

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – March 28, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
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.

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, President, opened the meeting at 7:02pm 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. Anthony Galdi, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mrs. Maria Manley, Ms. Denise Rawding and Mr. Kenneth Wilbur

Absent:

Also present: Mr. Mark Maire and Ms. Amy Barkman

Number of public attending: 3

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – none

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire reported on the following:

1. There were two HIB investigations to report at this time. Both investigations were determined to be student conflicts and not incidences of HIB.

2. On March 18th, we said our farewells to Dr. Gamble. On Monday, we welcomed back Mrs. Vieira. I would like to thank Dr. Gamble for his leadership and work ethic throughout his service at Mountain Way. He redefined the role of an interim. He sustained existing programs and moved us forward in critical areas of need. We are excited to welcome back Mrs. Vieira. We wish her well as she transitions.
3. Over the spring break, Borough School hosted numerous facilities projects designed to enhance office space, beautify the hallways, and conserve energy. I would like to thank Plant Manager Kevin Beattie and Ms. Parkman for facilitating these projects.
4. PARCC testing is scheduled for the week of April 25th. PARCC information has been shared with parents, and it is posted on the district website. Borough School plans to run an PARCC infrastructure test shortly.
5. On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, there will be a combined Superintendent/Borough School Principal Forum at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough School learning center. This is a great opportunity to maximize parent participation.
6. On March 18th, I attended a screening of "Most Likely To Succeed" at Ramapo College. It was exhilarating and validating at the same time. The film captures the need to prepare students for the era of innovation. That success in education must be measured by real learning, creative problem solving, and discovery. Teaching the skills students need in the 21st century economy. Ironically, much of our new programs, resources, and professional development address this approach to education. I plan to show the screening of the film on the first day of the 2016-2017 school year. The board members viewed the trailer for the film, which can be found on the following website: <http://mltsfilm.org/>
7. Borough School's annual Science Night will be held this Thursday evening beginning at 6:30PM. We are all looking forward to the student projects as well as the various displays and exhibits. Thank you to the HSA for hosting this event!
8. Upcoming board meetings
 - a. April 12th
 - i. Recognize VFW Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Jessica Hendershot
 - ii. Recognize 6th Grade Math in Art Project 2nd Place Winner
 - b. April 26th
 - i. One Day One School Recognition
 - ii. Public Hearing - Budget

Business Administrator's Report - Ms. Amy Barkman reported on the following:

1. Mr. Maire and Ms. Barkman met with retired State Troopers to help develop a Security Plan. It included walking both buildings.
2. Met with the County Business Administrator for the Budget Review.
3. CST carpet was installed over Spring Break.
4. Lockers were painted over Spring Break.
5. LED lighting in the hallways was installed over Spring Break.
6. A new ceiling was installed outside the Business Office over the Spring Break.
7. A new kiln for the Art Room was delivered over Spring Break.

Correspondence – The District was invited to perform during the opening ceremonies on April 11, 2016 at 6:30pm for the Morris County Council of Education Association at Rockaway Townsquare Mall (Macys – lower level).

Board Committee Status Reports:

Finance/Buildings and Grounds – Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston reported on the Long Range Facility Plan, the Referendum and the Budget Presentation. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2016 at 7:00am.

Curriculum and Instruction – Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is April 20, 2016.

Legislative – Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston had nothing to report.

Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC) – Mr. Kenneth Wilbur reported that there is a major concern over the MRESC changing its name to the ESC of New Jersey.

Morris School District – Ms. Lucia Galdi reported that Mr. Mark Maire attended and presented at the MSD BOE meeting. The Budget for the MSD was presented. Construction at the high school is ahead of schedule and will include additional parking. Frelinghuysen Middle School doubling up on Language Arts.

Personnel – The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2016

Policy Updates – Ms. Denise Rawding report that there are 5 policies up for a Second Read on tonight’s agenda. The Committee is still waiting on the homework and volunteer policy.

Liaison Committees -

--**Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA)** – Mr. Maire attended the last meeting and presented the budget. Assemblies were also discussed.

--**Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC)** – The MPMAC held a play at Borough School that was very successful.

--**Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP)** – The 5K will be held in May. The Foundation is looking for donations.

--**Strategic Planning Committees** – No report.

-- **New Jersey School Boards** – No report.

-- **Morris County School Boards Association** – The next meeting will be held April 7, 2016.

Community Outreach – was discussed during the Finance Meeting.

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public - March 8, 2016

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

4. Approval of Unpaid ½ Day for Maintenance Worker

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves an unpaid ½ day for Mohamed Aboushelbaia, effective March 4, 2016.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

5. Approval Baseball/Softball Umpires and Assigner and Fees

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the following umpires for the varsity baseball/softball season (2015-2016) at a cost of \$57.00/umpire/game and an assigner at a cost of \$114.00.

