

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – January 26, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will be held in the Mountain Way School Learning Center**

District Goals 2015-2016

1. Improve student performance for ALL students through an intense focus on enhancing the teaching and instructional experience throughout the district; continuing to support the district's initiatives in 21st century learning, technology integration and Writer's Workshop.
2. Effectively utilize newsletters, social media, parent forums, parent workshops, and the school and district websites to keep the community informed about news, events, achievements, and initiatives underway in our district and schools.
3. Identify and implement programs and interventions designed to support the social and emotional needs of our students.
4. Analyze short and long-term facility needs, recognizing items that need immediate action, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Develop a Long-Range Facility Plan with a projected five year action plan.

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"/> Scott Bober	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Fetherston	<input type="checkbox"/> Francis Foley	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Galdi	<input type="checkbox"/> Lucia Galdi
<input type="checkbox"/> Terri Kaag	<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Manley	<input type="checkbox"/> Denise Rawding	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Wilbur	Quorum? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Amy Barkman Mark Maire Number of Public

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

IV. 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.

V. Presentations

- STEM/iLAB - Elizabeth Demetrician
- 2014-2015 Audit Findings

VI. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

VII. Business Administrator’s Report - Ms. Amy Barkman

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public - January 5, 2016.

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

X. 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

-- New Jersey School Boards

-- Morris County School Boards Association

Community Outreach

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

XI. Business Items Prepared for Official Action on January 26, 2016:

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent) - *The following motions are of a routine nature, non controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

Note: Employment of personnel contained in these resolutions in this section are provisional, contingent upon a criminal record check in compliance with P.L.1986, C.116 and approval of the submission of the "Application for Emergent Hire."

1. Approval of a Family Leave Request - Kindergarten Teacher - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave request for Nicole Dalton Kindergarten Teacher at Mountain Way School as follows:

March 14, 2016 - April 29, 2016

Paid Sick Days

May 2, 2016 - June 30, 2016

NJ Family Leave Act (Unpaid)

Mrs. Dalton intends to return on September 1, 2016.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

2. Approval of Volunteer Assistant Girls' Softball Coach

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Shannon Prisco as Volunteer Assistant Girls' Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

3. Approval of Resignation of Boys' Baseball Coach - Scott Curcio

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the resignation of Scott Curcio, Boys' Baseball Coach, effective January 11, 2016..

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

4. Approval of Boys' Baseball Coach - 2015-2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Gary Fiore as Boys' Baseball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$2,470.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

5. Approval of Substitute Teacher - 2015-2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Lisa Kenneweg as substitute teacher (County Substitute Certificate) for the 2015-2016 school year.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

6. Approval to Change Resignation Date - Preschool Teacher

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the resignation of Michele Donker, Preschool Teacher at Mountain Way School, effective January 25, 2016.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

7. Approval to Create the New Position of Preschool Classroom Aide

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves to create a new preschool classroom aide position, effective January 12, 2016.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

8. Approval of Basketball Officials and Rates Per Game - 2015-16

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following basketball officials at a rate of \$57.00 per game:

John Huhn George Dwyer Rick Blind
John Spinnozola Bob Steckert Joe Mydosh

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

9. Approval of Movement on the Guide - February 1, 2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves movement on the guide for the following staff member, effective February 1, 2016:

Staff Member	Column, Step	Salary	New Column, Step	Adjusted Salary
Jennifer Simms	BA, Step 7	\$53,330	BA+15, Step 7	\$54,905

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

10. Approval of Preschool Teacher - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Kalli Burd (Emergent Hire) as Preschool Teacher at the Mountain Way School, at an anticipated start date of February 22, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$51,230 (BA, Step 1) to be prorated.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts - *The following motions are of a routine nature, non controversial, 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 January 26, 2016 in the amount of \$771,315.02.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the payroll distribution summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and made part of these minutes

Payroll Date	Fund	Amount
01/15/2016	General	\$301,173.43

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

3. Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports For The Period Ending 12/31/2015

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 December 31, 2015 to be approved.

