

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

Morris Plains Board of Education Minutes of the Public Meeting – November 21, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. Borough School Learning Center

2017-2018 District Goals

1. The Morris Plains School District will explore personalized learning to support curriculum, instruction, and assessment that meets the needs of our learners and prepares them for future readiness.
2. The Morris Plains School District will develop and implement a strategic planning process.
3. The Morris Plains School District will continue to attend to the development of all facets of the whole child.
4. The Morris Plains School District will increase the opportunities for all students to be successful through the implementation and expansion of academic and intervention programs.
5. The Morris Plains School District will expand balanced literacy and mathematics training in grades K-8. This includes providing data-driven professional development to support advances in the teaching of reading, writing, and mathematics.

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 7:04pm 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, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mr. Adam Higgins, Mrs. Shawna Longo, Mrs. Maria Manley, Ms. Christina Perry, Dr. Denise Rawding and Mr. Kenneth Wilbur

Absent: Mr. Anthony Galdi

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

Number of public attending: 30

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Presentation - 2017 Boy's Soccer County Champions – Mr. Scott Curcio

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

1. There were no incidences of HIB to report at this time.
2. We are currently working with the Morris Plains Basketball Recreation, who expressed a desire to donate funds to the district. We hope to identify a project to support the donation shortly, which we will celebrate during the Opening Day of basketball.
3. This week, I received confirmation from the county office that our QSAC Statement of Assurance has been reviewed, and based upon the SOA and previous PARCC scores, we are eligible for an equivalency waiver. We must complete the equivalency waiver, board approve the waiver, then submit to the NJDOE. Six school districts out of the 14 in this year's QSAC cycle are eligible for the waiver. Because we are eligible for a waiver, the NJDOE has once again deemed us as a "High Performing District." The waiver will cover the next three years.
4. The Grand Opening of the Borough School Auditorium is scheduled for December 5th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. The event is open to members of the public. We have ordered 25 lawn signs to promote the ceremony. The food and beverages for the festivities will be funded by our architect. To kick-off the program, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by performances from the Select Chorus and Jazz Band. Borough students will lead the classroom lighting tours.
5. The first of four district newsletters was published and shared with community members on Monday, November 20th. Through newsletters, social media sites, and leadership forums, the district shows a strong commitment to support communication between the home and school.
6. Our next early dismissal/professional development day is scheduled for December 6th.
7. I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

1. The Security Director from the Morris School District visited to check the vestibules.
2. A demonstration was held for a POS System for the cafeteria and student activities.
3. The bid results for the new windows and exterior doors at Borough School.
4. The donation of hand sanitizers from Atlantic Health System.

Correspondence - none

Board Committee Status Reports:

Finance/Buildings and Grounds – Did not meet.

Communication Outreach – Meeting tonight.

Curriculum and Instruction – Mr. Mark Maire reported that the committee met on November 16, 2017

Personnel - Did not meet.

Policy - Did not meet.

Legislative - Did not meet.

Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC) – Mr. Kenneth Wilbur reported that the enrollment at both schools is substantially down. There are continued issues with Middlesex ESC and there are a lot of new buses and no bus drivers.

Morris School District – Ms. Lucia Galdi reported that Lisa Pollack and Leonard Posey won election to the School Board.

Shared Service – A meeting will be scheduled after the holiday.

Liaison Committees (Reports if Available)

--**Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA)** – The MPHSA is supporting the 2nd Grade rock garden at Mt. Way School.

--**Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC)** – no report

--**Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP)** – Mr. Mark Maire reported that a meeting was held on November 14, 2017. Foundation visited and saw TV Studio equipment in use. There were several grants submitted by teachers.

--**Strategic Planning Committees** – no report

-- **New Jersey School Boards** – no report

-- **Morris County School Boards Association** – Dr. Denise Rawding that there is a meeting coming up.

