

**Morris Plains Board of Education Meeting
November 26, 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 Recognition of County Champions

**Girls' Soccer Team and Coach Casey Devlin
Cross Country Team and Coach Monica Pecoraro**

VIII Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

IX Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels

X Correspondence

XI 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

XII Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes: November 12, 2013 – Executive Session; November 12, 2013 – Public Meeting.

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

XIII Business Items Prepared for Official Action on November 26, 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 Days Without Pay – Classroom Aide

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves 1 (one) unpaid day for Eileen Bodnar, Classroom Aide at the Borough School as follows:

- November 5, 2013 .5 day
- November 15, 2013 .5 day

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

2. Approval of Science Curriculum Writers - Revisions

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Science Curriculum Writers for the 2013-2014 school year:

Staff Member	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total
Erin Kramer	\$32.00	not to exceed 20	\$640.00
Andrea Bruno	\$32.00	not to exceed 20	\$640.00
Ed Frankosky	\$32.00	not to exceed 20	\$640.00
Casey Devlin	\$32.00	not to exceed 20	\$640.00

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

3. Approval of Professional Development Instructors

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following professional development instructors for professional development preparation and delivery as follows:

Staff Member	Hourly Rate	# of Hours	Total
Alissa Schonmann	\$32.00	8 hours	\$256.00
Jessica Hendershot	\$32.00	8 hours	\$256.00
Erin Kramer	\$32.00	8 hours	\$256.00
Jennifer Simms	\$32.00	8 hours	\$256.00
Darlene Howell	\$32.00	8 hours	\$256.00

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

4. Approval of Winter Concert Pianist

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Mr. Douglas Yingling as pianist to assist with the winter concerts at a cost of \$50.00 per hour x 5 hours for a total cost of \$250.00. Hours include: 3 hours for Dress Rehearsal (December 9th); 1 hour for the Grade 3 and 4 Concert (December 12th); 1 hour for the Grade 5 and Select Chorus Concert (December 19th).

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

5. Approval of Family Leave Replacement – (Mrs. Penkoski, Grade 1 Teacher)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Isis Sarnowski (Emergent Hire) as Family Leave Replacement Teacher, Grade 1 at Mountain Way School, effective December 2, 2013 through March 7, 2014 at a salary of \$53,419 (BA+30/MA, Step 1). There are no benefits associated with this position.

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 November 26, 2013 in the amount of \$503,300.04.

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
11/15/2013	General Fund	\$265,245.41

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

3. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending 10.31.2013

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 October 31,2013 to be approved.

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. 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 ___

E. Fund Raiser - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approve Preschool Class Fundraiser - Magnets

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a fundraiser for the purpose of raising funds for the preschool class at Mountain Way School. Magnets, advertising the Mountain Way School Preschool Program, will be offered to the community for sale. This will be an ongoing fundraiser. The magnets will sell for approximately \$4.00-\$5.00 each and moneys received would be used for playground upgrades.

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

XIV Discussion Items:

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

XV 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.

XVI 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

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