

PREPARING ALL LEARNERS TO EXCEL IN A CHANGING WORLD

Morris Plains Board of Education Minutes of the Public Meeting – September 28, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Morris Plains Borough School Learning Center

District Goals 2015-2016

1. Improve student performance for ALL students through an intense focus on enhancing the teaching and instructional experience throughout the district; continuing to support the district's initiatives in 21st century learning, technology integration and Writer's Workshop.
2. Effectively utilize newsletters, social media, parent forums, parent workshops, and the school and district websites to keep the community informed about news, events, achievements, and initiatives underway in our district and schools.
3. Identify and implement programs and interventions designed to support the social and emotional needs of our students.
4. Analyze short and long-term facility needs, recognizing items that need immediate action, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Develop a Long-Range Facility Plan with a projected five year action plan.

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, President, opened the meeting at 7:01pm 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. Scott Bober, Ms. Lucia Galdi, Mrs. Terri Kaag (left at 7:40pm), Mrs. Maria Manley, Ms. Christina Perry and Ms. Denise Rawding

Absent: Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston, Mr. Anthony Galdi and Mr. Kenneth Wilbur

Also present: Mr. Mark Maire and Ms. Amy Barkman

Number of public attending: 2

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Mark Maire reported on the following:

--Bus Evacuations - Mt. Way & Borough Schools - September 27, 2016

1. Since the start of the school year, there have been no incidences of HIB.
2. I would like to thank all the Morris Plains residents who came out to vote on September 27th. Over 900 votes were cast. I would also like to thank members of our board, and our staff, for supporting our communication campaign. This was a team effort that stretched throughout the school community. We are excited to begin work on the referendum projects. We are committed to ensure that the projects are timely, supervised, and fiscally responsible.
3. We are currently partnering with the Morris County Office of Emergency Management on a county-wide safety initiative designed to increase county-to-school communication during a crisis situation.
4. The first professional development session of the school year was held Wednesday afternoon. Training included IEP Direct and building meaningful assessments. Feedback from the sessions have been extremely positive.
5. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 18th. During the board meeting, administration will deliver a presentation highlighting the 2016 PARCC results. The Student Government is also scheduled to present.
6. I am currently serving as the Morris County representative for the Small Schools/Shared Services Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for October 5th. I am very excited to participate in the committee meetings. Hopefully, we can expand our consortium model beyond Morris County.
7. I encourage all board members and members of the public to follow our social media sites. Many of our teachers maintain a social media site designed to showcase their work. They provide viewers with a window into their classroom. Through this lens, you can see innovation, creativity, engagement, excitement, and collaboration. It is important that we continue to bring awareness to the wonderful work that occurs in our schools.
8. Since the start of the school year, administration has conducted over 150 walk-throughs in both Borough School and Mountain Way. We have enjoyed the contact time with students and staff.
9. We have partnered with East Hanover Schools to bring Rachel's Challenge to our students, grades 3-8. Next Wednesday, from 6:30 - 7:30pm, there will be a community program for all parents. Please encourage friends and neighbors to attend. The presentation will be held in the East Hanover Middle School auditorium.
10. Please be on the lookout for information regarding an upcoming program for 8th grade parents called, "The Admission Game." HPRHS is hosting this interactive presentation of the college admission process. They have invited our 8th grade parents to attend. The event will also be open to staff, if interested. Although my children are young, I am interested to learn and understand the process.

Business Administrator's Report - Ms. Amy Barkman reported the following:

1. NJSBA Workshop – Each attendee will receive a purchase order. This is the maximum amount you can be reimbursed for expenses. It is up to each individual member if they wish to be reimbursed. Reminder, save your receipts, they must be turned in.
2. Illegal dumping
3. Referendum projects
4. Vestibule update

Correspondence - none

Board Committee Status Reports

Finance/Buildings and Grounds – no report

Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Terri Kaag reviewed NJ Ask – Science. Stem Courses going nicely.

Legislative – no report

Educational Services Commission of Morris County (ESC) – no report

Morris School District - Ms. Lucia Galdi reported that the new CAD Room and Woodshop are unbelievable. There is an Open House on September 26, 2016 and an additional one in October.

Personnel – Ms. Lucia Galdi reported that Personnel met on 9/28/2016. The content of the meeting cannot be discussed in public.

Policy Updates – Ms. Denise Rawding reported on the large volume of policy updates with the NJSBA.

Liaison Committees

--**Morris Plains Home and School Association (MPHSA) – no report**

--**Morris Plains Municipal Alliance Committee (MPMAC) – no report**

--**Education Foundation of Morris Plains (EFMP) – Mr. Mark Maire read a letter from Ms. Lee Connor.**

--**Strategic Planning Committees – no report**

-- **New Jersey School Boards – no report**

-- **Morris County School Boards Association – no report**

Community Outreach – no report

Board of Education Minutes

1. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Christina Perry, the Board approves the following Minutes: Public - September 13, 2016

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

Business Items Prepared for Official Action on September 28, 2016:

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

Art Explorers	Susan Harrington	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Sportsmanship & Teamwork Basketball Basics	Jessica Hendershot	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Robotix	Alissa Schonmann	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Yogi Beavers	Laura Quinn Lewis	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)
Group Voice Lessons	Laura Quinn Lewis	\$512.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 16 hours)

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

4. Approval of After-School Professional Development Instructors - 2016-2017
(Session A) - October 5, 2016 - November 2, 2016

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the following Professional Development Instructors and stipends for Session A, October 5, 2016 - November 2, 2016.

