## FLEMINGTON-RARITAN REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING June 6, 2011 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 6:06 p.m. in the Media Center at the Copper Hill School.

Members Absent

Janine Foreman

Doris McGivney

### Members Present

Robin BehnLinda MastelloneMichael BonieskiJoseph ZarishDennis CopelandPatrick LarmoreBruce Davidson

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 –Special Education

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.

On the motion of Ms. Behn, seconded by Mr. Zarish, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, to executive session in the Principals Conference Room at 6:06 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 7:48 p.m. in the Media Center at the Copper Hill School.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Robert Castellano, Principal, J.P. Case Middle School demonstrated the i-Pod touch as per the attached presentation.

Mr. Daniel Bland, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Michelle Cheasty, Supervisor of Educational Technology presented the Technology Infrastructure upgrade as per the attached.

Ms. Behn asked about timelines for installation. Dr. Copeland asked about future of this technology. Millennium stated this is the latest and greatest technology. Mr. Davidson commented that we are far behind here at Flemington-Raritan School District; he noted that the district needs this foundation to move forward.

On the motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. Mastellone, minutes of the Executive Session on May 16, 2011 were approved viva voce. On the motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. Mastellone, minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2011 were approved viva voce. On the motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Ms. Mastellone, minutes of the Executive Session on May 23, 2011 were approved viva voce. On the motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Davidson, minutes of the Special Board Meeting on May 23, 2011 were approved viva voce.

# CITIZENS ADDRESSED THE BOARD

Dan DeCanio, Vice President, FREA, shared concerns of rumors regarding the Teacher Assistant transition. He stated the FREA offered \$860,000 in savings to save the Teacher Assistants. He stated he told the Board and Mr. Nolan of mistakes the Board is making and they cannot blame the FREA for these mistakes.

Marie Corfield, Teacher, asked about out of district students. She stated that it may cost the district more with the new structure of the ESC contract. She is disgraced how the Teacher Assistant's are being treated by the ESC.

Mr. Larmore made a public statement as attached.

# PERSONNEL

Dr. Bonieski noted the next meeting is June 14, 2011.

# THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

### Certified Staff - Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence

### All Personnel items were approved under one motion made by Dr. Bonieski, seconded by Mr. Davidson as amended.

- 1. Approval was given to transfer William Cahill, Grade 7/8 Science Teacher to Grade 7 Science Teacher at J.P. Case Middle School, effective July 1, 2011.
- 2. Approval was given to transfer Cristin Fowler, Grade 7 Science Teacher to Grade 7/8 Science Teacher at J.P. Case Middle School, effective July 1, 2011.
- 3. Approval was given to transfer Lindsay Shirvanian, Grade 1 Teacher to Reading Recovery Teacher at Francis A. Desmares School, effective July 1, 2011.
- 4. Approval was given to amend the employment of Laurie McKenzie, Speech Language Specialist at Copper Hill School, from .8 to .78571, effective July 1, 2011.
- 5. Approval was given to employ the following candidate. The candidate is highly-qualified for this position, pending certification. Fingerprinting and health exam required. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/ Loc	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/College
a.	Castellano	Samantha	Grade 8 Language Arts/JPC	July 1, 2011	\$49,498/MA/1	Certification Pending/
						Rutgers

6. Approval was given to amend the 2010-2011 salary for the following staff member as follows:

Item	Last Name	First Name	From	То	Reason	Effective
a.	Tobin	Jennifer	\$48,098	\$50,298	Master's	May 13, 2011

7. Approval was given to employ the following maternity leave replacements. These candidates are highly-qualified for this position. Fingerprinting and health exam required. The 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 salaries will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position/Replacing/Loc	Dates	Salary/Degree/Step	Certification/ College
a.	Squicciarini	Therese	Multiple Disabilities/ Gretchen Biedermann/ JPC	September 1, 2011- June 30, 2012	\$47,098/BA/5	Teacher of the Handicapped/ Trenton State College
b.	Holewski	Jill	Grade 4/ Kathleen Gesumaria FAD	June, 7, 2011-June 23, 2011	\$46,298 prorated BA/1	CEAS Elementary/Montclair State University
с.	Kucharski	Amy	Health & Physical Education/Megan Quattrochi/RFIS	September 1, 2011- November 28, 2011	\$46,298 prorated BA/1	CEAS/Health & Physical Education/ Pennsylvania State University

