

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – January 10, 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 6:33pm 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.

Mrs. Lee Connor welcomed everyone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Alan Albin, Mr. Scott Bober, Mrs. Lee Connor, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mrs. Terri Kaag, Mrs. Maria Manley (arrived at 6:50pm), Mr. Wayne Marek and Ms. Denise Rawding

Absent: Mr. Doug McCabe

Also present: Dr. Ernie Palestis, Mrs. Alice E. Bresett, Ms. Lindsay Nahm and Mr. Sean Dolan

Number of public attending: 4

Executive Session

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session at 6:37, 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 Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, 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

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Ernest Palestis

Dr. Palestis welcomed everyone. He discussed how important it is to recognize students. Dr. Palestis thanked members of the staff regarding their interest in Strategic Planning. He reported that the Sound System is getting close to becoming a reality. Hopefully the system will be ready by the end of the year. Dr. Palestis also attended the Town Council meeting. In addition, he met with Jay Webber and spoke to him about budget caps and items still not capped (ie. insurance and tuition). There will be on-line training for Special Education instructors. Dr. Palestis also spoke about the upgraded web-site. He thanked Ms. Susan Vere and Mr. Scott Curcio for all their efforts on getting this project started. A presentation

was conducted on the web-site in the computer room. Mr. Curcio and Ms. Vere presented the web-page and explained how to navigate it.

Dr. Palestis advised the Board and public that Assemblyman Alex DeCroce passed away yesterday while in Assembly. Dr. Palestis said a few words. "The passing of Alex DeCroce is a loss for all of us. He served with distinction." A moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Palestis introduced Mr. Sean Dolan to say a few words regarding the students that are present tonight.

Student Recognition

Mrs. Hussey explained the writing project sponsored by the Daily Record. Dr. Palestis has the article hanging in his office. Students introduced themselves.

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

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

Patriot’s Pen:

Eighth grade student, Emily Wagner placed second in the Patriot’s Pen Contest. Her teacher, Mrs. Zalis, explained the project and commended Emily on her efforts during the busy time of the school year. Emily explained to the Board the topic of the essay: "Is it still important to be proud of your Country?"

Art Mural Project:

Mrs. Howie explained proposed mural for the walls outside of the Art room. Student Michala Phelan will help draw the mural. Art club students will help paint the mural.

Mrs. Lee Connor, Board President, thanked the students, HSA and Mrs. Howie for the beautiful tile project.

Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

December 13, 2011 – Public
December 13, 2011 – Executive Session

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)

Approve Curriculum Writers – Math - Tabled

a. On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following math curriculum writers at a rate of \$32.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours:

Darlene Howell (Grade 5)
Stephanie Lemmey (Kindergarten)

b. On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following math curriculum writers at an hourly rate of \$32.00, not to exceed 3 hours (17 hours have already been completed):

Beth Shepard
Ginny Hussey
Jessica Hendershot
Monica Pecoraro
Darlene Howell

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

Approve Curriculum Writer – Language Arts

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves Denise Zalis as language arts curriculum writer (Grade 7) at an hourly rate of \$32.00, not to exceed 10 hours.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Extension of Family leave – Mrs. Kara Rolph

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves a request for an extension of family leave for Mrs. Kara Rolph, special education teacher. Additional sick days will be used until January 11, 2012. Her family leave (under the Family Leave Act) will begin on January 12, 2012 and end on April 13, 2012. Mrs. Rolph anticipates returning to work on April 16, 2012.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Extension of Family Leave Replacement (Mrs. Kara Rolph)

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the extension of time for Mrs. Valerie Tonini, special education teacher (replacement for Mrs. Kara Rolph), effective March 29, 2012 through April 13, 2012 at a per diem rate of \$247.16 (BA, Step 1 - \$49,432 prorated.* There are no benefits included with this replacement position. *Pending negotiations settlement.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approval of Family Leave Request – Mrs. Beth Shepard

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves a request for a family leave for Mrs. Beth Shepard, first grade teacher at Mountain Way School as follows:

Sick Leave: April 16, 2012 through June 8, 2012 (39 days - paid)

Family Medical Leave Act: June 11, 2012 through the last day of school in June, 2012 (unpaid)

