

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

**Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting October 9, 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

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IV Executive Session

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to recess this public meeting and enter into closed session, 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.

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

V Return to Regular Session from Closed Session (if necessary)

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education to return to the regular session of the Board of Education meeting from the closed session.

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

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

VIII Correspondence

IX Approval of Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes:

September 25, 2012 – Public
September 25, 2012 – Executive

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

X Business Items Prepared for Official Action on October 9, 2012:

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent)

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts

1. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated October 9, 2012 in the amount of \$361,271.05

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

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

Motion by ___ seconded by ___ RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payroll distribution summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and be made part of these Minutes.

Payroll Date	Fund	Amount
September 15, 2012	General Fund	\$244,666.37
September 30, 2012	General Fund	\$254,613.20

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

3. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending August 31, 2012

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 August 31, 2012 to be approved.

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

4. Approval of Line Item Transfers

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves line item transfers and county summary report dated August 31, 2012 in the amount of \$2,300.14.

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

5. Approve Licensing Agreement with the Morris Center Y.M.C.A. (Before and After Care Program)

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached Licensing Agreement Between the Morris Plains Board of Education and the Morris Center Y.M.C.A. effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

6. Approve a Contract with Dennis McKeever, Esq. of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper – Superintendent Search

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a contract with Dennis McKeever, Esq. of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper for the purpose of conducting a Superintendent Search, effective October 10, 2012 at an hourly rate of \$165 for a total not to exceed \$4,950.

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

7. Approval of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 – 2012-2013

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

8. Approval submission of the FY12 No Child Left Behind(NCLB) Grant Final Report

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the submission of the No Child Left Behind Grant Final Report for the Fiscal Year 2012 in the amount of \$8,403.

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

9. Approval submission of the FY12 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004(IDEA) Grant Final Report

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the submission of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 Grant Final Report for the Fiscal Year 2012 in the following amounts: IDEA- Basic: \$169,661; IDEA – Preschool - \$6,230.

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

10. Approval of Renewal of E-rate Contract for 2011-2012 E Rate Consultant Agreement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the renewal of the E-Rate Solution Group consulting agreement for professional services for processing Forms related to the ERATE program in the amount of \$3,000 for work to be done during 2011-12 & 2012-13 school years.

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

11. Approval of Renewal of Erate Contract for 2012-2013 E Rate Consultant Agreement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the renewal of the E-Rate Solution Group consulting agreement for professional services for processing of Forms related to the ERATE program in the amount of \$3,000 for work that will be done during school year 2012-2013 & 2013-2014.

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

12. Approval of Food Service Biosecurity Management Plan – 2012-2013

On the motion by of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the Food Service Biosecurity Management Plan for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

13. Approval of Resolution for Excess Extraordinary Aid

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ the Morris Plains Board of Education adopts the following resolution (excess Extraordinary Aid):

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has the responsibility to cover the excess costs associated with providing Special Education costs; and

WHEREAS, the board was notified on June 4, 2012 that the district would receive Extraordinary Aid for the fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$201,932; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education allows for the use of these excess funds in either fiscal year (2012-2013) per N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-55c and as regulated by the School Funding Reform Act of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the board has decided that it is best to use the funds in the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, the district’s budget for the 2012-2013 school year contained insufficient funds for tuition costs; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Morris Plains Board of Education approves the appropriation of 2011-2012 excess Extraordinary Aid into the 2012-2013 budget, specifically \$96,038 to the account for Tuition Special Education Other Tuition.

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

C. Board of Education Calendar – Meeting Dates 2012-2013

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

Motion by of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following changes to the Annual Board of Education Calendar:

Special Meeting: November 17, 2012 – Board Retreat – 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

D. Morris Plains School District Action Plans – 2012-2013

1. Approval of the Morris Plains School District Merit Pay Action Plans – 2012-2013

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the Morris Plains School District Merit Pay Action Plans as submitted by principals Sean Dolan and Lindsay Vieira.