8. Approval was given for the following staff members to take a maternity leave as follows:

Item	Last Name	First	Loc	Grade	Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
a.	Walsh	Name Karen	FAD	Grade 2	Family Leave/NJ Paid	September 1, 2011-November 18, 2011
					Childcare Leave	November 21, 2011-January13, 2012

b.	Latanzio	Melissa	RFIS	Grade 5	Disability Leave	September 1, 2011-October 31, 2011
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	November 1, 2011-December 30, 2011
c.	Drew	Emy	RH	Grade 3	Family Leave/NJ Paid	September 1, 2011-November 25, 2011
d.	Petronis	Morgan	RFIS	Grade 5	Disability Leave	November 7, 2011-January 4, 2012
					Family Leave/NJ Paid	January 5, 2012-April 6, 2012
					Childcare Leave	April 9, 2012-June 30, 2012

9. Approval was given to amend the motion of May 16, 2011:

to transfer Melissa Griffis, Art Teacher at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, to Art Teacher at Copper Hill School, effective September 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

to read:

to employ and transfer Melissa Griffis, Art Teacher at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, to Art Teacher at Copper Hill School, effective July 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

10. Approval was given to amend the motion of May 16, 2011:

to transfer Stefanie Osmond, .6 Art Teacher at Copper Hill School, to full-time Art Teacher at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

to read:

to employ and transfer Stefanie Osmond, .6 Art Teacher at Copper Hill School, to full-time Art Teacher at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, effective July 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

11. Approval was given to amend the motion of May 16, 2011:

to transfer Karin Alexanderson, .6 Music Teacher at Robert Hunter School, to .9 Music Teacher at Robert Hunter School and .1 Music Teacher at Francis A. Desmares School, effective September 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

to read:

to employ and transfer Karin Alexanderson, .6 Music Teacher at Robert Hunter School, to .9 Music Teacher at Robert Hunter School and .1 Music Teacher at Francis A. Desmares School, effective July 1, 2011. The 2011-2012 salary will be adjusted at the conclusion of negotiations.

12. Approval was given to amend motion 7.b of February 7, 2011:

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

Biedermann	Gretchen	JPC	MD	Disability Leave	May 2, 2011-June 10, 2011
				Family Leave/NJ Paid	June 13, 2011-November 11, 2011
				Childcare Leave	November 14, 2011-June 30, 2012

to read:

Biedermann	Gretchen	JPC	MD	Disability Leave	May 2, 2011-June 8, 2011
				Family Leave/NJ Paid	June 9, 2011-November 8, 2011
				Childcare Leave	November 9, 2011-June 30, 2012

13. 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.	Malalis	Christine	RFIS	June 3, 2011
b.	Neylon	Sharon	RH	June 17, 2011
с.	Sullivan	Hildred	СН	June 23, 2011

### **Non-Certified Staff**

- 14. Approval was given to employ Gary Potter for summer maintenance work, effective June 24, 2011 through August 31, 2011. Salary to be \$10 per hour.
- 15. Approval was given to accept the resignation of Melinda Roethke, Teacher Assistant at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, effective June 15, 2011.

### All Staff – Additional Compensation

16. 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 Hours	Rate
a.	Marino	Jennifer	RH	Spring Concert	2	\$29
b.	Artiles	Lorraine	RFIS	Stipend for sub certificate	N/A	\$500
c.	Piascik	Halina	СН	Stipend for sub certificate	N/A	\$500
d.	Griffith	Deborah	СН	Training ESY TAs	4	\$32
e.	Rogers	Ellen	СН	Training ESY TAs	4	\$32
f.	Cohn	Michelle	CH	Training ESY TAs	4	\$32
g.	Force	Patricia	СН	Training ESY TAs	4	\$32
h.	Hart	Deborah	СН	Consultative Speech Services	10	Hourly
i.	Ackerman	Christine	RFIS	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
j.	Campbell	Kristen	JPC	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
k.	Chalikis	Thea	JPC	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
1.	Dolan	Elizabeth	BS	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
m.	Hadzimichalis	Melissa	RFIS	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
n.	Heddy	Patricia	BS	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly
0.	Ritter	Jamie	CH	ESY Teacher Assistant	15	Hourly

