

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – March 8, 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 7:00pm 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 (arrived at 7:03), 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: 2

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – none

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

1. There were no incidences of HIB to report at this time.

2. The ESEA Accountability Action Plan was on the agenda for board approval. Districts/schools that did not attain the 95% participation rate for PARCC for any subgroup are required to complete the action plan. We did not have 95% participation for our special education students. The plan details strategies to enhance our communication and resources; encouraging all students to participate in the assessment.
3. Visiting author Peter McCarty visited Mountain Way students on Monday, March 7. He led presentations/talks with each grade level.
4. Last Wednesday, I visited the Students2Science facility in East Hanover with Dr. Scott Rubin, the East Hanover Superintendent. Students 2 Science, Inc., is a public charity operating a modern, sophisticated analytical chemistry laboratory for the sole purpose of providing students with an authentic STEM related work experience. Students visit their commercial laboratory in East Hanover New Jersey where they conduct age-appropriate experiments using state-of-the art instrumentation while working side-by-side with local technical professionals. The professionals are scientists in the field who donate their time to work with students. The objective of the meeting was to create a collaborative relationship with Students2Science. East Hanover participates in a bundle package that sends several grade levels to their facility throughout the year. The experience is costly (\$125/student). However, Novartis funds their participation. Science2Students appreciates our commitment to Science and STEM. They want to explore ways to use our participation to package grant opportunities for their non-profit organization. I have reached out to Honeywell to see if they would sponsor us. The sponsorship would allow our students to access and participate in the laboratory field work multiple times throughout the year. We would also have access to virtual labs, STEM kits, and other resources. Let's keep our fingers crossed. If Honeywell does not support this program, we will look to other large companies (Bayer, etc.) and we will also work with Science2Students circling back to potential grant opportunities.
5. Last Wednesday evening, the Morris Plains School District hosted its first "Technology Innovation Evening." The evening was sponsored by the EFMP, and it was well-attended. Over 50 parents attended the program. Parents had an opportunity to attend 4 twenty minutes sessions, led by K-8 staff. The sessions highlighted staff's use of technology to drive instruction. The interactive classes were enthusiastic, informative, and engaging. I would like to thank the EFMP for sponsoring this event, and for their unwavering support. I would also like to thank the staff members that have volunteered their time to highlight and showcase the wonderful things they do in the classroom. Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Lion-Bailey for coordinating the program. Mrs. Kaag was in attendance to support the event. Her participation was also appreciated.
6. Last week, both schools supported Read Across America week with school based activities and events designed to promote the joy of reading.
7. I will be presenting at the MSD board of education meeting on March 14th.
8. Tomorrow night, I will discuss the 2016-2017 school budget at the HSA meeting.
9. Congratulations to Mrs. Jessica Hendershot for being named VFW Post 3401 Teacher of the Year! We will recognize Mrs. Hendershot for achieving this honor at the April 12th board meeting.
10. 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 participation.
11. Last week, our district made tremendous advances in the social media world. We created a district twitter account @WeAreMPSD. Every administrator will have access to the account. Therefore, we will maximize the amount of information we post to highlight the wonderful things we are doing in the classroom/schools. We have programmed the Tweets to also sync onto the Facebook page. Additionally, for our staff who use Twitter, we have advised them to end their tweets with the hash-tag

#mpsd8. By adding the hash-tag, the Tweets will automatically appear on the district Twitter and Facebook page. What a tremendous PR tool! Soon, we will have an incredible following in the Facebook/Twitter world; brightening the spotlight on our district.

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

1. The Business Office is in the process of updating the Purchasing and SOP manuals.
2. The Business Support Staff is continuing to be cross-trained.
3. The District received a refund from Utica Insurance Group for the 2014/2015 school year in the amount of \$2,400.
4. The NJSBA Policy Meeting took place on Friday, March 4, 2016.
5. Mr. Maire and Ms. Barkman met with Honeywell today.
6. The Budget is complete.
7. The Board needs to turn in their Chromebooks.
8. Paperwork has been submitted to the DOE for approval of the Borough School vestibule because it involves changing classrooms.
9. During Spring Break the following items will be done: locker painting, hallway lighting and CST carpeting.

Correspondence- None

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public Session - February 23, 2016.

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

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on March 8, 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 to Approve a Family Leave Request - Basic Skills Teacher

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves to amend a family leave return date for Allison Zakrzewski, Basic Skills Teacher as follows:

Previous return date: September 1, 2016

Current return date: October 31, 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

2. Approval of Substitute

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the following substitute for the 2015-2016 school year: Nieasia Wilkins - Substitute Secretary.

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 Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated March 8, 2016 in the amount of \$326,381.54

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 Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, 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
2/29/2016	General	\$319,120.38

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 Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves line item transfers dated 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 to Dispose of Outdated Laminator

On the motion by of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the disposal of outdated an outdated laminator (#01376) at Mountain Way School.

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 of Donation of Furniture from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

On the motion by of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the donation of various furniture items from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

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.*

There were no cases of HIB.

1. Accept and Affirm the Superintendent's Anti-Bullying Report

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, 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, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Psychiatric Evaluation

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves a Psychiatric evaluation for Borough school student #001018 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 scheduled for March 31, 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. ESEA Accountability Action Plan - 2015 Participation Rate - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non- controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of ESEA Accountability Action Plan - 2015 Participation Rate/Assurances

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the ESEA Accountability Plan - 2015 Participation Rate and Assurances .

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

F. Policies for First Reading - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Policies for First Reading

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the following policies for first 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

G. 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 Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the following list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Professional Development – Request for Approval as per Accountability Regulations – March 8, 2016

Staff Member	Date	Workshop	Mileage	Fee	Sub	Total
Siobhan Cassidy	3/17/2016 and 3/18/2016	Social Thinking , Tarrytown, New York	\$76.38	\$434.00	N/A	\$510.38

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** – Mrs. Lucia Galdi announced that the Morristown High School Hockey Team won the State Championship. Mrs. Terri Kaag said the Education Committee will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston said the Morris School District did a fundraiser at the Mayo Theatre. One of the students received a scholarship for voice lessons. One student won the top prize for 19 and under. Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston would like to change the Finance Meeting to Mondays at 7:00am before the 2nd meeting. Next meeting is March 28, 2016.
- **Old Business** - none

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Mr. Anthony Galdi, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Amy Barkman
Board Secretary

