO
11.	Luncheon for speaker, Tova Friedman & participants	\$500	JPC	ShopRite
12.	AcroAction Assembly	\$1,745	CH	PTO
13.	4 th Grade Trip to DaVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA	\$1,744.50	RH	PTO

4. 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 professional development plans.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Workshop/ Conference	Dates	Includes (see below)	Max. Amount
1.	Handren	Marisa	NJASL 2015 Fall Conference, Long Branch, NJ	November 15-16, 2015	R,M,L	\$435
2.	Schmidt	Cherylann	NCTE Convention, Minneapolis, MN	November 19-20, 2015	R,L	\$415
3.	Abrams	Karen	Mental Health & Education Conference, Cambridge, MA	November 6, 2015	R	\$330
4.	Schultz	Daniel	NJMEA 2016 State Conference, East Brunswick, NJ	February 18-19, 2016	R,M	\$205
R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other						

5. Approval was given for Barley Sheaf and Copper Hill Elementary Schools to dispose of the attached list of obsolete textbooks books that are no longer useable and are not required as a trade-in or a replacement purchase.
6. Approval was given for Reading-Fleming Intermediate School to dispose of the attached list of obsolete library books that are no longer useable and are not required as a trade-in or a replacement purchase.

Aye: Ms. Borucki Mr. Liszt Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Brewer Ms. Markowski
 Ms. Fallon Mr. Stager
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Davidson
 Mr. Kraus

FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

The next meeting will be November 3, 2015.

The Facilities/Operations item was approved under one motion made by Ms. Borucki, seconded by Ms. Fallon.

1. Approval was given to authorize the Business Administrator to advertise a District Wide Surplus Sale.

Aye: Ms. Borucki Mr. Liszt Nay: 0 Abstain: 0
 Mr. Brewer Ms. Markowski
 Ms. Fallon Mr. Stager
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Davidson
 Mr. Kraus

TRANSPORTATION

The next meeting will be November 11, 2015.

FINANCE

The next meeting is November 18, 2015.

The Finance items were approved under one motion made by Ms. Fallon, seconded by Ms. Borucki.

1. Approval was given of the attached transfer list from September 15, 2015 to October 20, 2015.
2. Approval was given of the attached bill list for the month of October totaling \$3,031,615.57.

***Mr. Brewer abstained.**

3. Approval was given to accept the following donation during the 2015-2016 school year:

Donor	School	Purpose	Date	Amount
3M Company	JPC	Post it notes, tape, hooks, classroom products	10/15/15	\$2,000

Aye: Ms. Borucki Mr. Liszt Nay: 0 Abstain: Mr. Brewer #2
 Mr. Brewer Ms. Markowski
 Ms. Fallon Mr. Stager
 Dr. Kenny Mr. Davidson
 Mr. Kraus

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The next meeting is November 10, 2015.

The Policy items were approved under one motion made by Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. Fallon.

1. Approval was given to adopt the following new policies, as attached:
 - a. 8820P – Opening Exercises/Ceremonies
2. Approval was given to adopt the following revised policies, as attached:
 - a. 3270P – Professional Responsibilities
 - b. 8550P – Outstanding Food Service Chargers
 - c. 9100.1P – Board of Education Communication with Public*

***Ms. Borucki & Mr. Brewer voted no to item 2c.**

Ms. Borucki noted concerns with Policy 9100.1P. She would like tighter wording for a shorter turnaround. She is also concerned with not being able to ask citizens questions. Mr. Brewer has concerns with the language regarding the timeline for receipt of the mail, he suggested we tighten time to get Board mail or have a drop off location where the Board can get mail. Mr. Brewer discussed his personal experience with receiving personal mail at the Board Office, he noted they are elected officials and receive invitations to events and as a Board Member we have no control over receiving personal mail. He feels this verbiage should not be in the policy, it should not be the Board members obligation. He would like to insert the following words in the policy, “any mail received can be picked up in the Board Office in a box weekly”. Mr. Davidson noted that the Policy Committee discussed this issue. Mr. Liszt agrees that the Board can’t control who sends us personal mail. He also thinks a timeline for delivery of the mail to the Board is needed. Ms. Fallon feels that Board Members should never receive personal mail in the Board Office. We have only had an issue with this in the last few months.

