

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of March 3, 2008
LAFAYETTE LEARNING CENTER

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris School District, of Morris County, New Jersey was held in the auditorium of Lafayette Learning Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 on **Monday evening March 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**

Susan Young, the Board Secretary, called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure 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 Board of Education of the Morris School District in the County of Morris has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, and to those persons or entities requesting notification, filed with the municipal clerks of Morris Plains, Morristown and Morris Township, and posted at the Administration Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey.

At the Roll Call, the following Board Members were present: Dr. Peter Gallerstein, Ms. Lynn Horowitz, Ms. Sandra McNeil, Mrs. Teresa Murphy, Ms. Lisa Pollak, Mrs. Ann Rhines, Dr. Angela Rieck, Vice-President, Mrs. Nancy Bangiola, President. Mrs. Marie Fornaro arrived at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Theresa Kaag, Morris Plains Representative, was absent.

At 6:33 p.m. Dr. Rieck moved to go into closed session to discuss negotiation matters. Mrs. Murphy seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Mrs. Fornaro and Ms. Kaag absent.

Also present in closed session were Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Superintendent; Dr. Patricia Camp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Andrew Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. John Christian, Manager of Human Resources; and Mr. William VanTassel, Assistant Board Secretary.

At 7:32 p.m. Dr. Rieck moved to go into open session. Mrs. Murphy seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Ms. Kaag absent. Student Representatives, Gareth Brown, and Avi Jayaraman and approximately 20 members of the public, press and staff were now present.

When the Board reconvened, Mrs. Bangiola announced that the Board had been meeting in closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation matters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Bangiola led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

FRELINGHUYSEN VPB (Visionary Planning Board) PRESENTATION

Mrs. Ethel Minchello, principal of Frelinghuysen Middle School updated the board on the progress of the Visionary Planning Board as well as the “3 Houses at Frelinghuysen” (a copy of the presentation is attached)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reverend Rogers, of Church of God in Christ, commended Mr. Venezia for the celebration at Thomas Jefferson in honor of Black History Month. (A copy of his comments is attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Morristown High School

Gareth and Avi reported:

Parent Teacher conferences were held the afternoon of February 25 & 26, 2008.

The Morris Educational Foundation fundraiser “Morristown’s Got Talent” was held

February 27, 2008 – A group of freshmen from MHS took first place.

SAT’s were held March 1, 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 2008 - HSPA’s begin

March 6, 2008 - PAC meeting

March 18, 2008 – Freshman/Sophomore night

March 19, 2008 – Project Graduation practice

March 26, 2008 – Senior Performance of the Spring musical

March 28, 29, 2008 – Spring Musical

Spring Sports start Friday

Finance Committee

Mrs. Fornaro reported the committee met twice and discussed:

Woodland & Thomas Jefferson facilities.

TQM Settlement.

Blue Ray Technology.

Autistic Program Facility Usage.

Card Swipe System Bid.

Condensate Pump Bid Re-award.

2008-2009 budget highlights.

Curriculum Committee

Mrs. Murphy reported they met and discussed:

Upcoming Curriculum Research.

Bayer Proposal for a relationship with the district at the elementary school level.

K-5 Visual Arts which are on the agenda this evening.

Redevelopment in the town.

Summer School:

K-2 at Hillcrest

3-5 at Alexander Hamilton

6-12 at MHS

One (1) less coordinator

World Language:

K-5 Flex Program

MINUTES

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve executive minutes from the regular business meeting of:

February 11, 2008

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve minutes from the regular business meeting of:

February 11, 2008

MINUTES (Motions #1-2)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,
Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fornaro and Ms. Howowitz

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Motion #1 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: 6-8 Music Curriculum Research
Description: Four music teachers will update the curriculum mapping and program planning.
Dates: February 2008 – February 2009
Participating Staff: Four 6-8 music teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District’s first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #2 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: Grade 7 Algebra I
Description: Middle school teachers will modify the MHS curriculum to combine with 7th grade math and develop instructional plan.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Three middle school math teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB Funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District’s first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #3 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: Geometry
Description: Middle and high school teachers will develop the curriculum and instructional plan for middle and high school geometry.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Six teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local & NCLB Funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #4 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: Grade 6 Math
Description: Middle school math teachers will develop the pretesting and extension activities for compacting the course.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Five teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB Funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #5 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: K-5 Science
Description: Seven science teachers will develop instructional plans for homeroom teachers.
Dates: March 2008 – August 2008
Participating Staff: Seven teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB Funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #6 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program: Grades 6-8 Science
Description: Middle school teachers will complete the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Nine teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local funds
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District’s first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #7 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program:	Grades 6-8 Computer Education
Description:	Middle school teachers will develop the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates:	March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff:	Three teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source:	Local funds
Rate:	1/140 th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District’s first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #8 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity.

