

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – February 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 - Co-Teaching

Danielle Mastrogiovanni
Andrea Bruno
Monica Pecoraro

Ashley Arteaga
Naomi Pochettino
Lindsey Irwin

VIII Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

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: January 28, 2014 – Executive and Regular Sessions.

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

XII Business Items Prepared for Official Action on February 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 Home Instructor - Special Needs Student

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Ashley Arteaga as home instructor for a special needs student effective February 3, 2014 for 10 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$33.00 = \$330.00 per week x 10 weeks = \$3,300 maximum, not to exceed 10 weeks.

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

2. Approval of Family Leave - Amended Request - Mrs. Lorey Deeb

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave request from Mrs. Lorey Deeb as follows (Mrs. Deeb anticipates returning on September 1, 2014.):

January 8, 2014 - February 25, 2014	32 Sick Days	PAID
February 26, 2014 - March 5, 2014	5 Days	UNPAID
March 6, 2014 - June 4, 2014	12 weeks	UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE
June 5, 2014 - June 30, 2014	Extended Family Leave	UNPAID EXTENDED LEAVE

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

3. Approval of Family Leave - Mrs. Jennifer Simms

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave request from Mrs. Jennifer Simms as follows (Mrs. Simms anticipates returning on November 24, 2014):

September 1, 2014 - November 21, 2014; 12 weeks UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE

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

4. Approval of Kindergarten Teacher (Family Leave Replacement – Mrs. Dalton)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Isabella Bellini as family leave replacement for Mrs. Dalton (emergent hire, pending criminal history background clearance), effective February 24, 2014 through June 30, 2014 at per diem rate of \$251.98 (\$50,395 - BA, Step 1). There are no benefits associated with this position. The Board also approves Ms. Bellini as substitute teacher for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Bellini will substitute on February 20 and February 21 at a daily substitute rate of \$100.00.

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

5. Approval of Unpaid Days - Classroom Aide - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves three (3) unpaid days for Lauren Klener, classroom aide at Mountain Way School, on January 30, 31, and February 6, 2014.

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

6. Approval of Unpaid Days - Classroom Aide - Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves six (6) unpaid days for Michelle Latsch, classroom aide at Borough School, on February 26, 27, 28, 2014; March 3, 4, 5, 2014.

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

7. Approval of Choreography Consultant - Drama Club Production, High School Musical, Jr.

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Jeorgi Smith as choreography consultant for the Drama Club Production of “High School Musical, Jr” at a total fee of \$600.00. Ms. Smith will start February 15, 2014 until the production’s completion on May 16, 2014. \$300.00 will be paid from the Student Activities Fund. \$300.00 will be donated by an anonymous donor.

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 February 11, 2014 in the amount of \$856,548.09.

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
1/30/2014	General Fund	\$267,531.78

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

3. Adoption of Resolution- Purchase of Electric Generation Services

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ the Board of adopts the attached resolution binding the Morris Plains Board of Education to Purchase Electric Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS from February 11, 2014 – May 2018.

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

4. Adoption of Resolution - Purchase of Natural Gas Services

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ the Board of adopts the attached resolution binding the Morris Plains Board of Education to Purchase Natural Gas Services Through the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS from February 11, 2014 – May 2018.

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

C. School Calendar - 2013-2014 School Year - *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approve the Revised 2013-2014 School Calendar

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following revisions on the 2013-2014 school calendar (please see attached):

February 18, 2014 will be changed to a regular school day for staff and students.

April 21, 2014 will be changed to a regular school day for staff and students.

June 24, 2014 will be the last day of school for students.

If additional snow days are needed they will be added at the end of the school calendar. If more than two days are used (school will not extend beyond June 26), the days will be deducted from the Spring Break in April in the following order: April 14; April 15; April 16, etc.

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

D. 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 ___

E. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences

1. Approve 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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

F. Home Instruction - *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Home Instruction

On the motion by _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves home instruction for student 000126, effective January 17, 2014. Student will receive 5 hours per week instruction at an hourly rate of \$54.00. Services to be provided by Saint Clare's Hospital Behavioral Health.

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 ___