

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – February 9, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will be held in the Borough 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

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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

★ 6th Grade Skits

Big and Little Buddies Digital Citizenship - Mrs. Peslak, Mrs. Rafuse and Mr. Wilson

Cyber Safety - written and performed by Emily Hyman, Mir Vyas, Sam Lewis, Ava Stallone and Caitlyn Wagner

Don't Skip Ads - written and performed by Tyler Inserra, Benjamin Bergeron, Alex Rocca,

★ State of Education - Morris Plains School District Administration

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 and Executive Session - January 26, 2016.

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

X. Business Items Prepared for Official Action on February 9, 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 Basketball Official and Rate Per Game - 2015-2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Richard Watrous as basketball official for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$57.00 per game.

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

2. Approval of Substitutes - 2015-2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year:

--Alexandra Ross - Substitute Teacher(County Substitute Certificate)

--Nicholas Swiontkowski - Substitute Custodian (\$12.50 per hour)

--Alison Paulus (County Substitute Certificate)

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

3. Approval of a Family Leave Extension - Grade 6 - LAL Teacher

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave extension for Lauren Degnan, 6th Grade LAL Teacher at the Borough School as follows:

February 10, 2016 - May 4, 2016

NJ Family Leave Act (unpaid)

Mrs. Degnan intends to return on May 5, 2016.

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

4. Approval to Extend Family Leave Replacement - Grade 6 - LAL Teacher

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves an extension for Kate Gillan as Family Leave Replacement Teacher for Lauren Degnan, 6th Grade LAL Teacher at the Borough School through May 4, 2016 at a salary of \$51,230 (BA, Step 12) prorated. There are no benefits associated with this position.

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

5. Approval to Accept Retirement - Physical Education/Health Teacher - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the retirement of Arlene Millman, Physical Education/Health Teacher at the Mountain Way School, effective February 1, 2016.

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

6. Approval of Physical Education/Health Teacher - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Gary Fiore as Physical Education/Health Teacher at the Mountain Way School, effective February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$54,254 (BA+30/MA, Step 1) to be prorated.

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

7. Approval of a Family Leave - Basic Skills Teacher (K-8)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave for Allison Zakrzewski, Basic Skills Teacher (K-8) as follows:

May 2, 2016 - June 10, 2016

Sick Days (Paid)

June 13, 2016 - June 30, 2016

NJ Family Leave Act (unpaid)

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

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

8. Approval of Basic Skills Teacher (Family Leave Replacement)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Salvatore Morelli as Basic Skills Teacher (Family Leave Replacement - Mrs. Zakrzewski) effective May 2, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$51,230 (BA, Step 1) to be prorated. There are no benefits associated with this position.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG ___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW ___

9. Approval to Accept Resignation - Classroom Aide - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the resignation of Sheri Votapek, Classroom Aide at the Mountain Way School, effective March 11, 2016.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG ___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW ___

10. Approval of Kindergarten Teacher (Family Leave Replacement) - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Sherri Votapek as Kindergarten Teacher (Family Leave Replacement - Mrs. Dalton) effective March 14, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$51,230 (BA, Step 1) to be prorated. There are no benefits associated with this position.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG ___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW ___

11. Approval to Amend Date of Return (Family Leave) - Mrs. LaBoy - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves to amend the return date for Mrs. Laboy (Family Leave) Kindergarten Teacher at the Mountain Way School, from May 1, 2016 to April 18, 2016.

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG ___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW ___

12. Approval to Amend Last Day for Salvatore Morelli (Family Leave Replacement) - Mrs. LaBoy - Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves to amend the last day for Salvatore Morelli, Family Leave Replacement for Mrs. Laboy, Kindergarten Teacher at the Mountain Way School, from April 29, 2016 to April 15, 2016.

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 February 9, 2016 in the amount of \$375,832.82

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
1/30/16	General	\$306,288.45

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

3. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves line item transfers dated February 9, 2016.

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

4. Adopt Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)2 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2016-2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Plains Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than forty Medicaid eligible classified students per the Special Education Medicaid Initiative 2016-2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

5. Approval to Renew Agreement with Prevention Specialist, Inc.-Employee Drug Testing Calendar Year 2016

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a renewal contract with Prevention Specialists, Inc., 208 Monmouth Road, Suite 2, New Jersey, Suite 2 for employee drug testing for the calendar year. The annual fee is \$275.00 plus \$68.00 for drug testing and \$39.00 per test for alcohol testing with additional testing available as needed.

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 – February 9, 2016

Staff Member	Date	Workshop	Mileage	Fee	Sub	Total
Wayne Looney	2/22/2016	NJAHPERD Convention, Long Branch NJ	\$ 45.28	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 240.28

Roll Call: SB___ CF___ FF___ AG ___ LG___ TK___ MM___ DR___ KW ___

XI. Discussion Items:

- **New Business**
 - a. **March 22nd Board Meeting**
 - b. **Preliminary**
- **Old Business**

XII. 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 _____. 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 ___

XIII. 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 ___

XIV. 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.

XV. 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 ____