Course	Leader	Stipends
Skill Builder	Monica Crudele	\$256.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 8 hours)
Making the Most of Words Their Way	Karen Penkoski	\$256.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 8 hours)
Data Binders in Kindergarten	Shannon Prisco	\$256.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 8 hours)
Boosting Morale in the Workplace	Alissa Schonmann	\$256.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 8 hours)

Organizing Journeys Stories into Read Alouds for Reader's Workshop	Danielle Harris	\$256.00 (\$32.00/hr. x 8 hours)
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Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

5. Approval of Soccer Officials - 2016-2017

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the following soccer officials and assigner for the 2016-2017 school years as follows:

Soccer Officials @ \$57.00 per game

Soccer Assigner @ \$114 per

Dennis Steckert
Robert Steckert
Jim Behrmann
Dominick Tolerico
John Cullen
Mark McGuinness
Mike Fesinstine
Vito D'Alconzo
Edward Russick
Martin Wiget

John Cullen

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

6. Approval of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves Ms. Ami Wieners (Emergent hire) as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective January 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017 at an annual salary of \$52,000 (to be prorated).

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

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

1. Approve Bills and Claims Report

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober __, the Board approves the attached bills and claims report dated September 28, 2016 in the amount of \$405,324.24.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

2. Approve Payroll Distribution

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the payroll distribution summarized below and directs that the payroll distribution be attached to and made part of these minutes.

Payroll Date	Fund	Amount
9/15/16	General	\$307,827.65

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

3. Approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports For The Period Ending August 31, 2016

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober 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 NJSA 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 NJSA 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, 2016 to be approved.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

4. Approve Line Item Transfers

On the motion of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves line item transfers dated September 28, 2016.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

5. Approval of License Agreement between the YMCA and the Morris Plains Board of Education 2016-2017

On the motion by of Ms. Lucia Galdi seconded by Mr. Scott Bober, the Board approves the License Agreement between the YMCA and the Morris Plains Board of Education, effective September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$5000.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

C. Policy - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Adoption of Updated Policies Prepared by New Jersey School Boards Association

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Christina Perry, the Board adopts the following updated policies as prepared by New Jersey School Boards Association:

Series	Policy Number	Title
Community	1120	Board of Education Meetings
Community	1330	Use of School Facilities
Administration	2131	Chief School Administrator
Administration	2240	Research, Evaluation, and Planning
Business and Non-Instructional Operations	3100	Budget Planning, Preparation and Adoption
Business and Non-Instructional Operations	3510	Operation and Maintenance of Plant
Business and Non-Instructional Operations	3515	Smoking Prohibition
Business and Non-Instructional Operations	3542.1	Wellness and Nutrition
Business and Non-Instructional Operations	3542.1E	Local Wellness, Nutrition, Food Standards Summary Chart

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

D. Superintendent's Anti-Bullying Report - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non-controversial, 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. Christina Perry, the Board accepts and affirms the Superintendent's monthly report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

E. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences - *The following motion is of a routine nature, non-controversial, and will be voted on in one motion.*

1. Approval of Professional Development

On the motion of Mr. Scott Bober seconded by Ms. Christina Perry, the Board approves the following list of requests for professional development and corresponding costs.

Professional Development – Request for Approval as per Accountability Regulations
September 28, 2016

Staff Member	Date	Workshop	Mileage	Fee	Sub	Total
Heather Carney	10/24/2016	Worker's Compensation Law in the Schools, Mt. Laurel, NJ	172.4 miles x .31 = \$53.44	\$150.00 Tolls - \$4.40	none	\$207.84
Casey Devlin	October 25, 2016	NJST Convention	91.6x.31= \$28.40	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$ 303.40
Ed Frankosky	October 25, 2016	NJST Convention	91.6x.31= \$28.40	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$ 303.40
Elizabeth Demetrician	November 22, 2016	BER Enhancing STEM Learning in your classroom , Newark NJ		\$245.00	\$100.00	\$ 345.00

Mr. Scott Bober – yes	Mrs. Cynthia Fetherston - abstain	Ms. Christina Perry - yes
Mrs. Terri Kaag - absent	Mrs. Maria Manley - yes	Mr. Anthony Galdi - absent
Ms. Lucia Galdi – yes	Ms. Denise Rawding - yes	Mr. Kenneth Wilbur - absent

Discussion Items:

- **New Business** – Mountain Way and Borough Schools both participated in bus evacuation drills.
- **Old Business** - none

Hearing of Citizens and/or Delegations - none

Adjournment

On the motion of Ms. Denise Rawding, seconded by Ms. Lucia Galdi, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris Plains Board of Education moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Amy Barkman
Board Secretary