

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – July 17, 2012
Borough School Learning Center**

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. Lee Connor, 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. Alan Albin (arrived at 7:03pm), Mrs. Lee Connor, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mr. Wayne Marek, Ms. Denise Rawding and Mr. Douglas McCabe (arrived 7:10pm)
Absent: Scott Bober and Maria Manley
Also present: Mrs. Kristin Kosky and Ms. Lindsay Nahm
Number of public attending: 0

Executive Session

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag, seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session at 7:01pm and waited for a quorum, where the public will be excluded, for the purpose of discussing personnel items which come within the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12, Chap. 231 of P.L. 1975. The matters discussed in closed session will be disclosed to the public when circumstances permit.

Return to Regular Session from Closed Session (if necessary)

On the motion of Mr. Wayne Marek, seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to return to the regular session of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session at 7:30pm.

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on July 17, 2012

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)

1. Approval of Substitute Secretary

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves Mrs. Tracey Flanagan as substitute secretary for the 2012-2013 school year at a per diem rate of \$85.00.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

2. Approval to Amend Previous Contract – Mountain Way Principal/District Curriculum Coordinator (Salary Adjustment) – July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the amendment of a contract for Lindsay Nahm, Mountain Way School Principal/District Curriculum Coordinator, effective

July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 to reflect an annual salary of \$102,518.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts

1. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$623,922.99.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

2. Approve Resolution Mountain Way School Storage Room Conversion to Art Room

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, the Board adopts the following resolution

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the **Morris Plains Board of Education (“Board”)** to seek a contract for construction services for the Storage Room Conversion to Art room/ Music Classroom at the Mountain Way Elementary School (hereinafter “Project”) pending Department of Education, State of New Jersey approval; and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 and the bids were opened on May 30, 2012 ; and

WHEREAS, the bids that were received on May 30, 2012 were rejected for being over the Board’s budget for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly re-advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 and the bids were opened on June 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the bids that were received on June 20, 2012 were rejected for being over the Board’s budget for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c) the Board authorized negotiations for responsible bidders in order to receive an acceptable price for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c) the Board has made a good faith effort to determine if the Project could be procured through a State Contract or other cooperative purchasing group and determined that no state contract could be procured and that G&L is also a cooperative vendor with Educational Data, and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, representatives of the Board met with prospective bidders in an effort to negotiate the bid price of the within Project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those negotiations the Board received a negotiated price of sixty-two thousand (\$62,000) at the following bid amounts from G&L Construction Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids submitted, together with the budget for the Project, and in consultation with the Parette Somjen Architects, the Board has determined that this negotiated price meets the budgetary constraints for the Project; and

WHEREAS, G&L has submitted the lowest price after conducting a fair and open negotiations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(c) and has been deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to G&L in the amount of sixty-two thousand (\$62,000).

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

C. Board of Education Calendar

1. Approval of Changes to the Annual Board of Education Calendar

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the following changes to the 2012-2013 Annual Board of Education Calendar:

Change the March 26, 2013 Meeting to March 19, 2013
Add Regular Meeting – July 24, 2012

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

D. Special Education

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board adopts the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Settlement Agreement between the parents of special education student (NJSMART #6256342117) and Morris Plains School District be approved.

Background: The student is currently attending an out of district placement. Included in the IEP is an extended school year at his current placement. The parents petitioned the district to fund an alternate Extended School Year Program. A settlement was reached in which the district agreed to reimbursement the parents at a cost not to exceed the tuition of the extended school year program recommended by the child study team. The change in program will be a cost neutral to the district.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

E. Programs

1. Approval of Big Ideas Math – Grades 6-8 – Amended Motion

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board amends the previous motion approving the purchase of Holt McDougal’s Big Ideas Math Program for Grades 6-8 at a new cost of \$14,346.31, \$55.00 less than the previously approved amount.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – no	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley – no
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Douglas McCabe – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Discussion Items:

A. New Business - None

B. Old Business - None

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations – None

Adjournment

On the motion of Mrs. Denise Rawding, seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristin Kosky
Board Secretary