17. Approval was given to employ the following staff members for additional compensation during the 2011-2012 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Loc	Purpose	Max. # of Hours	Rate
a.	Mitcheltree	Susan	СН	K-2 New Teacher Math	10	\$32
b.	Thompson	Carla	FAD	K-2 New Teacher Math	10	\$32
с.	Mitcheltree	Susan	СН	Grades 3-5 New Teacher Math	10	\$32
d.	Thompson	Carla	FAD	Grades 3-5 New Teacher Math	10	\$32
e.	Alsop	Linda	СН	Grades 3-8 Model Drawing	10	\$32
f.	Petersen	Christine	СН	Grades 3-8 Model Drawing	10	\$32
	Gorka	Alaina	FAD	New Teacher K-4	10	\$32
g.				Science/Social Studies		
	Kalb	Kristina	BS	K-3 Number Sense & Number	5	\$32
h.				Talks		
	Strunk	Carri	RFIS	K-3 Number Sense & Number	5	\$32
i.				Talks		
	Kalb	Kristina	BS	Grades 4-6 Algebra & Algebraic	5	\$32
j.				Communication		

[	Strunk	Carri	RFIS	Grades 4-6 Algebra & Algebraic	5	\$32
k.				Communication		
1.	Hagen	Lorraine	СН	K-2 New Teacher Reading	20	\$32
m.	Harley	Adrienne	FAD	K-2 New Teacher Reading	20	\$32
n.	Hillebrecht	Patricia	RH	K-2 New Teacher Reading	20	\$32
	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Grades 3-8 New Teacher	20	\$32
0.				Reading		
	Dolan	Elizabeth	BS	Grades 3-8 New Teacher	20	\$32
р.				Reading		
q.	Harley	Adrienne	FAD	K-2 New Teacher Writing	10	\$32
r.	Shirvanian	Lindsey	FAD	K-2 New Teacher Writing	10	\$32
	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Grades 3-8 New Teacher	10	\$32
s.				Writing		
	Dolan	Elizabeth	BS	Grades 3-8 New Teacher	10	\$32
t.				Writing		
u.	Hagen	Lorraine	СН	K-2 Literacy Follow-up	10	\$32
v.	Harley	Adrienne	FAD	K-2 Literacy Follow-up	10	\$32
w.	Hillebrecht	Patricia	RH	K-2 Literacy Follow-up	10	\$32
х.	Ashey	Elizabeth	RH	Grades 3-8 Literacy Follow-up	10	\$32
	Hlavsa-Suk	Dawn	JPC	Cooperative Learning	40	\$32
у.				Workshop		
z.	Leslie	Patricia	RH	Prezi & Kidblog	10	\$32

# Substitutes

18. Approval was given to employ the following applicants as Substitutes for the Extended School Year Program at Copper Hill School from June 28, 2011 through July 29, 2011, pending criminal history background checks:

Item	Last Name	First Name	Position(s)
a.	Andrews	Theresa	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
b.	Bill	Nancy	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
с.	Coleman	Andrea	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
d.	Marchiando	Mia	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
e.	Patrick	Catherine	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
f.	Reilly	Megan	Teacher/Teacher Assistant
g.	Thatcher	Jennifer	Teacher/Teacher Assistant

# **Field Placements**

19. Approval was given for the following students to observe classes in the district during the 2010-2011 school year:

Item	Last Name	First Name	College/University/School
a.	Marterella	Chelsea	Temple University
b.	Dubiel	Kim	Hunterdon Central High School
с.	Staats	Amy	Hunterdon Central High School
d.	Zullo	Kathy	Hunterdon Central High School

