

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
William Allen Middle School
January 18, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

The Regular 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:

- A. Notice filed with the Courier Post on July 1, 2021
- B. Notice filed with the Burlington County Times on July 1, 2021

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present	Dr. Sandra Alberti
Present	Mrs. Melissa Arcaro Burns
Present	Mr. Jack Fairchild
Present	Mrs. Jill Fallows Macaluso
Present	Mrs. Cheryl Makopoulos
Present	Ms. Lauren Romano
Absent	Mr. Mark Villanueva
Present	Dr. Mark Snyder, Vice President
Present	Mr. Maurice Weeks, President
Present	Mr. John Comegno, Esq., Solicitor
Present	Mr. Michael Volpe, Superintendent
Present	Mr. James M. Heiser, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Present	Dr. Karen Benton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation
Present	Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education
Present	Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Human Resources, Inclusion and Diversity
Present	Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Educational Technology and Innovation (arrived at 5:57 p.m.)

V. Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Moorestown Township, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Confidential Personnel
- Confidential Student Matters
- Confidential Legal Matters

Moved by: Dr. Snyder Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 8 - 0

VI. Return to Public

Moved by: Dr. Snyder Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 8 - 0

VII. Routine Matters

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes for the following meetings attached as Exhibit #22-172:

December 21, 2021 Executive Session

December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

Moved by: Dr. Snyder

Second: Ms. Romano

Vote: 5 – 0, Abstain – 3

Abstentions: Ms. Arcaro

Burns, Mrs. Fallows

Macaluso, Mrs. Makopoulos

B. Communications

- Ms. Romano shared that NJSBA's January and February meetings will be held virtually. NJSBA's March meeting will return to in-person.

C. President's Remarks – Mr. Weeks welcomed the public.

D. Educational Highlights –Superintendent's Monthly Report

- General Updates – Mr. Volpe provided an update to the community.
- State Assessment Presentation – Dr. Benton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation, presented to the public and the Board regarding the State Assessment results. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the presentation.

E. Student Board Representatives

- Claire Hurren, Senior Class Liaison, welcomed the new Board members. Ms. Hurren reported on senior trip activities, mock trial scrimmages, MLK Day activities and club activities.
- Lucas McGill, Junior Class Liaison, updated the Board on prom activities and a prom dress drive.
- Bhavika Verma, Sophomore Class Liaison, updated the Board on MLK Day activities which included a guest speaker.
- Advait Wattal, Freshman Class Liaison, updated the Board on midterms and fundraising efforts to help support Joseph's House.

F. Board Committee Reports – Questions and Comments

- a. Policy** – Mr. Fairchild updated the Board that the Policy Committee will be meeting in February.
- b. Finance & Operations** – Mrs. Makopoulos updated the Board on a recent Finance & Operations committee meeting. Topics included Class Advisor stipends, audit exit conference status, grants update which included the Safe Return Plan, NJ Clean Energy Program, the need for a roof replacement at the Administration Building, desk monitoring for Federal funds, 2021-2022 calendar update, three-year calendar discussions, part-time school nurse position, nurses hourly rates for contact tracing, substitute shortages and increased pay structures for daily substitutes, cleaning issues update, the Moorestown Mall development update, and 2022-2023 tuition rates.
- c. Communications** – Dr. Alberti reported that the committee is meeting this week.
- d. Curriculum** – Ms. Romano reported that the committee is meeting this week.

G. Public Comment

1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to open the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 8 - 0

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

3. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to close the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Ms. Arcaro Burns Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 8 - 0

VIII. Reports to the Board

A. Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- 1. Financial Reports of the Board Secy.** – November, 2021 – Exhibit #22-173
- 2. Cafeteria Report** – December, 2021 – Exhibit #22-174

Resolution of Board of Education's Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Board Secretary's monthly certification budgetary line item status:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we certify that after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

3. Approval of Budget Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers for the months of November, 2021 attached as Exhibit #22-175.

4. Approval of Bills

I recommend approval of the bills, in the amount of \$6,065,971.47 attached as Exhibit #22-176.

