

The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
William Allen Middle School
January 23, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order - 7:04 pm

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 January 21, 2024
- B. Notice filed with the Burlington County Times on January 21, 2024

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present Ms. Melissa Arcaro Burns
Present Mrs. Jaclyn Barnes
Present Mrs. Jill Fallows Macaluso
Present Dr. Brooke Mailhiot
Present Mrs. Danielle Miller
Present Mrs. Claudine Morano (Departed 6:48 pm)
Present Mr. Maurice Weeks

Present Mrs. Cheryl Makopoulos, Vice President
Present Mr. Mark Villanueva, President

Present Mr. Brandon Croker, Esq., Solicitor
Present Mr. Joseph Bollendorf, Interim Superintendent
Present Mr. James M. Heiser, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Present Dr. Karen Benton, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction

and

Innovation
Absent 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

V. Executive Session - 5:06 pm

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 Student Matters
- Confidential Personnel
- Confidential Legal Matters

Moved by: Mr. Weeks Second: Mrs. Makopoulos Vote: Unanimous

VI. Return to Public - 6:48 pm

Moved by: Mrs. Morano

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: Unanimous

VII. Routine Matters

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes for the following meetings attached as Exhibit #24-184:

December 12, 2023 Executive Session

January 2, 2024 Reorganization Meeting

December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

Moved by: Ms. Arcaro Burns

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: 6 - 0, Abstain - 2

Abstention: Mrs. Barnes,
Mrs. Fallows Macaluso

B. Student Board Representative Reports

C. President's Remarks

D. Superintendent's Update

1. General Update - Mr. Bollendorf provided a general update on various topics to the community and thanked the Buildings and Grounds staff for their work during the snow storms.
2. Ms. Carole Butler recognized recent retirees.

E. Board Committee Reports - Questions and Comments

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Development - Mark Villanueva - no report
2. Communications - Melissa Arcaro Burns provided an update on a recent meeting. Topics included increase in social media presence, possible start of Sun articles again, possible start of community forums again and developing descriptions for each committee.
3. Curriculum - Cheryl Makopoulos provided an update on a recent meeting. Topics included new MHS courses for 24-25 SY-level I & II electives, MHS admin team assessing the math curriculum, UES student research project, an EDC update, a review of the upcoming math pilot, and recognition by State for learning acceleration post pandemic at Baker & MHS.
4. Finance and Operations - Maurice Weeks - no report
5. Policy - Claudine Morano - no report

F. Off-Board Committee Updates

G. Public Comment on Agenda Items

The Board recognizes and values public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. This Public Comment Section is for comments related to specific items on the Board's agenda. There is an opportunity for public comment on non-agenda related items later in the meeting.

When called upon to speak, please provide your name and home address, and keep your comments to three minutes. Please direct your comments to the Board, not to

individual members of the Board or Administration, but note that this is not a discussion or Q&A.

Under New Jersey law, the Board shall not discuss personnel matters in public. The Board President may refer questions or requests for action to staff for response at a later date.

Speakers are reminded that comments should be respectful and maintain a level of decorum appropriate for a meeting of a public body. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

Thank you for your consideration of others, and for taking the time to make your public comment.

1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Mrs. Makopoulos Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: Unanimous

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: Mrs. Miller Second: Mrs. Makopoulos Vote: Unanimous

VIII. Reports to the Board

A. Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- 1. Financial Reports of the Board Secretary** - November, 2023 - Exhibit #24-185
- 2. Treasurer's Report** - November 2023 - Exhibit #24-186
- 3. Cafeteria Report** - October and November, 2023 - Exhibit #24-187

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.

4. Approval of Budget Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers for the month of November, 2023 attached as Exhibit #24-188.

5. Approval of Bills

I recommend approval of the bills, in the amount of \$2,884,502.33 attached as Exhibit #24-189.

Approval of Items 1 - 5:

Moved by: Mrs. Arcaro Burns Second: Mrs. Miller Vote: Unanimous

IX. Recommendations of the Superintendent

A. 2023-2024 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and 2023-2024 Live Streaming Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the Live Streaming Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Education and Law Enforcement Officials are presented for BOE approval for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION:

I recommended acceptance of the MOA Agreement and the Live Streaming MOA Agreement as Exhibit #24-190.

Moved by: Mrs. Makopoulos Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: Unanimous

B. Educational Program

1. Home Instruction 2023-2024

Approval is requested for Home Instruction for students during the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the Home Instruction student listed on Exhibit #24-191 for the 2023-2024 school year.

2. Special Education Out-of-District Placements 2023-2024

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 placement listed on Exhibit #24-192 for the 2023-2024 school year at the location indicated at the approved tuition rates with transportation provided.

3. Homeless Placements 2023-2024

The following homeless placements are recommended.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the homeless student placements listed on Exhibit #24-193 for the 2023-2024 school year at the locations indicated and at the approved district tuition rates, where applicable.

4. Burlington County Alternative School Placement for 2023-2024

The student listed is recommended for placement in the program at Burlington County Alternative School for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the student on Exhibit #24-194 for the 2023-2024 school year at Burlington County Alternative School at the prevailing tuition rate not to exceed state maximum rate with transportation provided.