20. Approval was given for the following field placement for the 2011-2012 school year:

Candidate/College/Univ.	Cooperating Teacher	Loc/Position	Dates
Laura Grant/TCNJ	Rose Nagy	JPC/Music	October 24, 2011-December 16, 2011

21. Approval was given for the following junior practicum for the 2011-2012 school year:

Candidate/College/Univ.	Cooperating Teacher	Loc/Position	Dates
Nathan Robinson/Kean	Frank Corigliano	RFIS/Health &	September 1, 2011-December 19, 2011
		PE	3 hours per week

- 22. Approval was given for Laura O'Connell, student from Rider University, to complete her guidance internship during the 2011-2012 school year with Cindy Povall, Guidance Counselor at Barley Sheaf School.
- 23. Approval was given for Marissa Housman, student from Rowan University, to complete her psychology internship with the Child Study Team Psychologists during the 2011-2012 school year.

# **Professional Development/Travel**

24. Approval was given for 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.	Bizzoco	Brian	Autism Workshop for Administrators, Robbinsville, NJ	June 9, 2011	М	\$25
	R = Registration Fee; M = Mileage; L = Lodging; F = Food; O = Other					

Aye:	Ms. Behn Dr. Bonieski	Ms. Mastellone Mr. Zarish	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Copeland Mr. Davidson	Mr. Larmore				

# CURRICULUM

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2011.

# All Curriculum items were approved under one motion made by Dr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Bonieski.

- 1. Approval was given for the Local Professional Development Plan for 2011-2012.
- 2. Approval was given to adopt *Social Studies Alive! Our Community and Beyond*, Copyright 2010 from Teacher's Curriculum Institute to be implemented in Grade 3.
- 3. Approval was given to adopt *Social Studies Alive! Regions of Our Country*, Copyright 2010 from Teacher's Curriculum Institute to be implemented in Grade 4 (teacher materials only will be purchased).
- 4. Approval was given to adopt *Travels Across America The Midwest, The Northeast, The Southeast, The Southwest, The West,* Copyright 2003 from National Geographic to be implemented in Grade 4.
- 5. Approval was given to adopt New Jersey, Copyright 2011 from Scott Foresman to be implemented in Grade 4.

Dr. Copeland stated numbers 1 through 5 were reviewed in committee. Ms. Hope explained budgeting and how expenditures may be over or under.

Aye:Ms. BehnMs. MastelloneNay:0Abstain:0Dr. BonieskiMr. ZarishDr. CopelandMr. LarmoreMr. Davidson

## FACILITIES/OPERATIONS

The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2011.

#### All Facilities/Operations items were approved under one motion made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Zarish.

1. Approval was given to contract Millennium Communication Services to provide specified technology infrastructure upgrades and a one year service agreement in the amount of \$487,012.75.

Aye:	Ms. Behn	Ms. Mastellone	Nay:	0	Abstain:	0
	Dr. Bonieski	Mr. Zarish				
	Dr. Copeland	Mr. Larmore				
	Mr. Davidson					

# TRANSPORTATION

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2011.

Ms. Behn was removed from this committee per JTC by laws. Only three representatives from FRSD are needed.

#### FINANCE

The next meeting is yet to be determined.

#### COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

No Report

### NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION/LEGISLATIVE ADVISOR

The next meeting will be in May.

Ms. Hope outlined the structure for the Hunterdon County and New Jersey School Boards Associations. Ms. Behn will be the Hunterdon County representative and Dr. Copeland will remain the New Jersey representative.

### POLICY

The next meeting will be June 15, 2011.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### All Miscellaneous items were approved under one motion made by Mr. Zarish, seconded by Mr. Davidson.

