

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

Morris Plains Board of Education Minutes of the Public Meeting – March 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. Borough School Learning Center

District Goals - 2014-2015

1. To create a culture of thinking and learning that promotes student achievement.
2. To provide professional development to ensure the delivery of instruction of the aligned curriculum to the NJCCSS.
3. Continue to implement AchieveNJ in accordance with state regulations; and to successfully implement PARCC testing in grades three through eight.
4. To continue to ensure that the budget provides for the achievement of all students in the district while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
5. Continue to strengthen two-way communication within the district among staff, parents, and members of the school community.

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. Maria Manley, Board President, opened the meeting at 7:00pm 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. Scott Bober, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mr. Francis Foley, Mr. Anthony Galdi, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mrs. Maria Manley and Ms. Denise Rawding

Absent: Mr. Alan Albin

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

Number of public attending: 2

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

-- Presentation - Preliminary School Budget - 2015-2016 (see attached)

Warren Ceurvels, School Business Administrator and Mark Maire, Superintendent

Mr. Mark Maire reported the following:

- There are no incidences of HIB to report at this time.
- Last Friday marked the 11th time this year a weather-related school closing announcement was made to address the safety of our students, staff, and school

community members. Hopefully, this was the last schedule change. To date, the school year has been extended 3 days.

- Congratulations to Borough School for completing the first round of PARCC assessments. It was a monumental task. However, we can say with pride that it was a success. I would like to thank Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kramar, Mrs. Lion-Bailey, Mrs. Vieira, Mr. Grimsley, and Mr. Brozuski for all their time and preparation. Our success is a direct reflection of their hard work, collaboration, and proactive planning. I would also like to thank the staff for their professionalism and support. They gave great attention to their responsibilities and they had to be PARCC experts quickly. In total, 25 students opted out of the assessment. Therefore, we had a 94% participation rate.
- On Wednesday, March 18th, Borough School hosted an assembly program for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students by FMA Live! Named after Newton's Second Law of Motion [Force equals Mass times Acceleration], the show connected science and engineering to everyday life. The program was sponsored by Honeywell and NASA. Before the assembly, Honeywell Hometown Solutions announced that Mrs. Devlin was selected to attend the Honeywell Educators Space Academy program in partnership with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. In June, she will join science and math teachers from around the world to learn about space-exploration at a week-long astronaut training program in Huntsville, Alabama.
- Every Wednesday our Mock Trial Club gave up their lunch to learn about the law and court system. I would like to congratulate the 7th grade members for winning first place in the local law adventure. As part of being named a winner, the group has been asked to go to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation to present their mock trial. I would like to thank Mrs. Deb Clark and Mrs. Rebecca Swope for volunteering their time to bring this club to our 7th and 8th grade students.
- I am proud to announce that Mrs. Vieira has worked with Dean Auriemma, a consultant with Silver and Strong, to publish an article in ASCD's April electronic newsletter. The newsletters are published twice a month, and shared globally to members across the world. The ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) is comprised of over 125,000 members—superintendents, principals, teachers, professors, and advocates from more than 138 countries. The association provides expert and innovative solutions in professional development, capacity building, and educational leadership essential to the way educators learn, teach, and lead. Mrs. Vieira's article addresses effective communication with a common language and common goals. In the article, she highlights our approach to setting district and school-wide goals. She also addresses several practices we have in place to monitor and support these goals.
- The school district is planning to transition to a new school management system and alert system for the 2015-2016 school year. Transition meetings have already started.
- The Borough School Senior Citizen Luncheon and MPEA Volleyball Fundraiser have been rescheduled for Friday, March 27th.
- Lastly, I would like to thank Dr. Ceurvels for his time and services to the Morris Plains School District. Tonight is Dr. Ceurvels last board meeting. We wish him all the best as he prepares for the next phase in his professional career.

Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the district for the past 22 months.

Correspondence – Thank you note from Mrs. Lindsay Vieira for the donation of books to Mountain Way in her father's honor.

Board Committee Status Reports

Finance/Buildings and Grounds – See budget presentation

Curriculum and Instruction - Mrs. Terri Kaag discussed the presentation by Ms. Peggy Walsh concerning the Child Study Team.