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Dr. Denise Rawding, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public - November 7, 2017

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - abstain
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on November 21, 2017:

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 Officials and Assigner

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the following basketball officials at a cost of \$57.00 per game, and a one-time assigner fee of \$114.00

Assigner

Eugene McDonald - \$114.00 Assigner Fee

Basketball Officials @ \$ 57.00 per. game

Fasto Alarcon	Steve Loboda
Robert Steckert	Barry Kostopolis
Lee Seras	Rick Blind
Eugene McDonald	Christopher McDonald
Joe Mydosh	John Huhn
Jo Ann McKenna	Janet King
John Spinnazola	Frank Miranda

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Approval of Unpaid Day for Mt. Way School Teacher

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves 1 unpaid day off for Mt. Way School Teacher # 4365 on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

3. Approval of Unpaid Day for Borough School Aide

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves 1 unpaid day off for Borough School Aide # 4519 on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

4. Approval of Substitute - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves Marlene Eickmeyer as substitute teacher (teaching certificate) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

5. Approval of Substitute Custodian - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves Monica Giraldo as substitute custodian for the 2017-2018 school year @ an hourly rate of \$12.50.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

6. Approval of special coverage Substitute Nurse-2017-2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves special hours for nurse substitute Kathleen Kelly on an as needed basis for extracurricular activities at a cost of \$50 per half hour for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

7. Approval of Classroom Aide for 2017-2018 School Year

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves classroom aide and salary starting on January 2, 2018 - June 30, 2018 for 2017-2018 school year:

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	HOURS	TOTAL PAID HRS/DAY	UNPAID TIME (LUNCH) IF APPLICABLE	STEP	HOURLY RATE IF APPLICABLE	YEARLY SALARY
Krista Underhill	CST AIDE	Borough	8:05-3:00	5.9	69	1	\$13.86	\$14,963.91 prorated

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - 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. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated 11/21/2017 in the amount of \$446,558.25.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia 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
11/15/17	General	\$332,140.88

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

3. Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports For The Period Ending October 31, 2017

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia 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 October 31, 2017 to be approved.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

4. Approval of the Agreement with The Madison Institute for the 2017-2018 School Year

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the agreement with The Madison Institute for the 2017-2018 school year, not to exceed \$5,750 to facilitate the Strategic Planning process.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

5. Awarding of Window/Door Bid

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves the award of Bid for the Borough School window/door replacement referendum project to Daskal LLC of 164 Lincoln Place , Garfield NJ 07026 in the amount of \$1,657,000 base bid and \$14,300 for Alternate #1 (replacement of security grilles).

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

6. Approve Payment #7 to Belacon, LLC

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves payment #7 to Belacon, LLC for classroom lighting in the amount of \$5,733.00.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

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

1. Approval of Out of District Tuition 2017-2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves 2017-2018 Out of District placement for student #621152 commencing on 11/20/2017 at a cost not to exceed \$58,230. Services to be provided by Sage Day, 900 Darlington Ave, Mahwah

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Approval of Out of District Tuition 2017-2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, the Board approves 2017-2018 Out of District placement for student #621295 at a cost not to exceed \$75,420. Services to be provided by Bergen County Special Services, School District, Paramus

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

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 Ms. Christina Perry seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

E. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials - 2017-2018 - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials - 2017-2018

On the motion of Ms. Christina Perry seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

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

1. Accept a Donation from the Education Foundation of Morris Plains

On the motion of Ms. Christina Perry seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board accepts a donation from the Education Foundation in the amount of \$359.94 to purchase LEGO Compatible Wall Tiles from BRIK for the Mountain Way School STEM program.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

2. Accept a Donation from AHS Hospital Corp.

On the motion of Ms. Christina Perry seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board accepts a donation AHS Hospital Corp. of 25 hand sanitizers and 36 bottles of soap at a cost of \$133.20 to be utilized at Borough and Mountain Way Schools.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent	Ms. Shawna Longo - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes

Discussion Items:

- **New Business** – Mr. Scott Bober spoke to the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
- **Old Business** - none

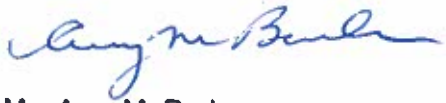
Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ms. Amy M. Barkman
Board Secretary