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

E. Policy

1. Removal of Policies

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the removal of the following policies:

- Policy #4142/4242 Salary Checks and Deductions
- Policy #4118.23/4218.23 Conduct and Dress

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

F. 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 ___

G. District Evaluation Advisory Committee

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the formation of a District Evaluation Advisory Committee to include the following members:

Teachers:

- Mrs. Patti Anders
- Scott Curcio
- Mrs. Jessica Hendershot
- Mrs. Karen Penkoski
- Mrs. Joyce Peslak
- Mrs. Laurie Schorno

School Administrators:

- Dr. Ernest Palestis
- Mr. Sean Dolan
- Mrs. Lindsay Vieira

Central Office Administrator:

- Dr. Ernest Palestis

Supervisors:

- Dr. Ernest Palestis
- Mr. Sean Dolan
- Mrs. Lindsay Vieira

Superintendent:

- Dr. Ernest Palestis

Parent:

- Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston

Member of the Board of Education:

- Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston

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

H. Field Trips – 2012-2013

1. Approval of Field Trips – Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached list of Mountain Way School Field Trips for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

2. Approval of Field Trips – Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached list of Borough School Field Trips for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

I. Professional Development

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.

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

J. 6th Grade Camping Trip

1. Approval of 6th Grade Camping Trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA, Stillwater

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Sixth Grade Camping Trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA in Stillwater, NJ for the days of April 4 and 5, 2013, with an overnight stay on Thursday, April 4th

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

2. Approval of 6th Grade Fund Raisers for the Camping Trip to Fairview Lakes YMCA

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

a. Clean Streets – A town “clean streets” program will be run by Dr. Tom Jones. A few children, with adult supervision would clean 5 streets in District 2 during the month of October (after BOE approval). There will be monetary compensation.

b. Scrip Fundraiser – Orders for gift cards will be taken and submitted to Scrip Company, then the cards will be distributed. The gift cards include popular retailers such as iTunes, Kohl’s, Stop and Shop, Amazon.com, movies, Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Barnes & Noble. The web site is: <http://www.glscrip.com>. Flyers will be created and distributed through backpack mail to notify families of the process and sale. Details will also be included on the district web site and MPHSA news blasts.

c. Holiday Pie Sale - Working with Baker’s Perfection in Rockaway, NJ., pies would be purchased for \$7.50 and sold at the suggested price of \$12.00. Pre-orders would be taken. Sales would be in November and possibly December, (if it is successful in November.) The web site is: <http://www.bakersperfection.biz/>. Flyers will be created and distributed through backpack mail to notify families of the donation process and sale. Details will also be included on the district web site and MPHSA news blasts.

d. Fleece Blanket Sale - Stadium type 50” x 60” maroon blankets with a MPS white logo in the corner will be purchased for \$14.00 and sold for \$25.00/\$30.00, Flyers will be created and distributed through backpack mail to notify families of the donation process and sale. Details will also be included on the district web site and MPHSA news blasts.

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

K. Special Education

1. Approve Behavior Therapy Evaluation and Consultation

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Behavior Therapy Evaluation and Consultation for student 001136, effective October 4, 2012 at a cost of \$2,535.00. Services provided by Behavior Therapy Associates, Town Park Professional Center, 35 Clyde Road, Suite 101, Somerset, NJ 08873.

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

2. Rescind Previously Approved Resolution Out of District Placement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board rescinds a previously approved resolution (July 24, 2012) for an out of district placement for student 000633, effective September, 2012 through June, 2012 at The Children’s Institute, 15 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044 at a tuition cost of \$51,977.49.

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

3. Approval of Out of District Placement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves an out of district placement for student 000633, effective September, 2012 through June, 2012 at The Children’s Institute, 15 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044 at a tuition cost of \$53,293.26.

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

L. Title I (NCLB)

1. Re-Adoption of Policy – 2415.04 – Title I – Parental Involvement

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board readopts Policy #2415.04 – Title I, Parental Involvement as per State mandates.

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

2. Approval of the Title I – Morris Plains School-Parent-Student Compact

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the Title I – Morris Plains School-Parent-Student Compact for the 2012-2013 school year as per the attached.

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

XI Discussion Items:

A. New Business

B. Old Business

XII Executive Session (if necessary)

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XIV Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations

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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.

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