

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Meeting – September 26, 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 7:02pm 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, 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 and Ms. Amy Barkman

Number of public attending: 6

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – Ms. Karen Memory, 2 Valley Stream Drive, Morris Plains addressed the Board wanting to know what goals, data and information were used to pilot the personalized approach developed by Mrs. Lindsay Vieira. Mr. Maire gave an explanation. He recommended she speak with Mrs. Vieira.

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

1. There were no incidences of HIB to report.
2. Congratulations to both Mountain Way and Borough School for being designated as certified Future Ready Schools. The certification acknowledges each school's full digital learning readiness. There are over 2,500 schools in New Jersey. Only 59 schools in the state were certified. The certification program is a partnership of the state Department of Education, state School Boards Association and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). The year-long application process required schools to submit evidence of future-ready practices in three categories: leadership, education and classroom practices; and technology support and services. I believe our rapid execution of the Strategic Plan was instrumental in our receiving Future-Ready certification. From our bandwidth to our 1:1 initiative for grades 2-8. However, Future-Ready Schools initiative really takes a stand that just putting technology devices in classrooms does not reshape schools. Rather, it is how our teachers use the technology to create rigorous and relevant learning experiences for their students that has an impact on student achievement.
3. Last Wednesday, I facilitated a meeting between our principals and STEM teachers, and folks at NJIT. The NJIT representatives discussed potential opportunities to support our STEM programs and our young learners. This includes an invitation for our students to attend a Pi Day event at NJIT, and participation in the STEAM Tank Challenge. Both principals, along with the STEM teachers, will maintain ongoing communication with the folks at NJIT to collect resources, articulate, identify grant opportunities, etc.
4. We have been contacted by NJIT and NJDOE to participate in a Google pilot focusing on student achievement. Particularly, using a digital platform to provide instant feedback to students. We are working with NJIT officials to support the grant that supports our participation in this pilot program.
5. On October 30th, we will host a parent program sponsored by the MPSD and MPMA. The program will include a panel of experts and professions. The panel will include a law enforcement officer, a Child Psychologist, an Art Therapist, and a Clinician. The panel will discuss anxiety, depression, internet safety, and suicide prevention. During the presentation, parents will have access to a Google Form, which they can use to submit questions directed to the various presenters. We will moderate the panel based upon the questions we are receiving in real time. We are hopeful that the presentation will be well-attended. The program was opened for Morris School District families, as well. I would like to thank Mr. Wilson for coordinating the panelists.
6. The first Leadership Roundtable Forum, which was scheduled for November 2nd, will be canceled. Please strongly consider attending the aforementioned panel

presentation. There are several Leadership Roundtable forums scheduled throughout the year

7. Both schools have activities and programs scheduled to support a Week of Respect. There will be daily themes, assemblies, presentations, and character education-based activities.
8. The first advisory session at Borough School is scheduled for this Friday. The topic will include depression. During advisory, students will watch a former 8th grade students' 20-Time presentation, which speaks further about the topic.
9. I have a scheduled meeting next week with the Executive Committee from Patriots Path - Boy Scouts Executive Meeting. We will discuss potential partnerships to support STEM and Outdoor Instruction.
10. Reminder - Please come out and support the EFMP 5K scheduled for October 15th at 9am at the Community Center. Registration will open at 8am. All proceeds will support innovative practices and resources in our schools.
11. At the October 17th board meeting, administration will lead a presentation analyzing the 2017 PARCC results.
12. Borough School's Back To School Night is scheduled for this Thursday, September 28th, from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Eighth grade parents are invited to meet with Mr. Wilson at 6pm to discuss the preparation for high school.
13. The first Early Dismissal/Professional Development Day is scheduled for October 4th

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

1. Updated information on Referendum Projects.
2. Reminded the Board of the upcoming NJSBA Workshop 10/23/2017-10/26/2017.
3. Audit Update

Correspondence - None

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Dr. Denise Rawding seconded by Ms. Christina Perry, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public and Executive - September 12, 2017

Mr. Scott Bober – abstain	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

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on September 26, 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 2017-2018 School Year Stipend position

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the the following stipend positions for the 2017-2018 school year:

Activity	Staff Member	Stipend
Dramatics Club Advisor	Susan Harrington	\$1,049
Scenery Crew Club Advisor	Susan Harrington	\$279

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 Soccer Officials - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the following soccer officials and assigner for the 2017-2018 school year, as follows:

Soccer Officials @ \$57.00 per game

Bob Steckert	Dennis Steckert
Dominick Tolerico	Vito D'Alconzo
John Cullen	Gary Skolnick
Edward Russick	Raymond Lee
Mark McGuinness	Brian Bollinger

Soccer Assigner @ \$114

John Cullen

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 to Extend Temporary Borough School Media Specialist

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves to extend Catherine Kelly as a Temporary Borough School Media Specialist from October 1, 2017 anticipated through October 31, 2017, at an hourly rate of \$39.52 not to exceed 19.5 hours a week (\$55,329 BA+30 - Step 1) prorated. There are no benefits associated with this position.

