

# **PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD**

## **Morris Plains Board of Education Special Meeting – Board Retreat - September 10, 2013 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Morris Plains Learning Center**

### **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), Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Board President, opened the meeting at 5:30pm and read the following: 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.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

*Present:* Mr. Alan Albin, Mr. Scott Bober, Mrs. Lee Connor, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mr. Douglas McCabe and Ms. Denise Rawding

*Absent:* Mrs. Maria Manley

*Also present:* Mr. Mark Maire and Dr. Warren Ceurvels

*Number of public attending:* 0

### **Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – none**

### **Board of Education Retreat**

Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston opened the retreat by asking Board Members to review the accomplishments of the district. Among those cited were:

1. Tuition modification with Morris School District.
2. School Choice has been implemented with an overall limit of 36 students.
3. Student achievement - The Board discussed the need for stronger benchmarks and demonstration of student growth, performance on standardized tests and the math scores. It was further discussed as to what kind of data is needed to be reviewed as well as how often. Possibly twice per year.

The Board also discussed the possibility of conducting an executive session at the beginning of the Board Meeting. Dr. Ceurvels cited the Rutgers decision and he was then asked to follow up with further information.

### **Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none**

### **Adjournment**

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, seconded by Mr. Alan Albin, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Warren J. Ceurvels*

**Dr. Warren Ceurvels**  
**Board Secretary**