

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township  
Moorestown, New Jersey  
MINUTES  
Moorestown High School  
March 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Moorestown Township Board of Education is called to order. This meeting is called in conformance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” with adequate notice provided as follows:

- Notice filed with the Courier Post on March 18, 2019
- Notice filed with the Burlington County Times on March 18, 2019

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Roll Call**

Present	Mr. Jack Fairchild
Absent	Tinamarie Nicolo-Dorfner
Present	Mrs. Alexandria Law
Present	Ms. Lauren Romano
Present	Mrs. Caryn Shaw
Present	Mr. Mark Villanueva
Present	Mr. Maurice Weeks (arrived 6:05 p.m.)
Absent	Mr. David A. Weinstein, Vice President
Present	Dr. Sandra Alberti, President
Absent	Mr. Arthur F. Ridsen, Esq., Solicitor
Present	Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent
Present	Mrs. Joanne D'Angelo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Present	Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Present	Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education
Present	Mrs. Debora Belfield, Director of Personnel
Present	Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Instructional Technology

**V. Board Workshop**

Dr. Alberti began the Board discussion regarding a potential referendum by outlining the goals of the meeting. Mr. Robert Garrison and Mr. C. Anthony Solimine, Esq. attended to provide professional advice when needed. Dr. Alberti indicated that the discussion would be focused around the aspects of Construction and Operations, Finance, and Curriculum.

**Construction & Operations**

Mr. Robert Garrison noted that while overall district enrollment has declined from 4,200 students in 2009 to 3,900 students in 2018, spaces are used differently for the delivery of both regular and special education services. The State's formulaic calculation of functional capacity does not reflect the district's true capacity due to the services provided and the method of delivery. He also stated that flexibility to reconfigure spaces

is impacted by method of construction (e.g. block wall vs. metal studs and drywall), DOE capacity requirements, and HVAC positioning.

Board members requested an opportunity to review the items proposed in the referendum to understand what they are, why they are important now, and the order of priority.

### **Bond Finance**

Mr. C. Anthony Solimine, Esq. provided advice about potential referendum timing, including possible election dates and deadlines of the NJDOE Burlington County Office and the Burlington County Board of Elections. He indicated that additional spending proposals are generally voted upon in November because the County Office of Education evaluates need based on the overall budget, and the district does not bear the cost of the election, however an additional spending proposal or a bond referendum can be asked on specific dates in September, November, January, or March. It was recommended that eligible capital improvements be funded via a bond referendum in order to take advantage of Debt Service State Aid. Examples of eligible projects include roofing, doors, and HVAC.

### **Curriculum**

Ms. Carole Butler and Dr. Scott McCartney detailed the potential benefits for students of reconfiguring grade levels between district schools based on the most commonly embraced model of K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Kameron Rabenou, of 16 Pheasant Fields Lane, Mr. Manuel Delgado and Mrs. Amy Delgado of 6 Walnut Court asked about the feasibility of dividing classrooms, costs of running a larger plant, the need for additional gym space, and budget implications for the decisions the board is considering.

## **VII. Adjournment – 9:11 p.m.**

Moved by: Ms. Romano

Second: Mrs. Law

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne P. D'Angelo  
Board Secretary