

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – February 25, 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 Multidisciplinary Ancient Civilizations Project - Grade 6

- Scott Curcio
- Lauren Degnan
- Lisa DiStefano
- Joyce Peslak
- Students

VIII Library Core Curriculum PreK-8

- Sophie Blavet
- Joyce Peslak

IX Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

X Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels **--Preliminary Budget Discussion**

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 Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes: February 11, 2014 – Executive and Regular Sessions.

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

XIV Business Items Prepared for Official Action on February 25, 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 Lauren Degnan as home instructor for a special needs student effective February 19, 2014 for 2 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$33.00 = \$66.00 per week x 12 weeks = \$792.00 maximum, not to exceed 12 weeks.

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

2. Approval of Family Leave - Amended Request - Mrs. Alissa Schonmann

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board amends a family leave request from Mrs. Alissa Schonmann (Mrs. Schonmann anticipates returning on September 1, 2014.):

February 18, 2014 - March 21, 2014	24 Sick Days	PAID
March 24, 2014 - June 30, 2014	12 weeks	UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE

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

3. Approval of 4th Grade Teacher (Family Leave Replacement) – Borough School - Amended Motion

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Matthew Gottilla (emergent hire, pending criminal history background clearance) as 4th Grade Teacher at the Borough School (family leave replacement – Mrs. Schonmann), effective February 18, 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 Matthew Gottilla as substitute teacher for one day on February 12, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$100.00.

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

4. Approval of Professional Development Committee - 2013-2014

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following members of the professional development committee for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$500.00 each member for a total of \$2,000.00:

Erin Kramer	Jessica Hendershot
Danielle Mastrogiovanni	Debbie Drake

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

5. Approval of Chaperones - 6th Grade Camping Trip

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following chaperones for the 6th Grade Camping Trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA on April 24 and April 25, 2014 at a stipend of \$350.00 for each chaperone for a total of \$3,500 (\$350.00 x 10 chaperones):

Casey Devlin	Alison Porter	Joyce Peslak	Ashley Morris
Ed Frankosky	Catilin Hamill	Phyllis McGeehan	Laura Degnan
Wayne Looney	Debra Greik		

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

6. Approval of Chaperones - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following chaperones for the 8th Grade Camping Trip to Washington, D.C. , at a stipend of \$498.00 per chaperone for a total \$3,984.00 (\$498.00 x 8 chaperones):

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| Casey Devlin | Denise Zalis |
| Ed Frankosky | Brian Wilson |
| Wayne Looney | Marcia Goldberg |
| Scott Curcio | Mary Ellen Sullivan |

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 25, 2014 in the amount of \$477,640.91.

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
2/15/2014	General Fund	\$265,833.60

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

3. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending January 31, 2014

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Certification from the Board Secretary that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAS 18A:17-9, further that District Board of Education, after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports upon consultation with the appropriate district personnel, certifies that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAS 18A:17-36, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District Board of Education’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year and that therefore it is recommended that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for the period ending January 31, 2014 to be approved.

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

C. School Calendar - 2014-2015 School Year - *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year as per the attached.

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

D. Special Education - *The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approve a Neurological-Psychological Educational Evaluation

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a neurological-psychological educational evaluation for student 000092 in February, 2014 at a cost of \$3,500.00. Services will be provided by Dr. Barbara Couvadelli, 200 Middlesex Essex Turnpike, Suite 306A, Iselin, NJ 08830.

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

2. Approve an Out of District Placement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves an out of district placement for student 00000A, at the Summit Speech School, 705 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974, effective February, 2014 through June, 2014 at a tuition cost of \$23,780.00 (\$290.00 per day x 82 days). Transportation to be bid with coordinated transportation through ESC.

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

E. 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 ___

F. 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 ___

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