

**Morris Plains Board of Education Meeting
December 17, 2013
Executive Session Begins at 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Begins at 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

<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

Dr. Warren Ceurvels Mr. Mark Maire Number of Public

IV Executive Session

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

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 ____

V 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 ___

VI 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.

VII Student Council Update –Student Council Officers

VIII Annual Audit

IX Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

X Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels

XI Correspondence

XII 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

XIII Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes

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

- November 26, 2013 – Regular Meeting.
- November 26, 2013 - Executive

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

XIV Business Items Prepared for Official Action on December 17, 2013:

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent) - *The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Retirement – Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a retirement request from Marcy Schneider, Kindergarten Teacher at Mountain Way School, effective July 1, 2014.

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

2. Approval of Family Leave Request – Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave request for Stephanie Lemmey, Kindergarten Teacher at Mountain Way School as follows:

March 31, 2014 – May 23, 2014 35 Days Paid Sick Days
May 26, 2014 – June 30, 2014 Family Leave Act (Unpaid Days)

Mrs. Lemmey anticipates returning on September 1, 2014.

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

3. Approval of 3rd Grade Teacher (Family Leave Replacement) – Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Felicia Politi as 3rd Grade Teacher at the Borough School (family leave replacement – Mrs. Hendershot), effective March 17, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$50,395 (BA, Step 1 – to be prorated). There are no benefits with this position. The Board also approves Felicia Politi as substitute teacher for two days on March 13 and March 14, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$100.00.

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

4. Approval of Special Education Teacher (Family Leave Replacement) – Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Lindsey Irwin (Emergent Hire, pending results of criminal background history) as Special Education Teacher at the Borough School (family leave replacement – Mrs. Deeb), effective January 8, 2014 through May 23, 2014 at a salary of \$50,395 (BA, Step 1 – to be prorated). There are no benefits with this position. The Board also approves Lindsey Irwin as substitute teacher for two days, on January 6 and January 7, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$100.00.

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

5. Amend the Motion of November 12, 2013: Approval of Title I After School Program Coordinators (2)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board amends the approval of the Title I After School Program Coordinators effective September 30, 2013 through May 30, 2014 at a stipend of \$2,034 each prorated. The prorated amount is December 1, 2013 – May 30, 2014 - 6 months x \$254.25 = \$1525.50: Beth Shepard – Mountain Way; Jane Hurley-Mead - Borough

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

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts - The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

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 10, 2013 in the amount of \$350,288.71.

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

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of _____ 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
11/30/2013	General Fund	\$271,724.22

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

3. Annual Audit – Acceptance and Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2012-2013

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Morris Plains School District Board of Education after presentation and discussion, accepts the annual audit, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Finances and Management(CAFR) report for the district accounts for fiscal year 2012/2013. Be it resolved: that the school business administrator is directed to file copies of this audit with the New Jersey Department of Education via the County Office and the offices for National Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository as required by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (since the district has outstanding debt services bonds).

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

4. Approve Send/Receive Agreement with Morris School District – 2013-2014

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Sending/Receiving Agreement between the Morris Plains Board of Education and the Morris School District Board of Education effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 as per the attached.

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

5. Approval of Shared Services Agreement with the Morris School District – Special Education Services

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Shared Services Agreement with the Morris School District for Special Education Services for student #2614328942, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 as per attached.

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

C. Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

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 ___

D. Curriculum - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approve Library Media Curriculum

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the Library Media Curriculum as per the attached.

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

E. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

XV Discussion Items:

A. New Business

B. Old Business

XVI 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.

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 ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

Morris Plains Board of Education

Preparing All Learners to Excel in a Changing World

District Goals - 2013-2014



Board Governance

- ⇒ Self-improvement through workshops that relate to Strategic Plan and/or Board Goals.
- ⇒ Commitment to Board obligations, Board meeting attendance and committee meeting attendance.
- ⇒ Strengthen committee communication by publishing agendas and minutes.

Student Achievement

- ⇒ Analyze data to determine where support is needed for administration and staff to improve student achievement.

Fiscal Responsibility

- ⇒ Find alternative sources of funding to support activities - income or cost savings opportunities.
- ⇒ Implement process to coordinate use of funds with outside groups

For more information, please visit the district web site @www.mpsdk8.org