

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting Agenda
March 5, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting will be held in the Borough School Learning Center

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

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

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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
--Preliminary Budget Presentation**

**VI Business Administrator's Report
--Preliminary Budget Discussion**

VII Correspondence

VIII Approval of Minutes

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

February 26, 2013 – Public Meeting
February 26, 2013 – Executive Session

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

IX Business Items Prepared for Official Action on March 5, 2013

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)

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

1. Approve Submission of the 2013-2014 School Budget

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Morris Plains Board of Education approves the following resolution and submission of the 2013 proposed budget to the County Office for approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains School Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the 2013-2014 school district budget for submission to the county superintendent as follows:

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| General Fund | \$15,580,120 |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 145,341 |
| Debt Service Fund | \$ 549,300 |

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$14,161,717 and Debt Service \$549,300 for the ensuing School Year (2013-2014); and

WHEREAS, the district has a taxing authority which is composed of \$118,210 for health benefits adjustment, \$0.00 for enrollment adjustment, \$0.00 for PERS Deferment, and \$57,712 banked levy from previous budgets are available to the district for the school budget for 2013-2014 in addition to the 2% cap increase over the prior year which totals 0 resulting in a maximum district tax levy available of \$14,337,639.

WHEREAS, The Board has approved that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy of \$14,161,717 for the ensuing School Year (2013-2014).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves that the unused taxing authority of \$118,210.00 be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the withdrawal of \$280,000 from the Capital Reserve to provide funding for the following Projects:

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| Partial Roof Replacement | Borough | \$250,000 |
| Paving | Mt. Way & Borough | \$37,500 |

WHEREAS, school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2013-2014 school year was \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount \$14,047.41 as of February 1, 2013;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains School Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2013-2014 school year at the sum of \$30,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

C Field Trips

1. Approve Borough School Field Trip - Joyful Noise Nursery School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Borough School field trip to Joyful Noise Nursery School on March 8, 2013. This trip involves Borough School student volunteers who will walk to Joyful Noise Nursery School and read to the students there, as part of Read Across America Week. Mrs. Jane Hurley-Mead and Mrs. Naomi Pochettino will be supervising. There will be no cost.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

2. Approve Change of Location and Driver for Solar Car Competition Field Trip

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a change in location for the previously approved Solar Car Competition field trip. The location has been changed to Florham Park. Due to a conflict with our bus routes, our district driver cannot transport. Wilkerson needs to transport at a cost of \$283.25. The trip is scheduled for May 15, 2013 with a rain date of May 22, 2013.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

D. Policy

1. Policies for Second Reading

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts, on second reading, the following policies:

- Policy 4116 – Personnel – Evaluation
- Policy 9110 – Bylaws – Organization Meeting

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

E. Special Education

1. Approve Neuropsychological Evaluations

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves neuropsychological evaluations for student 1169 on February 22 and 23, 2013 and March 9, 2013 at a cost of \$2,500. Services to be provided by James F. Battaglia, Ph.D., 102 East Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 3, Ridgewood, NJ.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

F. 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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

X Discussion Items:

- A. New Business**
- B. Old Business**

XI Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations

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XII 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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

XIII 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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

XIV 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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___