Approval of Items 1 – 4:

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 8 - 0

IX. Recommendations of the Superintendent

A. Educational Program

1. Burlington County Alternative School Placement for 2021-2022

The student listed is recommended for placement in the program at Burlington County Alternative School for the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the student on Exhibit #22-177 for the 2021-2022 school year at Burlington County Alternative School at the prevailing tuition rate not to exceed state maximum rate with transportation provided.

2. Home Instruction 2021-2022

Approval is requested for Home Instruction for students during the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the Home Instruction students listed on Exhibit #22-178 for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Special Education Out-of-District Placement 2021-2022

The following Moorestown student with special needs is recommended for placement in the appropriate out-of-district program and school as mandated in the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the student with special needs at the placements listed on Exhibit #22-179 for the 2021-22 school year at the location indicated at the approved tuition rates with transportation provided.

4. Homeless Placements 2021-2022

The following homeless placement is recommended for approval.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the homeless student placement listed on Exhibit #22-180 for the 2021-2022 school year at the location indicated and at the approved district tuition rates, where applicable.

5. Consulting Service Agreement

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve the agreement attached as Exhibit #22-181 with Vistas Education Partners to provide consulting services for students with an Individual Education Plan.

Approval of Items 1 and 3 – 5:

Moved by: Dr. Alberti Second: Ms. Arcaro Burns Vote: 8 - 0

Approval of Item 2:

Moved by: Dr. Alberti Second: Ms. Arcaro Burns Vote: 7 – 0, Abstain – 1
Abstention: Mr. Fairchild

B. Finance and Business

1. Travel Expenditures Approval Requests

The State of New Jersey has enacted P.L.2007, c.53, An Act Concerning School District Accountability. Section 15 of the Act addresses “Travel Expenditures” paid by the school district.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the travel expenditures requests attached as Exhibit #22-182.

Moved by: Mr. Fairchild Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 8 - 0

C. Employee Relations

- 1. Appointments (as amended in Executive) - Exhibit #22-183**
- 2. Extended Pandemic Hours/Contact Tracing - Exhibit #22-184**
- 3. Administrative Leave - Exhibit #22-185**
- 4. Change of Start Date - Exhibit #22-186**
- 5. Leaves of Absence - Exhibit #22-187**
- 6. Movement on Salary Guide - Exhibit #22-188**
- 7. ESSA Title I Tutors - Exhibit #22-189**
- 8. Athletics/CoCurricular/Clubs - Exhibit #22-190**
- 9. Resignation - Exhibit #22-191**
- 10. Substitutes - Exhibit #22-192**
- 11. Substitute Rates 2021-2022 - Exhibit #22-193**
- 12. Creation of Position**
 - a. By recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and with the approval of the Moorestown Township Public Schools Board of Education (the “Board”) will hire a part time nurse whose hours will not exceed .5 FTE per day. This request is due to medical and district needs necessary to appropriately support our students.**

Approval of Items 1 – 12:

Moved by: Ms. Romano

Second: Dr. Alberti

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0

X. Suspensions

A. Suspensions – Exhibit #22-194

B. Superintendent's HIB Report

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the following HIB cases as discussed in executive session.

- Unsubstantiated
 - UES - #5, #6, #7, #8
 - HS - #2, #3

Moved by: Ms. Romano

Second: Dr. Snyder

Vote: 5 – 0, Abstain – 3

Abstentions: Ms. Arcaro

Burns, Mrs. Fallows

Macaluso, Mrs. Makopoulos

XI. Informational Only

A. Enrollment Information – January 4, 2022

School	2020-2021	2021-2022
High School	1292	1288
Middle School	629	607
Upper Elementary School	853	865
Elementary School	1045	1094
Total	3819	3854

B. Old Business

C. New Business

D. Public Comment

1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to open the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Ms. Romano

Second: Dr. Snyder

Vote: 8 - 0

2. Public Comment

- a. Bill Blanche of 325 Springhouse Lane, stated he was pleased by the education his children received. Mr. Blanche expressed his opinions on COVID.

- b. Dawn Leusner of 19 Windermere Drive, expressed her thoughts on outdoor tents, the importance of mental health, and COVID.

3. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to close the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Dr. Snyder Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 8 - 0

XII. Adjournment – 8:25 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Fairchild Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 8 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA
Board Secretary