

# FARMINGDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2011 @7:30pm

### **I Meeting Called to Order**

**II** Announcement of Open Public Meetings Law (NJSA 10:4-6) was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this law, Public Notice of this meeting was provided to the Asbury Park Press on May 5, 2011.

**III Roll Call** - Mr. Dyevoich - present, Mr. Shaffer-present, Mr. Byrtus-present, Mrs. Wright-present, Mrs. Rhein-present. Also present: Mrs. Crowl - Superintendent, Mrs. Minutolo - SBA/BS, Councilwomen Mrs. Baghsarian, Mrs. Barrall, Mrs. Winecoff - NJSBA, Mrs. Renehan, Mrs. Hyer, Ms. Lueddeke - Asbury Park Press.

### **IV Pledge of Allegiance**

### **V New Business:**

- Mrs. Kathy Winecoff - NJSBA-Board Goals & School Wide District Goals

- Handouts were provided by Mrs. Winecoff (see attached).

- Mrs. Crowl presented the Board and Mrs. Winecoff with the District Goals/Action Plan (see attached handouts). Mrs. Crowl provided and in-depth explanation and interaction with the Board. The Board and Mrs. Winecoff approve of the goals as well as the action plan.

-Mr. Dyevoich would like to pursue a second question/referendum to improve technology and improvement to B&G's. Mr. Byrtus also agreed and would like to develop a committee to define a second question/referendum.

-A sink hole was found on the campus grounds. To be investigated by the Superintendent and the Borough of Farmingdale.

- NJDOE issues background check for board members (see attached School Board Notes). Board members need to be fingerprinted.

-Board of Education Survey - (see attached) handout. 458 surveys were sent out and 16 replied. The overall census of the 16 surveys returned is to improve communications between the Board of Education and community (one of the Goals discussed above).

## **VI Committee Reports:**

**1. Superintendent** - see attached report

**2. Buildings and Grounds** -

-Summer Maintenance - Mrs. Crowl walked the campus and various concerns were addressed: sink hole, litter, drug paraphernalia, cars driving on grounds. Various discussions took place on additional cameras, extra lights on the campus, etc. The health council will be investigating a walking track on the existing field.

**3. Policy and Curriculum**

-Summer Curriculum Work  
-School - Wide Goals Work

**4. Personnel**

-Negotiations - to be discussed under Executive Session

**5. Technology and Communications**

-No Report

**6. Finance**

-Letter from Kathy Moyer - JCP&L dated July 18, 2011 re: \$5,000.00 credit to Farmingdale Board of Education (see attached).

-Additional State Aid -to be utilized in the 2012/13 budget (it is anticipated that this will replace the Ed. Jobs Money that we might not be receiving next year). Awaiting further information as to when the funds will be received.

**7. Old Business**

-None

**VII Minute Approval:**

Motion: Mr. Shaffer                      Seconded: Mr. Byrtus

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the minutes from the June 22, 2011 meeting.

**Roll Call:    Mr. Dyevoich - Y    Mr. Shaffer - Y    Mrs. Rhein - Y**  
**Mr. Byrtus -Y            Mrs. Wright - Y**

**VIII Correspondence:**

-Letter of Resignation from Gail Murray (see attached).

**IX Audience Participation:**

During the course of the Board meeting the Farmingdale School District Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Farmingdale School District. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School district. **Questions raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board.** All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. **Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board.** Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. There will be a thirty-minute limit for public participation.

**Motion to open the meeting to the public:** Mrs. Wright

**Second:** Mr. Shaffer @ 9:40pm

**Roll Call:    Mrs. Wright - Y    Mr. Dyevoich - Y    Mr. Shaffer - Y**  
**Mr. Byrtus - Y            Mrs. Rhein - Y**

-Mrs. Baghsarian stated that the Borough website is operational. There is a link for the school website.

-Various discussions took place with the teachers in the audience regarding the school calendar and the utilization of 1/2 days (counted as full days but are condensed into a shorter day). The Board would like to see accommodations made for the two-hour delay and use the remaining rooms - Library and Gym. Various legalities need to be addressed regarding crossing guards (do they need to be present or may

a parent/guardian bring their child to school, etc.). The Teachers in attendance spoke concerning the need to provide optimal testing venues for the grades being tested. Because of the number of venues necessary and abiding by the State's recommendation to not use the Library as a testing site for multiple small groups, unless in need of a waiver, due to an emergency, having the whole school available for testing would be most advantageous.

The Teachers will do the best they can to accommodate the schedule and thanked the Board with their questions and sharing a mutual goal to accommodate parents, state mandates and well as testing scenarios.

At another time, Mrs. Barrall would appreciate an opportunity to share with the Board the efforts being made to combat child obesity and actions to be taken (i.e. reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce, etc.) via the Farmingdale Viking Health Council.

