

Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – March 11, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will be held in the Borough School Learning Center.

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

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"/> Francis Foley	<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

Warren Ceurvels 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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

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

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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ 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 Presentation - State of Education

--Mr. Sean Dolan, Borough School Principal

--Mrs. Lindsay Vieira, Mountain Way School Principal

VIII Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

--HIB Grade Report

IX Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels

X Correspondence

XI Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes: February 25, 2014 – Executive and Regular Sessions.

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

XII Business Items Prepared for Official Action on March 11, 2014:

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. Approve Amended Family Leave Request – Jessica Hendershot – Third Grade Teacher – Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves an amended Family Leave request for Jessica Hendershot, Grade 3 Teacher at Borough School effective Monday, March 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014 as follows:

March 10, 2014 – April 21, 2014

25 Paid Sick Days

April 22, 2014 – June 20, 2014

Unpaid - NJ Family Leave Act

Mrs. Hendershot anticipates returning on September 1, 2014.

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

2. Approval of 3rd Grade Teacher (Family Leave Replacement) – Borough School- Amended Motion

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 10, 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 6 and March 7, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$100.00.

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

3. Approval of Classroom Aide (Replacement - Felicia Politi)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Isis Sarnowski as classroom aide at the Borough School, effective March 10, 2014 as follows:

\$12.50/hour (Step 1) x 5.75 hours per day = \$71.88 per day x 73 days = \$5,247.00

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

4. Approval of Salary Adjustment - Part-Time CST Secretary

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a one-time salary adjustment for Chandell Kramer, Part-Time CST Secretary, effective July 1, 2013 as follows:

Current Salary: \$16.15/hour x 3.9 hours/day x 240 days = \$15,116.40 per year

Adjusted Salary: \$16.96/hour x 3.9 hours/day x 240 days = \$15,874.56 per year

Difference: \$758.16 for the year

Please see the attached sidebar agreement.

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

5. Approval of Volunteer Softball Coach

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Shannon Prisco as Borough School Volunteer Softball Coach, replacing Jessica Hendershot who will be out on family leave.

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

6. Approval of Substitute Teacher

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following substitute teacher for the 2013-2014 school year:

Casey Carroll

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ 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

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated March 11, 2014 in the amount of \$297,421.86.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ 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
2/29/2014	General Fund	\$271,973.02

Roll Call: AA ____ SB ____ CF ____ FF ____ LG ____ TK ____ MM ____ DMc ____ DR ____

3. Adopt Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the following resolution: WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)2 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2014-2015 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Plains Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than forty Medicaid eligible classified students per the Special Education Medicaid Initiative 2014-2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll Call: AA ____ SB ____ CF ____ FF ____ 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 ____ CF ____ FF ____ LG ____ TK ____ MM ____ DMc ____ DR ____

D. Fundraiser - 6th Grade Camping Trip

1. Approve 6th Grade Fundraiser - ATK Field Day T-Shirts

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a 6th grade camping trip fundraiser as follows:

ATK Field Day T-Shirts will be sold at a cost of \$12.00 per shirt. Flyers will be distributed to the Borough School parents with ordering information. This fundraiser was conducted in the past and was quite successful.

Roll Call: AA ____ SB ____ CF ____ FF ____ LG ____ TK ____ MM ____ 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 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 ____ CF ____ FF ____ LG ____ TK ____ MM ____ DMc ____ DR ____