

**PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD**

**Morris Plains Board of Education  
Public Meeting December 11, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting will be held in the Borough School Auditorium**

**I 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), I wish to announce that: 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.

**II Pledge of Allegiance**

**III Roll Call**

<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Albin	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Bober	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee Connor	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Fetherston	<input type="checkbox"/> Terri Kaag
<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Manley	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Marek	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas McCabe	<input type="checkbox"/> Denise Rawding	Quorum? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Kristin Kosky    Ernest Palestis    Number of Public

**IV Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations**

Public comment is welcome. Time limit for topics is three minutes. Letters or memos are helpful. Please state your name and address for the record.

**V Superintendent's Report**

**VI Student Accomplishments/Performances**

- Select Chorus – Grades 5 - 8
- Morris County Champions – Girls Soccer
- Third Grade Students – Thanksgiving Play

**VII Staff Presentation - Working and Communicating with Our Peers**

- Naomi Pochettino, Teacher, Special Education
- Kimberly Moore, Intern – School Counselor

**VIII Staff Recognition – BASF Science Education Grant**

- Suzanne Schafer Skalski, President, Education Foundation of Morris Plains
- Edward Frankosky, Science Teacher
- Casey Devlin, Science Teacher

**IX Board Committee Status Reports**

- Finance
  - Buildings and Grounds
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Legislative
- Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC)
- Morris School District
- Personnel
- Policy Updates
- Liaison Committees (Reports if Available)

- Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA)
- Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC)
- Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP)
- Strategic Planning Committees

**X Correspondence**

**XI Approval of Minutes**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves the following Minutes:

November 27, 2012 – Executive Session

November 27, 2012 – Public Meeting

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**XII Business Items Prepared for Official Action on December 11, 2012:**

**A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)**

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

**1. Approve Bills and Claims Report/Disbursement Journal**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report/disbursement journal dated December 11, 2012 in the amount of \$306,715.70.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**2. Approve Payroll Distribution**

Motion by \_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_ RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payroll distribution summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and be made part of these Minutes.

Payroll Date	Fund	Amount
November 30, 2012	General Fund	\$259,945.53

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**3. Adoption of Resolution: Sequestration – Amend Federal Budget Control Act of 2011**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today’s schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts in almost all federal programs, including education, that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as “sequestration,” would have a negative impact on education through a reduction in funds of 7.8 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would affect almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers; and

WHEREAS, public schools nationwide would be negatively affected by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss in just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined total of 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey already ranks last among the states in the percentage of school expenditures (3.1%) supported by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2013, New Jersey will lose more than \$73 million in funding for elementary and secondary education programs, administered through the U.S. Department of Education, as well as over \$11.7 million in Head Start funding; and

WHEREAS, with a state-imposed tax levy cap and limited growth in state aid, New Jersey local school districts have limited capacity to absorb cuts in funding resulting from sequestration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Robert Menendez, United States Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, State Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assembly Representative Jay Webber, Assembly Representative BettyLou DeCroce, the New Jersey School Boards Association, and the National School Boards Association.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**4. Approval of Contract for Substitute Nurse – 2012-2013 School Year**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves a contract with Delta T Group North Jersey Behavioral Healthcare Referral Agency to provide Nursing Substitutes for 2012-2013 school year at a per diem rate as follows:

Nurse (RN) \$41.25 per hour

Nurse (RN) Overnight Rate \$100.00 (flat rate – 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.)

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**5. Approval of Contract for Educational Data Services – 2013-2014 School Year**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves professional services for Educational Data Services, Inc. to provide system conversion of online order system for the district requisition ordering for budget 2013-2014 in the amount of \$1,200.00

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**6. Approval of Maintenance Contract for Handlift**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves a contract with Handlift for Maintenance Contract with 4 visits per year for each handicap chair lifts for January 2013–December 2013 in the amount of \$1,408.00.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**7. Approve the Renewal of the Flexible Spending Plan**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves the renewal of the Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with Discovery Benefits. **Be it Resolved** that the board wished to renew this 12 month agreement through January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

**Resolved**, that the Employer shall contribute to the Plan amounts sufficient to meet its obligation under the Cafeteria Plan, in accordance with the terms of the Plan Document and shall notify the Plan Administrator to which periods said contributions shall be applied.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**8. Approval of Smartboards Professional Development**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves professional development Services for Smartboards for staff at \$950.00 per workshop on 1/9, 1/10, 3/14, 3/15 and 4/22 and 4/23 totaling \$5,700 in accordance with NJ State Provider #5927 from Keyboard Consulting.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**9. Accept Donations From Morris Plains Home School Association**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board accepts a donation from the the Morris Plains Home School Association in the amount of \$775.00 for Borough School Student Agendas.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**10. Approval of Telephone Hosting Service**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves a 5 year contract based on date of install with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc. (“Lightpath” or “Optimum Lightpath” for Telephone Hosting Service for Borough(C50) and Mountain Way(C30) for Cisco Telephone install and professional services. ( Pending Attorney Review and Land Assessment)

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**11. Approval of Fiber& Internet Voice Bundle Hosting Service**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves a 5 year contract with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc. (“Lightpath” or “Optimum Lightpath” from December 12, 2012- December 13, 2017 for Fiber Network Services and Internet/Bundle Voice Telephone for Borough and Mountain Way.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**C. Programs**

**1. Approval of a Request for a New Club at Borough School – Solar Car Club**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves a request (as per Article IV, Paragraph 6 of the Contract Between the Morris Plains Education Association and the Morris Plains Board of Education), to start a new club at Borough School; the Solar Car Club as per the attached proposal at a stipend of \$250.00. (Second year; first year was a pilot program – unpaid).

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**D. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences**

**1. Approval of Professional Development**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board approves the attached list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

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

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

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**XIII Discussion Items:**

**A. New Business**

**B. Old Business**

**XIV Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations**

Public comment is welcome. Time limit for topics is three minutes. Letters or memos are helpful. Please state your name and address for the record.

**XV Executive Session**

**WHEREAS:** The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

- 1) a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law;
- 2) a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds;
- 3) material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- 4) a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it;
- 5) a matter involved the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds;
- 6) protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law;
- 7) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege;
- 8) specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session;
- 9) deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;

**RESOLVED**, the Board may take action at the conclusion of executive session, and be it further, **Resolved**, The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**XVI Return to Regular Session from Closed Session**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to return to the regular session of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_

**XVII Adjournment**

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: AA \_\_\_ SB \_\_\_ LC \_\_\_ CF \_\_\_ TK \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ WM \_\_\_ DMc \_\_\_ DR \_\_\_