Mrs. Shepard anticipates returning to work on September 1, 2012

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

6. Approval of Substitute Teacher

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the following substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year: *Amy L. Ryan.*

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

7. Approval of Mentors

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the following Mentors for the 2011-2012 school year:

Alison Porter for Stephanie Brito (Special Education)

Mary Lou Bellomo for Allison Brozyna (Grade 4)

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approval of Referee/Official

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves Thomas Denning as referee/official for Borough School sporting events for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approval of Homebound Instructors

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the following Homebound Instructors for the 2011-2012 school year as needed:

Alison Porter
Lorey Canning
Stephanie Brito

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approval of Stipend for Spelling Bee Consortium Event

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag, seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston the Board approves a stipend in the amount of \$166.00 for Nicole Riotto for the Spelling Bee Consortium Event.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts

Approval of Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated January 10, 2012 in the amount of \$764,891.51.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston 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.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston 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

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe -absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Approve NJSchoolJobs.com

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, 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.

Dr. Palestis explained this type of advertising is more cost efficient.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Appointment of Insurance Broker

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston the Board appoints the following Insurance Broker for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Integrity Consultants (Health, Prescription, Dental, Disability)

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Adopt Resolution for Education for Sustainability

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board adopts the attached Resolution for Education for Sustainability.

Mrs. Lee Connor read and explained the resolution affirming districts commitment to green. She thanked the administration. Dr. Palestis thanked the principals and students who will be involved. Mr. Dolan reported that the Student Council is planning a week in February devoted to this initiative.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, the Board adopts the attached send/receive agreement with Morris School District effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

C. Superintendent's Anti-Bullying Report

Accept and Affirm the Superintendent's Anti-Bullying Report – Dr. Palestis reviewed the report.

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent's monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (see attached).

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

D. Curriculum

Ms. Nahm gave an overview of the process and explained that these are “living” documents.

Adopt Math Curriculum - 2012

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag the Board adopts the revised Math Curriculum 2012.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Adopt Language Arts Curriculum - 2012

On the motion of Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag the Board adopts the revised Language Arts Curriculum 2012.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

E Policy

Approval of Policies for Second Reading

Motion by Mr. Wayne Marek seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, 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

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

F. Art Mural/Students Works Display

Approve Art Mural

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, 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.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

G. Donations

Accept Donations from the Morris Plains Home and School Association

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, 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

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Dr. Palesits thanked the HSA for the donations.

Accept A Donation from Mrs. Eileen Bodnar

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, 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

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Dr. Palestis thanked Mrs. Bodnar for her donation.

H. Fundraisers

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

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mr. Wayne Marek, 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.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

I. Supplemental Instructional Materials

Approval of 5th Grade Novels

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, 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

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

J. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences

Approval of Professional Development

On the motion of Mrs. Maria Manley seconded by Mrs. Terri Kaag, the Board approves the attached list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Lee Connor - yes
Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – yes	Mrs. Maria Manley -yes
Mr. Wayne Marek - yes	Mr. Doug McCabe - absent	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Discussion Items:

A. New Business-

Mrs. Bresett advised that the Candidate kits for the 2012 School Board Elections are available on-line or in the Board Office. The following terms are expiring: Mr. Wayne Marek, Mr. Alan Albin and Mrs. Terri Kaag. Deadline to file a petition is 4:00pm on February 27, 2012

B. Old Business-

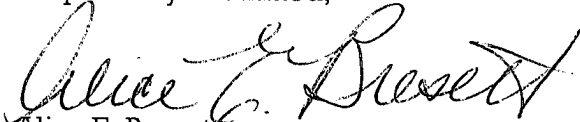
Strategic Planning – There are many volunteers and a list of co-chairpersons is being finalized. There will be a meeting for co-chairpersons on January 12, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Borough School Learning Center. Strategic Planning packets will be on the web-page. Dr. Palestis is impressed with the turn-out of teachers and the community. A co-chair for the Action Plan Committee is still needed. We are off to a good start.

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion of Mrs. Terri Kaag, seconded by Mrs. Maria Manley, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alice E. Bresett
Board Secretary