1. Approval was given for Copper Hill School to accept the following donations, during the 2010-2011 school year:

Donor	Donation	Value
Kurz Family	Drum set, clarinet & saxophone to the Music Program	\$400

2. Approval was given for the following schools to take field trips during the 2010-2011 school year:

Date	School	Grade	Field Trip	Location	Cost
June 1, 3-10	RFIS	5 <sup>th</sup>	Morales Park	Watershed Association Environmental	\$4,500-PTO
				Education Program	funded
June 8	RFIS	6 <sup>th</sup>	J.P. Case Middle School	Orientation	None
June 17	CH, RFIS, JPC	Autism Class	Mine Brook Park	Flemington	None

- 3. Approval was given to confirm the employment of Education, Inc. to provide bedside instruction for RFIS. student #2001543, effective May 19, 2011 at a rate of \$40 per hour for as long as medically necessary.
- 4. Approval was given to confirm the employment of Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 to provide bedside instruction from April 26, 2011 through May 6, 2011 for J.P. Case student #501461 at a cost of \$261.
- 5. Approval was given for the following special education students to attend the schools indicated during the 2011-2012 school year. Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to provide transportation.

			2011-2012	
Student ID Number	School	ESY Tuition	Tuition	Total Tuition
8861684276	Matheny Medical and Educational Center	\$16,400	\$73,800	\$90,200
4749966755	The Midland School	-	\$42,768	\$42,768
5763874297	Mercer County SSSD Elementary School	\$7,175	\$56,329	\$63,504
6650211297	The Lakeview School	\$12,063.60	\$72,381.60	\$84,445.20
7729052054	The Lakeview School	\$12,063.60	\$72,381.60	\$84,445.20
6156968182	The Lakeview School	\$12,063.60	\$72,381.60	\$84,445.20

- 6. Approval was given for the revised 2011-2012 Student Calendar, as attached.
- 7. Approval was given to designate Anthony DeMarco, J.P. Case Vice Principal, as District Anti-Bullying Coordinator.
- 8. Approval was given to designate the following school counselors as building-level Anti-Bullying Specialists:

Name	School
Colette Baills	J.P. Case Middle
Sarah Fontanez	Robert Hunter Elementary
Ellen Goodfellow	Copper Hill Elementary
Lindsay John	Reading-Fleming Intermediate
Cynthia Povall	Barley Sheaf Elementary
Mary Veltri	Francis A. Desmares Elementary

9. Approval was given to contract with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide Level 1 Educational Services during the 2011-2012 school year for the following students at an annual cost of \$1,700 per student:

Item	Student ID	School
a.	3534278344	Copper Hill
b.	8690929783	Barley Sheaf
с.	6340078227	Barley Sheaf
d.	8861684276	Matheny Medical and Educational Center
e.	7729052054	The Lakeview School

Aye:Ms. BehnMs. MastelloneNay:0Abstain:0Dr. BonieskiMr. ZarishDr. CopelandMr. Larmore

Mr. Davidson

# CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Copeland reported that past emails have been responded to. Dr. Copeland reported that a thank you note was received from Mrs. Stagger. Dr. Copeland congratulated her for the student's accomplishment with Odyssey of Mind.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Larmore requested a motion to consider the employees request discussed in the Executive Session earlier. No motion was received. Mr. Larmore stated that individual staff member's emailed him referencing the Teacher Assistant contract. Mr. Larmore noted the emails were not going to be answered. The Board felt it was inappropriate.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hope stated the need for an additional Board Meeting to approve the bid for repairs of the blacktop and drain pipes project at the Francis A. Desmares School.

### CITIZENS ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ron Tonge, resident, asked why we are going with Cat 5 cable and not Cat 6 cable for the infrastructure project. Will this support our future needs? Millennium answered Cat 6 is 20% higher in cost. They did not feel Cat 6 was necessary because of the cost but will still transmit the same amount of data to meet our needs.

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## 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.

On the motion of Dr. Copeland, seconded by Dr. Bonieski, the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, to executive session in the Principals Conference Room at 9:36 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 10:01 p.m. in the Media Center at the Copper Hill School.

### ADJOURN

On motion of Mr. Zarish, seconded by Dr. Copeland the meeting was adjourned, unanimously viva voce, at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hope Business Administrator/Board Secretary Upcoming Board Meetings - Copper Hill School June 20 June 27 - Special Board Meeting July 18 August 22 September 12 September 19 October 3 October 17 November 7 November 21 December 5 December 19 January 9, 2012 January 23 February 6 February 27 March 5 March 19 April 2 April 16