Assigner: Ray Mosso

Umpires:

- Ray Mosso,
- John Lezak
- Mark Meehan
- Dan Wilkenfeld
- Gene McDonald
- Kevin Vrabel
- Fred Yawger
- Rich Watrous
- James Lezak
- Laurie McGovern

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

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 Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated March 28, 2016 in the amount of \$179,636.01

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, 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
3/15/16	General	\$303,388.87

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

3. Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending 2/29/2016

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi 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 NJSA 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 NJSA 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 29, 2016 to be approved.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

4. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves line item transfers dated March 28, 2016.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

5. Approve Payment of Expenses for One on One Teacher - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves payment in the amount of \$262.00 for expenses incurred for One on One teacher for Student #000092 to participate in the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC. Funds are to be paid from the student co-curricular account.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

6. Discontinue Participation with Morris Essex Insurance Group

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves to discontinue participation with Morris Essex Insurance Group effective June 30, 2016 for all insurance coverages.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

7. Approve New Jersey School Insurance Group for 2016-2019 School Year

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the resolution and agreement with the New Jersey School Insurance Group (NJSIG) as insurance carrier for property/liability/worker's compensation/general insurance for the 2016-2019 school year (note: three-year contract).

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

8. Approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the School Years 2016-2017 through 2018-2019.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

9. Approve the Contract with New Jersey School Boards Association for Policy Manual Assessment

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the contract with the New Jersey School Boards Association for a policy manual assessment at the cost of \$6,500.

Mr. Scott Bober would like extra scrutiny placed on the contract.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

10. Approve Submission of the Capital Improvement Projects to the NJDOE.

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board authorizes Settembrino Architects to submit the following capital improvement projects to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval:

SCHOOL	NJ DOE PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECTS
QUESTION 1: Morris Plains Borough School	3380-020-16-2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classroom Lighting ● Hallway Flooring ● Exterior Door/Frame Replacement ● Window Replacement ● Window blind/shade replacement ● Roof Replacement
QUESTION 2: Morris Plains Borough School	3380-020-16-2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Auditorium renovations

The Morris Plains School District is seeking NJ Department of Education Debt Service Aid as part of the project funding. The local funding source for the projects will be long term debt. (A September 2016 referendum is planned.)

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

11. Approve Amendment to the Long Range Facility Plan

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board authorizes Settembrino Architects to amend its approved Long Range Facilities Plan to include the following projects:

SCHOOL	NJ DOE PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECTS
Morris Plains Borough School	3380-020-16-2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Classroom Lighting ● Hallway Flooring ● Exterior Door/Frame Replacement ● Window Replacement ● Window blind/shade replacement ● Roof Replacement ● Auditorium Renovations

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

C. 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 Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent's monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

D. Special Education - *The following motion is of a routine nature, no- controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Out of District Placement

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves Out of District placement for student 000070 effective February 22,2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$24,975.60 (\$320.20 * 78 days). Services to be provided by Legacy Treatment Services, 1289 Route 38W, Hainesport, NJ

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Approval of Out of District Placement (Amended from original contract with Fusion Academy)

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, 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 new cost not to exceed \$31,190.00. (Original amount was \$12,990.00)

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

3. Approval of Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Evaluation

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves a Pediatric Neurodevelopmental evaluation for Borough School student #621162 at a cost not to exceed \$675.00. Services to be provided by Dr. Lanzkowsky, Morristown Medical Center, 100 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ. Evaluation scheduled for June 13, 2016.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

4. Approval of Psychiatric Evaluation

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves a Psychiatric evaluation for Borough school student #001017 at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. Services to be provided by Dr. Lee Suckno, 170 E Main Street #202, Rockaway, NJ 07866. Evaluation tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2016.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

E. Policies - *The following motions are of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Adoption of Policies for Second Reading

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board adopts the following policies on second reading:

Policy 1250	Visitors
Policy 1330	Use of School Facilities
Policy 5111	Admissions
Policy 5118.1	School Choice
Policy 6171.2	Gifted and Talented

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes	Vacant
Mrs. Terri Kaag - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

Discussion Items:

- **New Business** – Mr. Mark Maire discussed the CSA Evaluation. Should be completed by April 15, 2016. Ms. Denise Rawding thanked the Board for the lovely bag. The Board received four applications for the Board vacancy.
- **Old Business** – Mrs. Terri Kaag inquired about the heating system for Pre-K, Kindergarten and the Media Center at Mountain Way. She is also looking for more sound barriers in the Vocal Music Room at Borough School.

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – Mr. Doug McCabe inquired about 90 parking spots at Morristown High School previously mentioned. He wanted to know if this will be happening soon?

Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Anthony Galdi, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Barkman".

Ms. Amy Barkman
Board Secretary