Mrs. Barrall had prepared a report on the variety of testing venue needs and complexity of students' needs. This too would be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Dyevoich thanked everyone for coming out tonight and working towards the same goal.

**Motion to close the meeting to the public:** Mr. Byrtus

**Second:** Mrs. Wright @9:50pm

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Wright -Y Mr. Dyevoich -Y Mr. Shaffer -Y  
Mr. Byrtus -Y Mrs. Rhein -Y

**X. Board Action:**

Motion by: Seconded by:  
RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept resolution  
7-27-11-1 - 7-27-11-18

\*Please note that 11-27-3 was amended.

Roll Call: Mr. Byrtus - Y Mr. Dyevoich - Y Mr. Shaffer - Y  
Mrs. Rhein - Y  
Mrs. Wright - Y, but No to #3 - see comment on #3\*

7-27-11-1 **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the NJSBAIG/MOCSSIF 2011 Safety Grant in the amount of \$834.73.

7-27-11-2 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the recently revised Adjustment Aid (as per the State of NJ) in the amount of \$23,799.00.

7-27-11-3 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the School Calendar for the 2011-2012 school year (attached).

11-27-11-3 was amended so that the option be provided for the students to come in for a full day on the testing days and provide activities for those students can be addressed. If the parents chose not to send their child to the program parents opt out in writing. Also the legalities discussed under audience participation (crossing guards, etc.).

\*Ms. Wright, in her opinion, felt that the Board did not receive accurate information in a timely manner so as to make the most informed decision.

7-27-11-4 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the budget transfers (see attached) for June 30, 2011.

7-27-11-5 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the 2nd run bills list for June, 2011 in the amount of \$40,602.14 see attached.

7-27-11-6 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the bills list for July, 2011 in the amount of \$92,760.37 see attached.

7-27-11-7 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accepts the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies' Reports for June 2011 - see attached.

7-27-11-8 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to NJAC 6:30-13C district administration certify as of June 30, 2011 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of

our knowledge, no major account or fund had been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 7-27-11-9 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the following traveling expenses:
- Michelle Maltese, Date: 10/14/11, Conference: NJ Autism Annual Conference, Location: Atlantic City, NJ, Cost: \$175.00, Mileage: \$23.25 (75 miles x .31 cents)
  - Kristeena Batesko, Date: 10/14/11, Conference: NJ Autism Annual Conference, Location: Atlantic City, NJ, Cost: \$175.00
- 7-27-11-10 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal contract for One Call Now for the 2011-12 school year in the amount of \$510.00 annually.
- 7-27-11-11 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the shared service contract with Howell Township Board of Education to purchase "type A" school lunches with a cost of \$2.45 (includes milk) per lunch for the 2011-12 school year.
- 7-27-11-12 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of Shared Services Agreement with Howell Township Board of Education for Child Study Team Services with a cost of \$85,000.00 for the 2011-12 school year.
- 7-27-11-13 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves participation in the National School Lunch Program for the 2011-12 school year.
- 7-27-11-14 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal contract for evening janitorial services with Bailey's Janitorial Services at \$19.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours per evening.
- 7-27-11-15 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal contract for Independent Rehabilitation Services Inc. at \$95.00 per hour, 1 hour per week.

- 7-27-11-16 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the renewal of Shore Speech Therapy, LLC at \$80.00 per hour, 12 hours per week.
- 7-27-11-17 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves with regret the resignation of Gail Murray - Tech./Library effective July 22, 2011.
- 7-27-11-18 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approves the contract for Jeanne Egan for OT Services at \$80.00 per hour, 5 to 6 hours per week (replaces Jump Start).

**XI Motion by:** Mr. Shaffer                      **Seconded by:** Mrs. Rhein

**Mr. Byrtus left at 10:00pm**

**Motion for Closed Session at 10:00pm:** Whereas, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning: **Negotiations** and, Whereas, the aforesaid subject is not an appropriate subject to be discussed in a public meeting; and, Whereas, the aforesaid subject to be discussed is within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L.1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore, **RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid subject shall be discussed in private recess by this Board and administrative staff, and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist. There may be action taken at the close of this session.

Motion to adjourn Closed Session at 10:05pm.

Motion: Mrs. Wright                      Seconded: Mr. Schaffer

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Wright - Y                      Mr. Byrtus -Y  
                         Mr. Dyevoich -Y                      Mr. Shaffer -Y  
                         Mrs. Rhein-Y

**XII Motion for Adjournment:** Mr. Schaffer **Second:** Mrs. Wright

**Time: 10:05pm**

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Wright -Y                      Mr. Byrtus -Y  
                         Mr. Dyevoich -Y                      Mr. Shaffer -Y  
                         Mrs. Rhein -Y