

**Morris Plains Board of Education  
Public Meeting – April 10, 2012  
Borough School Learning Center**

**Call to Order and Reference to the Sunshine Law**

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), Mrs. Lee Connor, Board President, opened the meeting at 6:30pm and read the following: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Morris Plains School District Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board Administrative Offices, sent to the Clerk of the Borough of Morris Plains, the Morris Plains Library, the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, and the Morris News Bee.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mr. Alan Albin, Mr. Scott Bober, Mrs. Lee Connor, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mr. Wayne Marek, Mr. Douglas McCabe (arrived 7:00pm) and Ms. Denise Rawding

**Absent:** Mrs. Maria Manley

**Also present:** Dr. Ernie Palestis, Mrs. Kristin Kosky, Ms. Lindsay Nahm and  
Mr. Sean Dolan

**Number of public attending:** 3

**Executive Session**

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session at 6:31pm, where the public will be excluded, for the purpose of discussing personnel items which come within the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12, Chap. 231 of P.L. 1975. The matters discussed in closed session will be disclosed to the public when circumstances permit.

**Return to Regular Session from Closed Session (if necessary)**

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to return to the regular session of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session at 7:35pm.

**Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none**

**Superintendent's Report – Dr. Ernest Palestis**

Dr. Palestis reported that there were no incidences of HIB. The enrollment from Kindergarten Registration was 63 students for next year and currently we are at 71 students. Senior Citizens Day was a success. The event was enjoyed by both the senior citizens and the students. Dr. Palestis also welcomed our new Business Administrator, Kristin Kosky. He also introduced Joanne Borin from the New Jersey School Boards Association.

**Board Self-Evaluation – Joanne Borin, New Jersey School Boards Association**

Joanne Borin presented to the public the results from the Board of Education self-evaluation completed by seven out of nine Board members.

**Approval of the Board of Education Minutes**

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mr. Douglas McCabe, the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

March 27, 2012– Public and March 27, 2012 – Executive Session.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – abstain	Mrs. Terri Kaag – abstain	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – stepped out, returned at 7:40pm	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**Business Items Prepared for Official Action on April 10, 2012:**

**A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent) - none**

**B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts**

**1. Approval of Line Item Transfers**

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, the Board approves line item transfers dated April 10, 2012 in the amount of \$3,040.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**2. Approval of Bills and Claims Report**

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated April 10, 2012 in the amount of \$482,060.63.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**3. Approval to Renew the HVAC/Chiller Service Contract Plus Time & Materials**

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, the Board accepts the following resolution pertaining to the HVAC/Chiller service contract/time & materials bid:

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2011, the Morris Plains Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of HVAC/Chiller Service Agreement Plus Time & Materials Rates for Repairs (Project #10-02) with George S. Hill Group (GSH) as follows:

GSH( George S. Hill Group)

Bid A. Chiller	\$3,320
Bid B, HVAC	\$1,891.25
Bid C, Fan Coils	\$5,135
Combined A, B, C	\$10,346.25
Straight Time/Hour	\$85.00
Premium Time/Hour	\$127.50
Materials	Cost + 15%

And;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et seq.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education wishes to renew the contract for HVAC/Chiller Service Agreement Plus Time & Materials Rates for Repairs in the total contract lump sum of \$10,346.25 from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 for service agreements plus additional repairs at straight time/hour rate of \$85/hour, premium time/hour rate of \$127.50 and materials at cost plus 15%.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

#### **4. Approval to Terminate Tuition Contract**

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, the Board approves to terminate the contract of a tuition paid student (Grade 7), effective April 13, 2012.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

#### **5. Approval of Payroll Distribution**

Motion by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek the Board approves the payroll distribution summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and be made part of these Minutes.

<b>Payroll Date</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>
March 27, 2012	General Fund	\$253,250.46
	Special Revenue	\$ 244.20

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

### **C. Policy**

#### **1. Approval of Policy #9326 – Minutes – First Reading**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves, on first reading, Policy #9326 - Minutes.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

### **D. Special Education**

#### **1. Approval of Behaviorist Observation, Assessment and Staff Training**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves Behaviorist Observation, Assessment, and Staff Training for student 000092 at the Borough School, effective March, 2012 at

a total cost of \$1,000. Services will be provided by Progressive Therapy of NJ, 1 Meredith Court, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**2. Approval of Speech, Educational, and Psychological Evaluations**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves Speech, Educational, and Psychological Evaluations with an American Sign Language fluent evaluator for student 001191 at the Lake Drive School for the Deaf, effective April, 2012 at a total cost of \$1,350.00. Services to be provided by New Jersey Specialized Child Study Team, P.O. Box 535, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**3. Approval of Psychological Evaluation**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves a Psychological Evaluation for student 000634 at the Park Lake School, effective March, 2012 at a total cost of \$400.00. Services to be provided by Dr. Meredith Panik, 3 Somerset Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**4. Approval of Home Instruction and Instructor**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves Home Instruction for student 000092 at the student’s home, or the Morris Plains Public Library, 77 Glenbrook Road, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. The Board also approves Ms. Laurie Schorno as Home Instructor at a cost, not to exceed \$2,640.00 (\$33.00/hour [6-8 hours/week] up to 10 weeks.)

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**E. Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report**

**1. Accept and Affirm the Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**F. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences**

**1. Approval of Professional Development**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the attached list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – absent
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

**Discussion Items:**

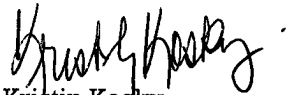
- A. Old Business - none**
- B. New Business –** Mr. Sean Dolan reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be leaving for Washington D.C. tomorrow. The trip was organized by Mrs. Mary Ellen Sullivan. Mr. Alan Albin questioned the supervision of the trip since Mr. Dolan will not be attending this trip. In addition, Mr. Dolan summarized the events for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade camping trip.

**Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none**

**Adjournment**

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag, seconded by Mr. Douglas McCabe, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Kosky  
Board Secretary