Program:	Grades 6-8 Language Arts
Description:	Middle school teachers will develop the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates:	June 2008 – December 2008
Participating Staff:	Nine teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source:	Local funds
Rate:	1/140 th of monthly salary

EXPLANATION

Educational program development proceeds according to the District’s first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

Motion #9 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum map for the K-5 schools for the 2008-2009 school year:

- K-5 Visual Arts

EXPLANATION:

The curriculum has been reviewed by the Curriculum Council and the Board Curriculum Committee and recommended for Board approval.

Motion #10 on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve an overnight trip for seven Morristown High School students on March 13-14, 2008 for the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State Leadership Conference in Edison, New Jersey for competition events. Carol Fiorenzo will be chaperoning the students.

EXPLANATION:

The seven students will compete against other New Jersey schools in different events including Business Calculations, Impromptu Speaking, Networking Concepts, and Emerging Business Issues.

Motion #11 on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accept monies from the Morris Education Foundation for the following grants:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
\$400	NP	Children of the Earth This project will include the fifth grade Quest students from all of the schools. The students will learn survival, develop tracking skills and plant identification, write a journal reflecting on their experiences, and develop teamwork. The Children of the Earth Foundation will provide two instructors per every twenty students for two days. They will meet outdoors on school property participating in guided activities to learn the skills listed above. The goal is to increase environmental awareness and positive action to care take our natural world, while strengthening academic skills and team building.
\$1,200	TJ	Save Our Earth...Save Our Future This is a multi faceted program designed to promote awareness, education, and action on the environmental, economic, and social equity principals of sustainability. The Quest students will be teaming up with several local organizations including the Morristown Environmental Commission, Unity Learning Environments, and the Unity Charter School to host a community day event at Thomas Jefferson School. The students will designing, organize, and host the event to help educate local community members on the importance of protecting and sustaining our environment.

\$575

HC

Reading for the Right Reasons

To culminate a yearlong reading incentive for second graders to read one hundred books each, a Reading Day will take place. During this day, activities will be set up in each second grade classroom. Children will move from room to room to enjoy the reading projects and activities. In addition, the students will participate in a reading game show entitled *The Bodacious Book Show*, directed by Christopher Agostino, an advocate for reading in schools. This will be a fun way for children to recall facts and characters from the books that they have read.

Motion #12 on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Summer Academy Programs.

Student Summer Academy Programs

Program: **Elementary (Grades K-2) Basic Skills Development & English Language Learners**

Description: Provide supplemental instruction in language arts literacy and mathematics for at risk students in grades K-2.

Dates: June 30 – August 1, 2008

Projected Enrollment: 100+ students

Position: Teachers, Aides, Nurse, Secretary

Funding Source: Title I, IDEA, & District Funds

Program: **Elementary (Grades 3-5) Basic Skills Development & English Language Learners**

Description: Provide supplemental instruction in language arts literacy and mathematics for at risk students in grades 3-5.

Dates: June 30 – August 1, 2008

Projected Enrollment: 100+ students

Position: Teachers, Aides, Nurse, Secretary

Funding Source: Title I, IDEA & District Funds

Program: **Middle and High School (Grades 6-12) Basic Skills Development & English Language Learners**

Description: Provide supplemental instruction in language arts literacy and mathematics for at risk students in grades 6-12.

Dates: June 30 – August 1, 2008

Position: Teachers, Aides, Nurse, Secretary

Funding Source: Title I, IDEA & District Funds

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS (Motions #1-12)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

PUPIL SERVICES

OUT OF DISTRICT/HOME INSTRUCTION ROSTER

Motion #1 On the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve placements and instructional services for students with disabilities, including those on Home Instruction and those attending schools for which tuition is charged, during the 2007-2008 school year, as noted in the detailed listing maintained on file in the Board Secretary's office.

ATTENDANCE OF A TUITION STUDENT 2007-2008

Motion #2 On the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the attendance of a tuition student in the 11th grade at Morristown High School for the 2007-2008 school year, under the terms of Policy 5118, Non Residents.

PUPIL SERVICES (Motions #1-2)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received notification of the retirement of Jeanne Jeskey, Pre-K Teacher assigned to Lafayette Learning Center, effective April 1, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to recognize her six years and seven months of dedicated service to the students of The Morris School District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Ms. Jeskey with sincere regret, and with best wishes for a happy retirement life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread Upon the Minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to Ms. Jeskey.

