

Morris Plains Board of Education
Public Meeting – January 28, 2015 (Wednesday) - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting will be held in the Borough School Learning Center

District Goals - 2014-2015

1. To create a culture of thinking and learning that promotes student achievement.
2. To provide professional development to ensure the delivery of instruction of the aligned curriculum to the NJCCSS.
3. Continue to implement AchieveNJ in accordance with state regulations; and to successfully implement PARCC testing in grades three through eight.
4. To continue to ensure that the budget provides for the achievement of all students in the district while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
5. Continue to strengthen two-way communication within the district among staff, parents, and members of the school community.

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 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.

IV Recognition - EFMP and Ann E. Clark Foundation
--Science Classroom Visitation

V Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

VI Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels

VII Board Committee Status Reports

Finance

--Buildings and Grounds

Curriculum and Instruction

Legislative

Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC)

Morris School District

Personnel

Policy Updates

Liaison Committees (Reports if Available)

- Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA)
- Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC)
- Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP)
- Strategic Planning Committees

VIII Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following Minutes: January 6, 2015 – Regular Meeting.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

IX Business Items Prepared for Official Action on January 28, 2015:

A. Personnel (upon the recommendation of the Superintendent) - *The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Resignation of Classroom Aide - Borough School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board accepts the resignation of Isis Sarnowski, classroom aide, effective January 28, 2015.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

2. Approval of Family Leave Replacement for Mrs. Leibrecht, First Grade Teacher

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves Isis Sarnowski as family leave replacement for Michelle Leibrecht, First Grade Teacher at the Mountain Way School, effective January 29, 2015 - May 1, 2015, at a salary of \$53,924, BA+30/MA, Step 1) to be prorated. (per diem rate of \$269.62.)

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

3. Approval of Family Leave - Michele Donker, Preschool Teacher at the Mountain Way School

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a family leave request from Michele Donker, Preschool Teacher at the Mountain Way School, effective April 3, 2015 as follows:

April 3, 2015 - May 4, 2015 15 Sick Days (paid)

May 5, 2015 - June 30, 2015 Family Leave (unpaid)

Mrs. Donker anticipates returning on September 2, 2015.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

4. Approval of Movement on the Guide - February 1, 2015

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves movement on the guide for Monica Pecoraro, effective February 1, 2015 as follows:

Monica Pecoraro - Current Salary - \$57,688 (BA+15, Step II)
Adjusted Salary - Effective February 1, 2015 - \$59,506 (BA+30/MA, Step 11)

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

B. Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Purchasing/Contracts - The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves line item transfers dated January 27, 2015.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

2. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated January 27, 2015 in the amount of \$727,462.11.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

3. 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
1/15/2015	General Fund	\$273,729.78

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

4. Approve Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports For The Period Ending 12/31/14

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 December 31, 2015 to be approved.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

5. Approval of Authors' Visits - Mountain Way and Borough Schools

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves the following authors and fees as follows:

January 23, 2015	Tara Rossi, Author	Borough School	\$1,500.00
March 13, 2015	Audrey Vernick, Author	Mountain Way School	\$1,250.00

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

6. Approval of Shared Services Agreement with ESC- CST

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves a Shared Services Agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County for CST Services, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$245,550.00.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

7. Adopt Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)2 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Plains Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than forty Medicaid eligible classified students per the Special Education Medicaid Initiative 2015-2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris Plains Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

C. Home Instruction - *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Home Instruction

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves home instruction for student 000181 effective January 22, 2015, at the Borough School up to ten hours per week for 4 weeks at an hourly rate of \$33.00; at a total not to exceed \$1,320.00. Services to be provided by Denise Zalis.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

D. Superintendent’s Anti-Bullying Report - *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

E. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences - *The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

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.

F. 2014-2015 School Calendar - *The following motions are of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval to Revise the 2014-2015 Calendar

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board approves to revise the attached 2014-2015 school calendar as follows: “If snow days are needed, they will be taken as follows: the first day taken will be Monday, April 13, 2015. If additional are needed they will be added to the end of the school year. The school year will not extend beyond June 25th. If more days are needed they will be taken in the following order: February 17, April 10, April 9, April 8, April 7, April 6, 2015.”

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

G. School Board Recognition Month- *The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Adoption of Resolution - Declaring January, 2015 as School Board Recognition Month

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adopts the following resolution declaring January, 2015 as School Board Recognition Month:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Morris Plains Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Morris Plains Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Morris Plains Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Morris Plains Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

X Discussion Items:

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

XI Executive Session

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

WHEREAS: The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or

more)

- 1) a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law;
- 2) a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds;
- 3) material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- 4) a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it;
- 5) a matter involved the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds;
- 6) protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law;
- 7) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege;
- 8) specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session;
- 9) deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;

RESOLVED, the Board may take action at the conclusion of executive session, and be it further, **Resolved**, The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Roll Call: AA ___ SB ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

XII 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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___

XIII 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.

XIV 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 ___ CF ___ FF ___ AG ___ LG ___ TK ___ MM ___ DR ___