

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – January 10, 2012**

Meeting will be held in the Borough School Learning Center
7:30 Public Meeting begins

I 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), I wish to announce that: 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.

II Pledge of Allegiance

III Roll Call

<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Albin	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Bober	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee Connor	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Fetherston	<input type="checkbox"/> Terri Kaag
<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Manley	<input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Marek	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas McCabe	<input type="checkbox"/> Denise Rawding	Quorum? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Alice Bresett Ernest Palestis Number of Public

IV Executive Session

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VI Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations

Public comment is welcome. Time limit for topics is three minutes. Letters or memos are helpful. Please state your name and address for the record.

VII Superintendent's Report – Dr. Ernest Palestis

VIII Student Recognition

Pen Writing Contest: Emily Wagner – Eight Grade Student – Second Place

Daily Record Newspaper – Thankful Acrostic Poems: Third Grade Students – Mrs. Hussey and Mrs. Hendershot's Class:

Tommy Burns, A.J. Todisco, Elena Gutowski, Cheri Donnelly, Grace Landi, Kai Birch, Daniel Botero, Niko Carlson, Joe Coughlin, Julia Hoey, Bridget Light, Gina Marasco, Alia Masud, Evan Ragucci, Kevin Soutar, Aaron Topper and Meghan Williams

IX Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board of Education approves the following minutes: December 13, 2011 – Public and December 13, 2011 – Executive Session

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

X Business Items Prepared for Official Action on January 10, 2012:

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts

1. Approval of Line Item Transfers

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves line item transfers dated January 10, 2012 in the amount of \$_____.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

2. Approval of Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated January 10, 2012 in the amount of \$764,891.51.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

3. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending November 30, 2011

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ 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 NJAS 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 NJAS 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 November 30, 2011 to be approved.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

4. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ Be it Resolved that the Board of Education approves the payroll distribution for the following pay dates summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and be made part of these Minutes.

Payroll Date	Fund	Amount
October 30, 2011	General Fund	\$249,951.05
	Special Revenue	\$ 852.20
November 15, 2011	General Fund	\$262,986.29
	Special Revenue	\$ 244.20
November 30, 2011	General Fund	\$253,298.32
	Special Revenue	\$ 244.20
December 15, 2011	General Fund	\$248,050.36
	Special Revenue	\$ 244.20
December 22, 2011	General Fund	\$255,288.82
	Special Revenue	\$ 1,748.20

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5. Approve NJSchoolJobs.com

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the NJSchoolJobs.com advertising program at an annual cost of \$700.00 (includes first time subscriber discount) with an unlimited number of job postings during one calendar year.

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6. Appointment of Insurance Broker

On the motion of ___ seconded by _____ the Board appoints the following Insurance Broker for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Integrity Consultants (Health, Prescription, Dental, Disability)

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

7 Adopt Resolution for Education for Sustainability

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the attached Resolution for Education for Sustainability.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

8. Approve Send/Receive Agreement with Morris School District – 2011-2012

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the attached send/receive agreement with Morris School District effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

C. Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report

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

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent’s monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

D. Curriculum

1. Adopt Math Curriculum - 2012

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the revised Math Curriculum 2012.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ LC ___ CF ___ TK ___ MM ___ WM ___ DMc ___ DR ___

2. Adopt Language Arts Curriculum - 2012

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the revised Language Arts Curriculum 2012.

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E Policy

1. Approval of Policies for Second Reading

Motion by _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts, on second reading, the following policies:

- 3541.1 Transportation Routes and Services
- 7110 Long-Range Facilities Planning
- 7115 Developing Educational Specifications
- 9000 Role of the Board
- 9010 Role of the Member
- 9020 Public Statements
- 9113 Filing Vacancies
- 9121 Election and Duties of President
- 9130 Committees
- 9250 Expenses and Reimbursements
- 9271 Code of Ethics
- 9311 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies
- 9312 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Bylaws
- 9313 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Administrative Regulations
- 9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations
- 9321 Time, Place, Notification of Meetings
- 9323/9324 Agenda Preparation/Advance Delivery of Meeting Material
- 9325.4 Voting Method
- 9400 Board Self-Evaluation

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F. Art Mural/Students Works Display

1. Approve Art Mural

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a proposal for an Art Mural and Student Works Display wall in the art room Lobby at the Borough School. Mrs. Kirstin Howie, Art Teacher, with the assistance of 7th Grade Borough School Student, Michaela Phelan, created the design. The only cost will be acrylic paint which will be paid for with art club supply funds.

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G. Donations

1. Accept Donations from the Morris Plains Home and School Association

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the following donations from the Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA):

- a. Two (2) Bake A NJ Cake Packages – Value \$47.40
- b. One (1) Document Camera – Value \$555.55
- c. Two (2) XGA Projectors – Value \$399 each

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1. Accept A Donation from Mrs. Eileen Bodnar

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the following donation from Mrs. Eileen Bodnar:

One (1) 27” Sony Television for use at Mountain Way School – valued at \$100.00

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H. Fundraisers

1. Approval of Fundraisers for the 6th Grade Camping Trip

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following fundraisers for the 6th Grade Camping Trip:

- a. Family Bingo Night – Event is scheduled for Friday, February 24 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. at the Community Center. Admission of \$15.00 per family will be collected at the door, and each family member will receive one Bingo Board. Additional Bingo Boards will be sold for \$1.00. Child oriented prizes (either purchased from monies charged for admission fees or donations) will be awarded for each game that is won. Families will be able to register online and pay at the door. 6th Grade parent volunteers will be needed to collect money and sell baked goods, additional Bingo Boards, be the Bingo caller and to help distribute prizes. 6th graders, under adult supervision, will be asked to volunteer. Additional consideration: Family Pizza Night could be included. Families would attend half an hour earlier and pre-order pizza provided by a local pizzeria. Overhead projector will be needed to provide visual clarification of the numbers being called.
- b. Clothing Drive – Community Center - Event will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Friday, March 16 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. 6th Grade parent volunteers will be assisting on March 16; on March 17, parents and 6th grade student volunteers will assist in unloading clothing from the cars and loading the truck once it arrives.

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I Supplemental Instructional Materials

1. Approval of 5th Grade Novels

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the addition of the following novels for the 5th grade classes:

- The Pinballs* by Betsy Byars
- The City of Embers* by Jeanne DuPrau
- The People of Sparks* by Jeanne DuPrau

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J. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences

1. Approval of Professional Development

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

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XI Discussion Items:

- A. New Business**
- B. Old Business**

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XV Adjournment

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting.

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