

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Minutes of the Public Meeting – September 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Borough School Learning Center**

2018-2019 District Goals

1. The Morris Plains School District will continue developing student achievement through innovative learning experiences, while accessing 21st Century tools and skills.
2. The Morris Plains School District will continue to focus on the review and refinement of curricula, instructional practices, and professional development.
3. The Morris Plains School District will increase the practice of collecting and using data to make informed decisions in all aspects of the school district.
4. The Morris Plains School District will continue to provide for student and staff wellness, safety and security, and additional resources to support students socially and emotionally.
5. The Morris Plains School District will continue to demonstrate fiscal responsibility by exploring cost saving measures that will result in replenishing the various reserve accounts.

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 7:04pm 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: Ms. Lucia Galdi (arrived at 7:20pm), Mr. Adam Higgins, Mrs. Maria Manley, Mrs. Amy Lyons, Dr. Denise Rawding, Mr. Kenneth Wilbur and Mrs. Jessica Williams (arrived at 7:13pm)

Absent: Mrs. Shawna Longo and Ms. Christina Perry

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

Number of public attending: 0

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

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

- **2018 PARCC Results Presentation**
- **HIB Self-Assessment Results for Determining Grades (2017-2018)**

1. There are no incidences of HIB to report at this time. There is, however, an ongoing HIB investigation at Mountain Way.
2. Last Thursday, Mountain Way School hosted Back To School Night. The program was well attended. Mrs. Lion-Bailey began the program with a 20 minute presentation to parents before they were released to attend their child's classroom. Her presentation was informative, and it was well-received by parents. The staff did an excellent job welcoming parents into their classroom. Throughout the evening, I collected positive feedback from parents about the state of Mountain Way's facility, along with the outstanding educators that work hard to support their children. It was nice to hear folks recognize our talented and dedicated staff. Borough School's Back To School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th. Mr. Wison will meet with 8th grade parents beforehand to discuss the transition to high school. I would expect the same feedback from parents about their experience at Borough's Back To School Night.
3. On September 19th, the Morris Plains School District received notification from Future Ready Schools - New Jersey (FRS-NJ) that both Mountain Way and Borough School have earned Silver Level Certification through the FRS-NJ Certification Program. Morris Plains schools represent 2 of 35 schools from six districts in the state who earned the Silver Level of certification, currently the highest certification tier a school can receive through the Future Ready – NJ program. On Monday, I distributed communication to parents and staff highlighting this accomplishment.
4. On Tuesday, we were notified that the district won the NJSPRA communication award for Social Media. This category was based on strategic usage of various social media platforms to engage stakeholders and communicate district information. This award is being presented to the Morris Plains School District based upon our incredible presence on Twitter and the many ways that our Twitter feeds have increased communication with our local, national, and global community. This recognition is validation of our staff's efforts to embrace our push toward social media advocacy. We greatly appreciate our staff's commitment to open their classrooms to the school community.
5. Last week, Mrs. Lion-Bailey met with Lt. Koroski from the MPPD to discuss integrating the L.E.A.D. program to our second grade students. The program would be character education-based, and it would follow the same structure as our L.E.A.D. programs in Borough School. We are hoping to have it start this year.
6. I would like to thank the following school community organizations for their continued support of our district:
 - a. Morris Plains Rotary for donating dictionaries to every 3rd grade student.
 - b. HSA for funding the hand sanitizer refills for the hallway dispensers in both schools.
 - c. MP Little League for purchasing a batting cage, which will be accessible to our baseball and softball teams this spring.
7. The next few weeks are bustling with school community events. Please come out and support the following activities:
 - a. Food Truck Festival on October 6th in Community Park from 11am - 5pm. The event will include great food and family entertainment. The food trucks will satisfy many different palettes, and raised funds will be utilized to offset the 8th grade Washington trip.

