

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

Morris Plains Board of Education Minutes of the Public Meeting – April 10, 2018 – 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), Dr. Denise Rawding, Board 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. Adam Higgins, Mrs. Shawna Longo, Mrs. Amy Lyons, Mrs. Maria Manley (arrived at 7:26pm), Ms. Christina Perry, Dr. Denise Rawding, Mr. Kenneth Wilbur and Mrs. Jessica Williams

Absent: Lucia Galdi

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

Number of public attending: 4

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Student Presentations - Rotary Essay Winners

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

1. I hope everyone had a great spring break.
2. There were no incidences of HIB to report at this time.
3. March enrollment
 - a. MW - 211
 - b. Boro - 370
 - c. MHS - 249
 - d. OOD - 19
 - e. Charter - 9
 - f. Total = 858
4. Congratulations to Michelle's Mascots, who earned the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer's 2017 Top Team Award for fundraising the most money. The team was created to support our dear friend and colleague, Michelle Liebrecht. With 89 donations, the team raised \$4,504.99. There was 23 members on the team that participated in the walk on October 22, 2017 at Johnson Park in Piscataway, NJ. There were a total of 231 teams. Team members comprised of staff, administration and community members.
5. The Strategic Planning Council met during the week of March 20th to identify the district's vision, mission, and goals to support the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. I would like to thank the staff members and community members who dedicated their time and services to support the strategic planning process. As a result of the Council sessions, a mission statement, vision pillars, and set of goals were drafted. Please [Click Here](#) to view the district goals. Administration will develop action plans for each goal. Please [Click Here](#) to view the mission statement, vision pillars, and values that will be at the forefront of the new Strategic Plan. It is our intention to complete the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan before July 1, 2018.
6. The public hearing on the 2018-2019 budget is scheduled for April 24th at 7:00pm in the Borough School library. Additionally, MPSD administration will facilitate a presentation addressing the state of the district.

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

1. The bid has been advertised for the corridor flooring at Borough School. The bid opening will be held on April 20, 2018.
2. The New Jersey Department of Education has approved the 2018-2019 Budget.
3. A contractor came on Friday, April 6, 2018 to check the Mountain Way School kitchen smell from the grease trap. He will be submitting a quote to install a feeder system and new vent.
4. Boiler #2 at Mountain Way School had the heat exchanger replaced. The contractor is researching a pressure differential with a supply pump.

Correspondence - none

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mrs. Shawna Longo, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public and Executive - March 27, 2018

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - abstain

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on April 10, 2018:

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.”

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. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the attached bills and claims reports dated 4/10/2018 in the amount of \$136,458.81

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, 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
3/30/2018	General	\$321,491.70

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

3. Approve Disposal of Old Uniforms

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the disposal of 10 baseball Jerseys, 14 pairs of baseball pants, 5 baseball t-shirts (all of which are 10-15 years old).

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

4. Approve Emergency Purchase of Chiller

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Morris Plains School District has determined that an emergency situation exists due to damage sustained by severe weather and fallen trees, and WHEREAS, it has been determined that the School District will require emergency services for the replacement of the chiller unit at Mountain Way School, and WHEREAS, this emergency replacement is vital to the health and welfare of the students of the Morris Plains School District, and, WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of the District to approve an emergency purchase resolution:
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the emergency purchase of \$137,131 to Mechanical Preservation Associates of Haddonfield NJ for the purchase and installation of a new chiller at Mountain Way School.

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

5. Acceptance of 2018 Safety Grant

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board accepts the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group 2018 Safety Grant in the amount of \$1,600.00. Funds will be used to purchase additional strobe lights for both schools as well as outside speakers for Mountain Way School.

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

6. Approve Resolution with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORRIS PLAINS BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 00401

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2018 the governing body of the Morris Plains Board of Education, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Morris Plains Board of Education,

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, April 10, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

BY:



Amy M. Barkman, SBA

ATTEST BY:



Geraldyn Dilluvio, Administrative Asst to the SBA

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

7. Approve Cooperative-Pricing Agreement with the Hunterdon County ESC

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board approves the cooperative pricing agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission.

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - 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 Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur __, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

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

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

1. Approve Home Instruction

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction for student #621300, effective March 19, 2018 – March 23, 2018. Services to be provided by Brookfield Educational Services Program at a rate of \$40.00/hour not to exceed \$200.00 (5 days x 1 hour/day).

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

2. Approve Home Instruction

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, the Board of Education approves Home Instruction for student #621300, effective March 27, 2018 – , 2018. Services to be provided by Silvergate Prep at a rate of \$55.00/hour not to exceed \$2,200 (20 days x 2 hours/day).

Ms. Lucia Galdi – absent	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - yes	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – yes	Mrs. Jessica Williams - yes

Discussion Items:

- **New Business –**

1. Mr. Kenneth Wilbur commented on how excited the students are to use the new sound and lighting system.

2. Mr. Adam Higgins commented on how great the Science Night was. He also commented that the "Peanuts" Musical was excellent.
3. Mrs. Shawna Longo reminded the Board that the Morris Plains Home and School Association fundraiser is April 21, 2018.
4. Mrs. Maria Manley commended the staff for their participation in the volleyball game.

- **Old Business - none**

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Executive Session (Determined when the Board Meeting Opens)

On the motion of Mrs. Amy Lyons, seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, 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 at 7:36pm to discuss School Security. 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.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Return to Regular Session from Closed Session

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, seconded by Mrs. Shawna Longo, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to return to the regular session at 8:26pm of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

On the motion of Ms. Christina Perry seconded by Mrs. Jessica Williams, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Barkman
Board Secretary