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 to Extend Temporary Borough School Teacher

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves to extend Leslie Taylor as a Temporary Borough School Teacher from October 1, 2017 anticipated through October 31, 2017, at a per diem rate of \$276.64 (\$55,329 - BA30/MA Step 1) prorated. There are no benefits associated with this position.

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 - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves Gail Schafran as a 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

6. Approval of Enriching Mind Instructors and Stipends - Fall 2017 Session

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the following Enriching Minds Courses and Instructors effective October 2, 2017 - December 07, 2017; with a makeup week of December 11, 2017 - December 15, 2017 as follows:

Course	Instructor	Stipend
3 Doodlers- What Will YOU Create? Grade 2	Elizabeth Demetrician	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Lego Lovers Grades K - 2	Isis Sarnowski	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Art Explorers Grades 1 & 2	Susan Harrington	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)

Yoga for Youngsters Grades 1 & 2	Maria LaBoy	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Poetry Jam Grades 3-5	Jessica Hendershot	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Yogi Beavers Grades 5-8	Laura Quinn	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)

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 Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated 9/26/17 in the amount of \$755,873.90.

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 Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, 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
9/15/17	General	\$307,141.12

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 August 31, 2017

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins 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 August 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. Approve Payment #3 to Daskal, LLC

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves payment #3 to Daskal, LLC for auditorium renovations at Borough School in the amount of \$66,592.96.

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. Approve Payment #6 to Belacon, LLC

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves payment #6 to Belacon, LLC for classroom lighting in the amount of \$39,690.00.

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

6. Approval of Payment #4 to Laumar Roofing

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves payment #4 to Laumar Roofing for partial roof replacement at Borough School in the amount of \$255,780.00.

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

7. Approval to Dispose of Outdated Technology

On the motion by of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the disposal of outdated technology as per asset tag list.

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

8. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves line item transfers dated 9/26/2017.

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

9. Approval of Concert Accompaniment - Winter and Spring Concerts - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves Deborah Rossetti as Accompanist for the Spring and Winter Concerts at a cost of \$300.00 for each concert at a total cost of \$600.00. (6 hours for each concert x \$50.00 per hour = \$300 x 2 concerts)

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

10. Approval of Choreography Consultant - Drama Club - 2017-2018

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves Jeorgi Smith as Choreography Consultant for the Drama Club's Spring musical production at a cost of \$800.00.

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

11. Approval of Shared Services Agreement with Educational Svc Commission

On the motion of Mrs. Shawna Longo seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the Shared Services Agreement between the Morris Plains School District and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for Pupil Transportation beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2022.

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

1. Adoption of Updated Policies Prepared by New Jersey School Boards Association

On the motion of Dr. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board adopts the following updated policies as prepared by New Jersey School Boards Association:

Series	Policy Number	Title
Business and Non Instructional Operations	3541.3	Transportation Safety
Instruction	6114	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

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. 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 Dr. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves Out of District placement for the 2017--2018 school year for the following students:

Student 000729: at a cost not to exceed \$83,001.60. Services to be provided by Cornerstone Day School, 1101 Bristol Road, Mountainside.

Student 2026150: at a cost not to exceed \$90,525. Services to be provided by Park Lake School, 72 Academy St, Rockaway

Student 000635: at a cost not to exceed \$90,525. Services to be provided by Park Lake School, 72 Academy St, Rockaway

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. 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 Dr. Denise Rawding, 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

F. 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 Dr. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the following list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

**Professional Development – Request for Approval as per Accountability Regulations
September 26, 2017**

Staff Member	Date	Workshop	Mileage	Fee	Sub	Total
Edward Frankosky	October 24, 2017	NJ Science Convention, Princeton NJ	84.2x.31=\$26.10	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$301.10
Casey Devlin	October 24, 2017	NJ Science Convention Princeton NJ	84.2x.31=\$26.10	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$301.10

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
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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. Higgins reminded the Board that the Rotary Breakfast is this Sunday at the Community Center. Mr. Higgins also reported that Back to School night was great. Cleanliness was much improved over last year. Mrs. Maria Manley reminded the Board of the upcoming 5K race for the Education Foundation of Morris Plains. The Foundation is looking for more participants. Dan Goyenche, 6 Diana Road, Morris Plains was curious as to how the new bus provider is doing. Mr. Maire said better than last year but still a few issues. Mr. Goyenche also wanted to know if anyone has looked at the apps for insurance tracking (SMART TRAXX app). He also wanted to know about apps that allow teachers to talk to parents, etc. Mr. Donald Cristiano, Briarcliff Road wanted to know if Bullying Workshop will answer questions live or just digitally. Mr. Maire said questions will be answered by the panel both live and digitally.
- **Old Business** - none

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations

Adjournment

On the motion of Dr. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Wilbur, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Amy M. Barkman
Board Secretary