- b. MHS will hold their annual Discover MHS at 6:30pm on October 11th. MHS staff and students will discuss various programs, clubs, and opportunities for incoming students. This program is for both parents and students.
- c. The O'Neill's Play4Cure soccer competition to support the National Foundation for Cancer Research is scheduled for October 13th at Simon's Park. Many staff have volunteered to participate at various times throughout the day.
- d. Registration is open for the EFMP 5K Walk/Run scheduled for October 14th at Community Park. Anyone who registers before September 27th will receive a complimentary shirt. Please check out their website for more details.

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

- 1. The Board was asked their preference as to whether the auditor should come and give a presentation on the draft audit in October or wait until the audit is final. The numbers will not change. The Board decided to have the audit presentation at the October 16, 2018 meeting.
- 2. Unfortunately, there have been a few leaks from the heavy rain including the roof as well as the side panels on the double door. The architect and contractor have been notified.
- 3. Payment is being withheld until more progress is made by the contractor.

Correspondence - none

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mrs. Maria Manley, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public and Executive - September 11, 2018

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

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on September 25, 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."

1. Approval of Soccer Officials - 2018-2019

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the following soccer officials and assigner for the 2018-2019 school year, as follows:

Soccer Officials @\$57.00 per Game

Fabian Allen	Brian Bollinger
Jack Ford	Douglas Richards
John Cullen	Michael Bollinger
Dominick Tolerico Jr.	Quinn Vega
Vito D'AlconzoDennis	Eileen Shemon
Steckert	Klaus Mannes

Soccer Assignor @ \$114.00

John Cullen

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

2. Approval of Stipend Position

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the following stipend position for the 2018-2019 school year:

Activity	Staff Member	Stipend
Student Mentor Advisor	Brett Sills	\$2,162

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

3. Approval of Enriching Mind Instructors and Stipends - Fall 2018 Session

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the following Enriching Minds Courses and Instructors effective October 8, 2018 - December 13, 2018; with a makeup week of December 17, 2018:

The following courses will be offered for the Fall 2018 session of Enriching Minds. The courses will meet for a total of 8 hours and staff will be compensated one hour of planning for each hour of instruction. The total number of hours for staff is 16 hours per course at a rate of \$40 per hour.

Course	Instructor	Stipend
FitKids Grades 1&2	Andrea Bruno	\$640.00 (\$40.00/hr. x 16 hours)

FitKids Grades 5&8	Andrea Bruno	\$640.00 (\$40.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Art Explorers Back By Popular Demand! Grades 1&2	Susan Harrington	\$640.00 (\$40.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Yoga Grades K-2	Allison Zakrzewski	\$640.00 (\$40.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Reader's Theater Grades 3&4	Cari Segall	\$640.00 (\$40.00/hr. x 16 hours)

Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Mrs. Amy Lyons - yes	Dr. Denise Rawding – yes
Mrs. Shawna Longo - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - yes
Mr. Adam Higgins - yes	Ms. Christina Perry – absent	Mrs. Jessica Williams - 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 Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the attached bills and claims reports dated September 25,2018 in the amount of \$317,259.34

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

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur 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
9/15/2018	General	\$324,531.30

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

3. Approval of the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending 8/31/2018

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur 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, 2018 to be approved.

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

4. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves line item transfers for September 25, 2018.

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

C. Anti -Bullying Bill of Rights Act - The following motions are of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approval of HIB Self-Assessment - 2017--2018

On the motion Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board approves the HIB Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for Mountain Way and Borough Schools for the 2017--2018 school year, July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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

2. Accept and Affirm the Superintendent’s Anti- Bullying Report

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board accepts and affirms the

Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Roll Call:

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

D. 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 Morris Plains Home and School Association

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Wilbur seconded by Mr. Adam Higgins, the Board accepts a donation of liquid hand sanitizer from the Morris Plains Home and School Association valued at \$179.54.

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

Discussion Items:

- **New Business** - none
- **Old Business** - none

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion of Mrs. Jessica Williams, seconded by Mrs. Amy Lyons, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting 8:15pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Barkman
Board Secretary