Approval of Items 1 - 4:

Moved by: Ms. Arcaro Burns

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: Unanimous

C. 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 #24-195, as amended.

2. Approval of State Contract and Consortium Vendor Purchases

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve NJ State Contract Interlocal Agreement and consortium purchases as per attached Exhibit #24-196.

3. Donations

MOTION:

I recommend the Board accept the following donations:

- 3 cases of 144 Bouton Optical Sofside Safety Goggles from Neuro Restorative via Al Minicozzi, to be used by the District science classrooms, at a value of \$1,378.08
- \$1,500 from MoorArts to be used by Jill Ludwig and Stephen Peltier to build looms with HS students
- \$1,500 from MoorArts to be used by Melissa Antler and Stephen Peltier to design/build stools with HS students
- \$750 from MoorArts to be used by Sarah Ginter and Carol Herb to purchase costumes for the UES Musical
- \$250 from Moorestown Home & School Association to be used for the Moorestown Township Science Fair

4. Quoted Transportation Contracts

Approval of the following Quoted Transportation Contracts will allow Moorestown to contract with the following vendors for transportation services.

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve the following Quoted Transportation Contracts:

Vendor	Route #	Cost
Holcomb Transportation, LLC	2023 Winter Track	\$7,500
Holcomb Transportation, LLC	2023 WAMS Fall Athletics	\$10,000

5. 2024 ESEA Consolidated Grant Amendment #1 Application

Title	Carryover Amounts			Revised Grant Amounts		
	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total
Title I	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$132,032	\$0	\$132,032
Title IIA	\$51,769	\$4,167	\$55,936	\$110,404	\$8,887	\$119,291
Title III	\$9,301	\$0	\$9,301	\$23,269	\$0	\$23,269
Title IV	\$6,261	\$504	\$6,765	\$15,516	\$1,249	\$16,765
Total	\$67,331	\$4,671	\$75,002	\$281,221	\$10,136	\$291,357

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board hereby authorize the submission of the ESEA Consolidated Grant Amendment #1 application for Fiscal Year 2024, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY 2024 ESEA amendment application.

6. Approval of Sidebar Agreement to the MEA/Board of Education Agreement

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the codicil to the MEA/Board of Education Agreement July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025, as per the attached Exhibit #24-197.

Approval of Items 1 - 6:

Moved by: Ms. Arcaro Burns

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: Unanimous

D. Employee Relations

- 1. Creation of Position** - Exhibit #24-198
- 2. Appointments** - Exhibit #24-199, as amended
- 3. Retirement** - Exhibit #24-200
- 4. Resignations** - Exhibit #24-201
- 5. Termination** - Exhibit #24-202
- 6. Leaves of Absence** - Exhibit #24-203
- 7. Instructional Class Coverage** - Exhibit #24-204
- 8. Substitutes** - Exhibit #24-205
- 9. Change of Assignment, Hours & Location** - Exhibit #24-206
- 10. Movement on Salary Guide** - Exhibit #24-207
- 11. Presenters** - Exhibit #24-208
- 12. Homebound Instructors** - Exhibit #24-209
- 13. Title I Tutors** - Exhibit #24-210
- 14. Athletic & Co-Curricular Clubs** - Exhibit #24-211
- 15. Volunteers** - Exhibit #24-212

Approval of Items 1 - 15:

Moved by: Mr. Weeks

Second: Mrs. Makopoulos

Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0

X. Suspensions

A. Suspensions - Exhibit #24-213

B. Superintendent's HIB Report

MOTION:

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

- Unsubstantiated
 - WAMS - #1
 - HS - #6

- Substantiated
 - HS - #7

Moved by: Ms. Arcaro Burns

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: 6 - 0, Abstain - 2
Abstention: Mrs. Barnes,
Mrs. Fallows Macaluso

XI. Informational Only

A. Enrollment Information - January 2, 2024

School	2022-2023	2023-2024
High School	1262	1261
Middle School	621	613
Upper Elementary School	863	886
Elementary Schools	<u>1128</u>	<u>1148</u>
Total	3874	3908

XII. Old Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Public Comment

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Second: Mrs. Miller

Vote: Unanimous

B. Public Comment

- Angela Murphy, teacher at MHS, commended her fellow teachers at Baker.
- Paige Morgan, teacher at MHS, commended her fellow teachers at South Valley.
- Grace Mulligan, teacher at WAMS, commended her fellow teachers at WAMS.
- Cindy Nary, teacher at UES, commended her fellow teachers at UES.
- Annmarie Kirwin, teacher at MHS, commended her fellow teachers.
- Michelle Namnun, teacher at WAMS, commended fellow teachers at Roberts.
- Lisa Trapani, MEA President, thanked Ms. Romano for her service on the board and wanted to recognize her fellow teachers for the Niche website rankings for Moorestown.
- Kristina Milligan, 41 Apple Orchard Rd - Thanked school chairs of Home and School and volunteers for work put into staff appreciation events, fundraisers, and the movie afternoon.

C. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

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

Moved by: Mrs. Makopoulos

Second: Ms. Arcaro Burns

Vote: Unanimous

XV. Good of the Order

XVI. Adjournment - 7:46 pm

Moved by: Mr. Weeks

Second: Dr. Mailhiot

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA
Board Secretary