Dr. Caulfield noted the Committee agendas and minutes are sent to all Board Members ahead of time. The Boards input is imperative and asked that we integrate these conversations into the committee meetings. Mr. Liszt apologized for not reviewing these, as he was out of the country. Dr. Caulfield noted we do not work as a Board of the whole. We work through Committees. Ms. Borucki made a motion to table 2c. 9100.1P, seconded by Mr. Brewer. Ms. Fallon asked that we vote on the original motion and noted we can revise the Policy again. There are concerns with current loop holes. Mr. Brewer continued by expressing we are all public servants, we all believe in doing a good job and receive invitations to events. Ms. Borucki asked if we pass the motion, will the Policy Committee re-review. Ms. Fallon stated no, the Policy Committee does not have to revise.

On the motion of Ms. Borucki, seconded by Mr. Brewer, motion was made to table policy, 2c. 9100.1P:

Aye: Ms. Borucki Mr. Brewer Mr. Stager Mr. Davidson	Nay: Ms. Fallon Dr. Kenny Mr. Kraus Mr. Liszt Ms. Markowski	Abstain: 0
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***Motion failed**

The Policy items were approved under one motion made by Ms. Markowski, seconded by Ms. Fallon.

Aye: Ms. Fallon Dr. Kenny Mr. Kraus Mr. Liszt	Ms. Markowski Mr. Stager Mr. Davidson	Nay: Ms. Borucki Mr. Brewer Mr. Stager, item 1A	Abstain: 0
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MISCELLANEOUS/RELATED SERVICES

Information Items

1. Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Investigations for the 2015-2016 school year:

School	Date of Incident	Report #	Classified HIB (Y/N)	Additional Action Taken
Reading-Fleming Intermediate School	Unknown Date of Initial Referral: 10/6/15	1	No	Remedial measures outlined in report
J.P. Case Middle School	10/14/15	1	No	Remedial measures outlined in report

Action Items

All Miscellaneous/Action items were approved under one motion made by Mr. Liszt, seconded by Dr. Kenny.

1. Approval was given to adopt District Goals for the 2015-2016 school year, as amended and attached.
2. Approval was given to employ James **Lubrano** as the Accompanist for the winter concert at Robert Hunter School, during the 2015-2016 school year at a flat fee of \$250.
3. Approval was given to accept the following Frenchtown School District students for the 2015-2016 school year at a daily tuition rate of \$148.54 per day, effective September 2, 2015.

Item	Student Number
a.	5093534487
b.	4228694925
c.	2570309861

Aye:	Ms. Borucki	Mr. Liszt	Nay: 0	Abstain:	0
	Ms. Brewer	Ms. Markowski			
	Ms. Fallon	Mr. Stager			
	Dr. Kenny	Mr. Davidson			
	Mr. Kraus				

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Fallon noted she received two pieces of correspondence, one was a thank you from a staff member and the other was personnel mail received at the Board Office. Ms. Fallon reminded the Board regarding receiving personal mail at the Board Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brewer asked if the Board will follow the new Board Member process after the election. Ms. Fallon and Mr. Davidson responded, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stager asked if we can have a discussion before we vote no or abstain on an item. Mr. Comegno explained procedures and Roberts Rules. Mr. Comegno noted the best practice is not to have speaking (descriptive) votes. He then explained the reason behind abstaining, conflict, new Board Member or was not in attendance to get the information. It is not to be used as a softer way to vote no. Mr. Stager stated as an elected official he feels the Board should explain their reason for abstaining or voting no. Mr. Comegno noted floor comments can be given to reasons during a discussion, there is no obligation to share but to remember the Board has ethical obligations to the public. Mr. Comegno noted the change can be made through policy but is not the best practice. The Board is self-governed. Mr. Brewer stated that there is no law that compels people to answer, he does agree with the concept. Mr. Davidson noted that Mr. Brewer does explain his vote and the Board should use the discussion time to share their opinions. Mr. Stager clarified that voting could be explained in discussion and also noted the Board can craft another policy. Ms. Fallon reminded the Board of the need to get Board goals approved. She reminded the Administration about the policy on climate survey. She would also like to begin strategic planning as soon as possible.

CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

On the motion of Ms. Fallon, seconded by Dr. Kenny, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. viva voce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Voorhees
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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