Legislative – no report

Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC) –

Morris School District – No report. Superintendent will start June 2015 instead of July 2015.

Personnel – See budget presentation

Policy Updates – no report

Liaison Committees (Reports if Available)

–**Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA)** – Mrs. Karen Riley informed the Board of two successful movie programs on Professional Development Days. The Association made about \$600. The MPHSA has supported two assemblies per grade 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 (6 total). In addition, \$450 was donated towards the tile project and an additional \$450 for a new Beaver costume. Mrs. Riley also spoke about the success of Science Night. Upcoming events include the Art Show on April 16, 2015 and the Casino Night at the Hanover Marriot on April 17, 2015.

–**Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC)** – Held a mother/daughter event last weekend.

–**Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP)** – The fundraiser will be held the week after Memorial Day.

–**Strategic Planning Committees** - none

Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the following Minutes:

February 24, 2015 - Public Session.

Mr. Alan Albin – absent	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on March 24, 2015:

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 to Amend Previously Approved Motion - Classroom Aide - Preschool Class

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves Sherri Votapek, as classroom aide, effective February 27, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at a salary of

\$14,956.59 (\$14.86/ hour x 5.5 hours per day (x 183 days) to be prorated. (excludes a 30 minute unpaid lunch)

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

2. Approval to Rescind Previous Motion - Home Instruction

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves to rescind a previous motion as follows: Approval of Sherri Votapek as Home Instructor for student 000670 effective February 25, 2015 through April 30, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$33.00 x 2 hours per day x 5 days per week; total not to exceed \$2,640.00 (\$330.00/week x 8 weeks).

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

3. Approval of Umpires

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves the following umpires at a cost of \$55.00 per game:

Brenda Payne
Willie Floyd
Bill Dortch
Peter Kahn

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

4. Approval of Substitute

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves Hal Mordkoff as substitute teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

5. Approval of Chaperones/Administrator in Charge

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves the following chaperones and administrator in charge for the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC on March 31, 2015 - April 2, 2015 at a total cost of \$4,284 (\$498/chaperone x 8 chaperones = \$3,984 + \$300/administrator in charge).

Chaperones:

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

Administrator in Charge:

Ed Frankosky

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

6. Approval of Additional Hours - Bus Aide

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves 2.25 additional hours (45 minutes/3 days) for Kara Pagan, aide at Mountain Way School, for the purposed of monitoring students on the bus on March 12, 13, 16, 2015. Total cost = \$31.50 (2.25 hours x \$14.00/hour).

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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 Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves line item transfers dated March 24, 2015.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

2. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated March 10, 2015 in the amount of \$450,874.53 and March 24, 2015 in the amount of \$846,926.64.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

3. Approve Payroll Distribution

Motion by Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley 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
2/27/15	General	\$291,800.58
3/15/15	General	\$282,196.98

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

4. Approval of Home Instruction

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board approves Home Instruction for Student 000670, effective February 25, 2015 through April 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$9,280.00 (\$58.00 per hour x 2 hours /day x 5 days x 16 weeks.) Services will be provided by American Tutor, Inc.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

5. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports For The Period Ending 2/28/2015

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley 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 February 28, 2015 to be approved.

Mr. Alan Albin – absent	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

6. Award Broadband Component to Lightpath - Tabled

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Frances Foley, the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) is acting as the lead agency for the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT). And

WHEREAS, the MRESC operates the State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS for the provision of services to its members. And

WHEREAS, the MRESC has developed RFP specifications, for the New Jersey Digital Readiness Learning & Assessment Broadband Component, Wide Area Network & Internet Cooperative Purchasing Initiative (DRLAP) in accordance with E-Rate guidelines. And

WHEREAS, the MRESC, used a competitive contracting format as approved by the Division of Local Government Services. And

WHEREAS, the MRESC posted a 470 form listing all districts submitting a letter or intent to participate in DRLAP and those public school district members of the MRESC Cooperative Pricing System not submitting a letter of intent to participate. And

WHEREAS, the MRESC advertised this bid in accordance with 18A:18A-21 and publicly opened and read the DRLAP bid on September 17, 2014.