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

4. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves line item transfers dated January 26, 2016.

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

5. Approve the 2016-2017 Managed Services Agreement with Centris Group

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the 2016-2017 Managed Services Agreement with Centris Group (IEP Direct) in the amount of \$2,407.00 (deferred until July 1, 2017).

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

6. Annual Audit – Acceptance and Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2014-2015

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Morris Plains School District Board of Education after presentation and discussion, accepts the annual audit, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of Finances and Management(CAFR) report for the district accounts for fiscal year 2014-2015. Be it resolved: that the school business administrator is directed to file copies of this audit with the New Jersey Department of Education via the County Office and the offices for National Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository as required by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (since the district has outstanding debt services bonds).

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

7. Approve Authorization by the Superintendent for Professional Development/Travel

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the authorization by the Superintendent for all district-wide Professional Development/Travel not to exceed \$150.00 per request.

Roll Call: SB____ CF____ FF____ AG____ LG____ TK____ MM____ DR____ KW____

8. Approve New Jersey School Insurance Group

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the New Jersey School Insurance Group (NJSIG) as insurance carrier for property/liability/general insurance for the 2015-2016 school year.

Roll Call: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___

C. School Calendar - 2016-2017 - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approve School Calendar - 2016-2017

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Roll Call: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___

D. Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non controversial, 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: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___

E. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Professional Development

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Professional Development – Request for Approval as per Accountability Regulations – January 26, 2016

Staff Member	Date	Workshop	Mileage	Fee	Sub	Total
Danielle Harris	1/28/2016 1/29/2016	Techspo 2016, Harrah’s Resort, Atlantic City, NJ	None	\$420/person	\$200	\$620.00
Laura Lewis	February 18-20, 2016	NJ Music Educators Association (NJMEA) Conference for Active Member	36.9 x .31 x 4 = \$45.76	\$ 200.00 (includes luncheon fee) Meals: \$14.00	\$200.00	\$459.76

Megan Gropp	2/18/2016	"An Insiders Guide on Tactics Used by Attorneys & Advocates Against Schools" - School Administration Group Mount Laurel, NJ	None	\$150.00	None	\$150.00
Kevin Beattie	3/14/2016-3/16/2016	NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association Expo/Conference	258.8 x .31 = \$80.23	Fee - \$125.00 Hotel - \$188.00 Parking - \$5.00 Tolls - \$10.00 Meals - \$160.00	none	
Christine Lion-Bailey	2/23/2016-2/26/2016	Google School	None	Airfare - \$434.20 Hotel - \$561 Meals - \$224	None	\$1219.20

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW___

F. Special Education - The following motions are of a routine nature, non controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approval of Out of District Placement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Out of District placement at Hampton Academy (108 Burrs Road, Mount Holly, NJ) for HS student 000070 effective September 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$46,868.00 (\$260.38 * maximum 180 days).

Roll Call: AA___ SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___

2. Approval of Out of District Placement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Out of District placement at Fusion Academy (182 South Street, Morristown, NJ) for HS student 000126 effective January 4, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$12,990.00.

Roll Call: AA___ SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___

3. Approval of Reading Assessment

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Reading Assessment for student 000995 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Services to be provided by The Learning Laboratory, 322 Main Street, Madison, NJ.

Roll Call: AA___ SB___ CF___ FF___ AG___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___

4. Approval of “Social Skills” Group (Pending completion of vendor forms)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Social Skills group for student 000875 at a cost not to exceed \$2,650.00. Services to be provided by Alana Fichtelberg, 10 Emley Road, Pittstown, NJ.

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

XII. Discussion Items:

- **New Business**
- **Old Business**

XIII. Executive Session (Determined when the Board Meeting Opens)

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 a potential lawsuit against the district. The Board will not take action at the conclusion of executive session, and the minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Roll Call: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___

XIV. 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: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___

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: SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___ KW ___