

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

Morris Plains Board of Education Minutes of the Public Meeting – February 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. 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.

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. Maria Manley, 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

Mrs. Maria Manley thanked the Board for their support during her period of condolence.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Alan Albin, Mr. Scott Bober, Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mr. Francis Foley, Mr. Anthony Galdi, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mrs. Maria Manley and Ms. Denise Rawding

Absent: Mrs. Terri Kaag

Also present: Mr. Mark Maire, Dr. Warren Ceurvels, Mr. Andrew Kramar, Ms. Lindsay Vieira and Ms. Christine Lion-Bailey

Number of public attending: 1

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Mark Maire

-- Presentation - Budget Recommendations

Lindsay Vieira and Andrew Kramer, Principals (see attached)

-- HIB/Violence and Vandalism - September, 2014 - January, 2015

Mr. Mark Maire reported the following:

- To date, we have utilized 3 snow days. We took back one snow day on April 13th. The last day of school for students has been extended 2 days, from June 18th to June 22nd.
- Each year, as mandated by the state, each school district must report on incidences of violence/vandalism and HIB. From September 2014 – January 2015, the Morris Plains School District had no incidences of violence and vandalism/HIB to report. We will continue to work hard and utilize all of our resources to provide a safe learning environment for our students.
- January enrollment numbers:
 - Mountain Way – 208 Students
 - Borough School – 408 Students
 - MHS – 216
 - Out-of-district students – 19 (PreK – 12)
 - Total (including charter school students) – 854
- Schools will be closed on Monday, February 16th to celebrate President's Day.
- Schools will be closed for students on Tuesday, February 17th. Staff will participate in various workshops to support Dyslexia Training, technology integration, PARCC training, and best instructional practices.

Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Warren Ceurvels reminded the Board about the required Board Member training and to contact Ms. GERALYN DILLUVIO to register. Dr. Ceurvels also reminded the Board to complete their Personal Financial Disclosure forms. Lastly, the Finance Committee met tonight and Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston will deliver a report later in the meeting.

Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston reported on the agenda from tonight's Finance Committee Meeting (see attached).

Correspondence - none

Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves the following Minutes:

January 27, 2015 Public Session.

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – absent	Mrs. Maria Manley – yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on February 10, 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. Approval of Substitute Teachers

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves the following substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Kristen Stahl
Niseema Pachikara

Mr. Alan Albin – yes	Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley – yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag – absent	Mrs. Maria Manley – yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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 Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves line item transfers dated February 10, 2015.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

2. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated February 10, 2015 in the amount of \$702,762.21.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes/abstain PO #15-1966
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes/abstain PO 15-1970	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

3. Approve Payroll Distribution

Motion by Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding 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
1/30/3015	General	\$277,085.21

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

4. Approve Payment for Student - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves payment in the amount of \$368.00 for student 621281 to participate in the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC. Funds are to be taken from the student co-curricular account.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

5. Approve Payment for Student - 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves payment in the amount of \$342.75 for student 621190 to participate in the 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC. Funds are to be taken from the student co-curricular account.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

C. Morris Plains School District Calendar - 2015-2016 - The following motion is of a routine nature, noncontroversial, and will be voted on in one motion.

1. Approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board approves the 2015-2016 Morris Plains School District Calendar as per the attached.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

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

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

E. Donation

1. Accept Volunteers from the Kohl's Cares Associates in Action Program to Assist with Family Art Night and Science Night

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Denise Rawding, the Board accepts Volunteers from the Kohl's Cares Associates in Action Program to assist with Family Art Night on April 16, 2015 and Science Night on March 5, 2015.

Mr. Alan Albin - yes	Mr. Scott Bober - yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - yes
Mr. Francis Foley - yes	Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes
Ms. Lucia Galdi - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes

Discussion Items:

A. New Business - Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston stated that the Morris School District High School tuition will be no greater than 2% as per our agreement. Ms. Denise Rawding mentioned having Mr. Wayne Looney stationed in the back parking lot as eased traffic congestion.

B. Old Business - none

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi, seconded by Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Warren S. Ceurvels
Board Secretary