Board President

Board Secretary

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received notification of the retirement of Barbara Siemonsma, Food Service Worker assigned to Frelinghuysen Middle School, effective March 1, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to recognize her eight years and three months of dedicated service to the administration, staff and students of The Morris School District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Ms. Siemonsma with sincere regret, and with best wishes for a happy retirement life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread Upon the Minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to Ms. Siemonsma.

Board President

Board Secretary

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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HUMAN RESOURCES

RESIGNATION/TERMINATION 2007-2008

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation and/or termination of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

Clavijo, Luis P/T Custodian, MHS	March 01, 2008 Resignation
Jeskey, Jeanne Pre-K, LLC	April 01, 2008 Retirement
Hackney, Theresa Tchr Asst, MHS	March 01, 2008 Resignation
Hogg, Gina .5 Speech Therapist, PS	February 20, 2008 Resignation
Siemonsma, Barbara Food Service Worker, FMS	March 01, 2008 Retirement

APPOINTMENTS 2007-2008

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following to the position/s stated at the annual salary rates and effective date/s shown, and further that the Board of Education approve the submission to the County Superintendent applications for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18a6-7.1 et seq.; 18:39-17 et seq.; 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

Correia, Jr., Mark ® ABS, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	03/03/08-06/30/08	<u>In Place Of:</u> Schmeding, K. Resigned
Moy, Carol * LR/PG Aide, TJ	\$ 4,320 \$12/hr, 2/hrs/day	03/03/08-06/30/08	Miller, M. Resigned

* Pending completion of 90-day probation.

REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF 2007-2008

Motion #3 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the following non-certificated staff member for the 2007-2008 school year:

	<u>Position/Assignment</u>	<u>In Place Of</u>
Caffery, Leslie \$18,854 (Column A, Step 3)	Teacher Assistant – Sp Ed, MHS Effective 03/03/08-06/30/08	Hackney, T. Resigned
Levy, Julie \$22,124 (Column B, Step 8)	Teacher Assistant – Sp Ed, SX Effective 03/03/08-06/30/08	Koch, G. Retired

LEAVES OF ABSENCE 2007-2008

Motion #4 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence to the following staff members under the conditions stated and effective dates shown:

Pappas, Afredita LR/PG Aide, TJ	02/27/08-03/04/08 ** Personal – Revised dates
Scorsune, Marietta World Language, MHS	01/28/08-02/25/08 Maternity * 02/26/08-05/26/08 FMLA ** Revised dates

* Accumulated sick leave may be used up to a period of eight weeks (four weeks before and four weeks after the birth of the baby).

** Without pay.

SUBSTITUTES 2007-2008

Motion #5 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve that the following names be added to the list of substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year, and further that the Board of Education approve submission to the County Superintendent applications for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18a:6-7.1 et seq., 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

Teacher, Degreed
Ader, Amylin
Endres, Kristin
Mederos, Christine (eff. 2/25/08)
Pagano, Michael
Papa, Daniel
Sensenhauser, Luisa
Titus, Kelly

SUBSTITUTES 2007-2008

Bedside Instructor

Covington, Janet (eff. 2/25/08)
Rashap, Paul

Solorzano-Correia, Janet (eff. 2/25/08)

Teacher Assistant

Capo, Brian
Endres, Kristin

Koenigsberg, Jill
Pagano, Michael

Teacher – Own Classroom – Currently TA

Levy, Julie

Reilly, Geraldine (eff. 1/18/08)

Related Services Long Term

Sheerin, Tara

Custodian

Gast, Donald

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT AND/OR SALARY 2007-2008

Motion #6 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 change of assignment and/or salary for the following staff:

<u>New Assignment</u>	<u>Former Assignment</u>		<u>In Place Of:</u>
Standridge, John Custodian, MHS \$29,439 (\$28,551 + \$888)	Adding Boiler License Stipend	07/01/07-06/30/08	N/A

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT AND/OR SALARY 2008-2009

Motion #7 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 change of assignment and/or salary for the following staff:

<u>New Assignment</u>	<u>Former Assignment</u>		<u>In Place Of:</u>
Smith, Debbie Supervisor of Transportation \$68,000	Dispatcher	07/01/08-06/30/09	Terry, G. Retired

SWIM TEAM RENTALS SITE MANAGERS AND LIFEGUARDS REVISION 2007-2008

Motion #8 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following additional name (**in bold**) as a Site Manager for the 2007-2008 school year swim team rentals:

Site Managers:

Anderson, Megan
DeSalvo, Diane
Gelegonya, Donna

Singler, Margaret
Soracco, Corlee
Sparano, Robert

Lifeguards

Brothman, Sara
Browne, Katie
Cecala, Joseph
Martini, Alexandra

McNally, Sarah
Murphy, James
Urday, Alejandra
Windt, Katelynn

GRADES 6-8 MUSIC CURRICULUM RESEARCH 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

Motion #9 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grades 6-8 Music Curriculum Research
Description: Four Music teachers will update the curriculum mapping and program planning.
Dates: January 2008 – January 2009
Participating Staff: Four 6-8 teachers of music for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Grades 6-8 Music Curriculum Research Teachers:
Della Peruti, Carl Ryan, Sean
Gonsky, Larry Schumacher, John

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADES K-2 ELL AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM REVISION 2007-2008

Motion #10 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following additional staff (**in bold**) for the ELL support program for the 2007-2008 school year:

Program: Grades K-2 ELL After School Support Program
Description: After school support for identified ELL students in Grades 1 & 2
Dates: October 2007 – June 2008
Participating Staff: 8 teachers and 8 paraprofessionals; 2 hours/wk x 32 weeks
Funding Source: NCLB Title III
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary for certificated staff and hourly rate for non-certificated staff

K-2 ELL After School Support Program Teachers:

Araujo, Carolina	Ortiz, Ana
Covington, Janet	Restrepo, Maria
Fierro, Sharon	Salazar, Jennifer (sub)
Gonzalez, Mayra	Sommer, Jeanette
Jackson, Mikal (sub)	Windon, D. Johanna (sub)

K-2 ELL After School Support Program Paraprofessional:

Lomazzo, Barbara	Williams Lenora
Meza, Luz	Woehrle, Danielle
Reilly, Geraldine	

EXPLANATION: Through a department-based needs assessment, it has been determined that early elementary LEP learners would benefit greatly from intensive English language classes provided after school hours, to supplement their regular academic program. Students in first and second grades are at a crucial time in their development of literacy and communication, and are able to acquire necessary skills more easily, if provided with appropriate English language input.

GRADE 7 ALGEBRA I - 2007-2008

Motion #11 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grade 7 Algebra I
Description: Middle school teachers will modify the MHS curriculum to combine with 7th grade math and develop instructional plan.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Three middle school math teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Grade 7 Algebra I Teachers:
Bamert, Cheryl Richards, Kimberly
Engelfried, Debora

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GEOMETRY 2007-2008

Motion #12 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Geometry
Description: Middle and high school teachers will develop the curriculum and instructional plan for middle and high school geometry.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Six teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local & NCLB
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Geometry Teachers:
Bragina, Marina Franko, Kelvin
Chamberlain, Bruce Wood, Kathy
Engelfried, Debora

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADE 6 MATH 2007-2008

Motion #13 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grade 6 Math
Description: Middle school math teachers will develop the pre-testing and extension activities for compacting the course.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Five teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Grade 6 Math Teachers:
Cataldo, Maria Purcell, Cynthia
Enderley, Judith Richards, Kimberly
Falk, Deirdre

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADES K-5 SCIENCE 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

Motion #14 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grades K-5 Science
Description: Seven science teachers will develop instructional plans for homeroom teachers.
Dates: March 2008 – August 2008
Participating Staff: Seven teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: NCLB
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
K-5 Science Teachers:
Cahill, Jacob Parrillo, Joseph
Falduto, Ann Russell, Robert
Hefter, Frederick Russino, Heather
Lewis-Lahey, Anthony

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADES 6-8 SCIENCE 2007-2008

Motion #15 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grades 6-8 Science
Description: Middle school teachers will complete the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Nine teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Grades 6-8 Science Teachers:
Carey, Susan Hitchner, Kenneth
Cirrotti, Cathleen Pastorius, James
Dishinger, Mary Beth Propfe, Michelle
Falk, Deirdre Reis, Patricia
Guarino, Carol

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADES 6-8 COMPUTER EDUCATION 2007-2008

Motion #16 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grades 6-8 Computer Education
Description: Middle school teachers will develop the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates: March 2008 – June 2008
Participating Staff: Two teachers and one Educational Computer Specialist for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary and hourly rate for non-certificated staff
Grades 6-8 Computer Education Teachers:
Farrell, Kerri Lee
Schorr, Barbara

Grades 6-8 Computer Education Educational Computer Specialist
Tartar, Dax

GRADES 6-8 COMPUTER EDUCATION 2007-2008

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

GRADES 6-8 LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM 2007-2008 & 2008-2009

Motion #17 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following curriculum research and development activity:

Program: Grades 6-8 Language Arts
Description: Middle school teachers will develop the curriculum map and program planning.
Dates: June 2008 – December 2008
Participating Staff: Nine teachers for up to 20 hours each
Funding Source: Local
Rate: 1/140th of monthly salary
Grades 6-8 Language Arts Teachers:
Daly, Matthew
Dammeyer, Susan
Flynn, Ashley
Forman, Ann Marie
Hiserodt, Thomas
Liguori, Mary
Meslar, Mary Ellen
Montague, Tara
Rochacewicz, Jill

EXPLANATION: Educational program development proceeds according to the District's first principles of program development; i.e., research-oriented inquiry, collaborative work, consensus building, opportunities for dialogue.