SO THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Morris Plains Board of Education awards the DRLAP contract to Lightpath in the amount of _____.

Mr. Alan Albin – absent	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

C. Proposed School Budget - 2015-2016

1. Approve Submission of the 2015-2016 School Budget

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Morris Plains Board of Education approves the following resolution and submission of the 2015-2016 proposed budget to the County Office for approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains School Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the 2015-2016 school district budget for submission to the county superintendent as follows:

General Fund \$16,675,294
 Special Revenue Fund \$ 152,095
 Debt Service Fund \$ 538,550
 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund \$14,661,625 and Debt Service \$538,550 for the ensuing School Year (2015-2016); and

WHEREAS, the district has a taxing authority which is composed of \$126,602 for health benefits adjustment, \$0.00 for enrollment adjustment, \$0.00 for PERS Deferment, are available to the district for the school budget for 2015-2016 in addition to the 1.5% cap increase over the prior year which totals \$14,661,625 resulting in a maximum district tax levy available of \$14,788,227.

WHEREAS, The Board has approved that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy of \$14,661.625 for the ensuing School Year (2015-2016).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves that the unused taxing authority of \$126,602.00 be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

WHEREAS, school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a) provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2015-2016 school year was \$36,000; and

WHEREAS, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount \$25,461.14 as of February 1, 2015;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains School Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2015-2016 school year at the sum of \$36,068; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

1a. Approve Adoption Submission of the 2015-2016 Tentative School Budget

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, Morris Plains Board of Education approves the following resolution and submission of the 2015-2016 proposed budget to the County Office for approval.

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2015-2016 School Year using the 2015-2016 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2015-2016 Total Expenditures	16,675,294	152,095	538,550	17,365,939
Less: Anticipated Revenues	2,013,669	152,095	0	2,165,764
Taxes to be Raised	14,661,625	0	538,550	15,200,175

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Borough School Learning Center, Morris Plains Borough School, Morris Plains, New Jersey on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

1b. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board of Education Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2015-2016 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2015-2016 school year at a sum of \$36,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

1c. Professional Expenses

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves Professional Services for the school year 2015-2016:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 (a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget includes the following appropriations

Legal	\$ 12,000
Auditor	\$ 28,000
Architect	\$ 7,500
Professional Development	\$ 14,000
Transportation	\$ 5,000
Other Services	\$ 282,500
Repair Services	\$ 99,381
Related Service	<u>\$ 700,321</u>
Total	\$1,138,338

WHEREAS, the administration needs to notice the board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums, upon which the board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board action; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education establishes maximums for professional services listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Id. Tax Authority & Banked Cap:

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves tax authority and banking of cap:
 2015-2016 school year composed of \$126,602 for health benefits adjustment and \$34,113
 2015-2016 in addition to the 1.5% increase over the prior year which totals \$216,674 resulting in a maximum tax levy available of \$14,788,227.

BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Fund a tax levy of \$14,661,625 for the ensuing School Year (2015-2016).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the unused taxing authority of \$126,602 will be banked for potential use in the subsequent three fiscal years.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

D. Approval of Field Trip

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves a Borough School field trip to the New Jersey State Bar Association, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ on May 20, 2015 (alternate date - May 19, 2015) for the purpose of participating in a Mock Trial. A seventh grade student won first place in the Law Adventure Contest. 17 students and 4 adults will attend at a transportation cost of \$370.00.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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 Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent's monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

F. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences - The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approval of Professional Development

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the attached list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Discussion Items:

A. New Business - Mr. Scott Bober highly recommended reading new issue of School Leader. Mr. Mark Maire updated the Board on the online Superintendent's Evaluation.

B. Old Business - Ms. Lucia Galdi reported that Morristown High School Theatre is presenting "Grease" on March 28, 29, 30, 2015.

Executive Session

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi, seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, 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 at 8:31pm to discuss specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session;

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.

Mr. Alan Albin - absent	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Return to Regular Session from Closed Session

On the motion of Mr. Frances Foley, seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of education to return to the regular session of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session at 9:07pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Frances Foley, seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Warren S. Ceurvels
Board Secretary