VOLUNTEER 2007-2008

Motion #18 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following volunteer as listed for the 2007-2008 school year:

Athletics – MHS
Madden, John

EXTRA PAY APPOINTMENTS 2007-2008

Motion #19 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment(s) to the following extra-pay positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	YRS SVC	PTS.	SALARY	INCR.	TOTAL SALARY
ATHLETICS – MHS						
Baseball						
JV Coach	Papa, Daniel	1	11	\$4,499		\$4,499
Lacrosse						
Head Coach – Boys	Bigas, Jeffrey	2	16	\$6,544		\$6,544
Assistant Coach – Boys	Pagano, Michael	1	11	\$4,499		\$4,499
Assistant Coach – Girls	Culmone, Marylynn	1	11	\$4,499		\$4,499
Softball						
Varsity Coach	Mansolino, Taryn	5	16	\$6,544	2	\$7,284
CO-CURRICULAR - MHS						
Drama						
Assistant Director – Spring	Johnson, Kevin	5	8	\$3,272	2	\$4,012
Technical Assistant – Spring	Kenner, Barry	1	8	\$3,272		\$3,272

EXTRA PAY REVISIONS 2007-2008

Motion #20 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the revision(s) to the following extra-pay positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	YRS SVC	PTS.	SALARY	INCR.	TOTAL SALARY
ATHLETICS - MHS						
Baseball						
Head Coach	Ury, Joshua	2	18	\$7,362		\$7,362
Lacrosse						
Head Coach – Girls	Anderson, Megan	3	20	\$8,180	1	\$8,550
CO-CURRICULAR – MHS						
Drama						
Director – Spring	LaVigne, George	3	18	\$7,362	1	\$7,732

SECOND YEAR TENURE TRACK REVISION 2007-2008

Motion #21 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following additional second year teacher (**in bold**) to meet as a group for up to two hours each during September 2007 through June 2008:

Second Year Tenure Track Teachers

Araujo, Carolina	Marigliano, Nicholas
Bigas, Jeffrey	Moffatt, Tara
Cantu, Maureen	Nowetner, Rachel
Caprioli, Betiana	Pastorius, James
Cirrotti, Cathleen	Ricucci, Giovanna
Crews, Anita	Rotella, Kathleen
Curtiss, Sally	Scarpa, Sharon
DiBenedetto, Marcella	Scola, Kristy
DuPre-Burns, Mary Ellen	Scorsune, Marietta
Esposito, Elizabeth	Skrod, Christina
Flynn, Ashley	Sparano, Robert
Forman, Annemarie	Stierch, Denise
Fortna, Victoria	Streiff, Cheryl
Gutierrez, Lauren	Sutton, Patricia
Hong, Lei-Han	Vernackas, Colleen
Jackson, Mikal	Vissers, Dana
Kenny, Christopher	Viteri, Paola
Maldonado, Santiago	Ward, Sarah
Marasco, Cathie	

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of approved timesheets, they will be compensated at a rate of \$25 per hour.

HUMAN RESOURCES (Motions #1-3)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

BUSINESS MATTERS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion #1 **Financial Reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education**
that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the following financial reports in Appendix A for the month of **January, 2008.**

Fund 10 -- General Fund
Fund 20 -- Special Revenue Fund
Fund 30 -- Capital Projects Fund
Fund 40 -- Debt Service Fund

Financial Reports of the Treasurer of School Monies

that the Board of Education accept the Board Treasurer's Report for the months of **January 2008** which is reconciled with the Board Secretary's Reports by fund for that period.

Motion #2 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3, we certify that as of **January 2008,** 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 overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion #3 Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, I certify that as of **January 2008** no budgetary line item account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b).

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

March 3, 2008
Date

HELD PURCHASE ORDER

Motion #4 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve checks totaling **\$ 71.90** as per the attached for expenses incurred as per policy #3320.1.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion #5 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for the 2007-2008 budget through **March 3, 2008.**

BILLS LIST

Motion #6 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached 2007-2008 bills list for the period ending:
February 9 & 23, 2008 (Payroll)
March 3, 2008

DONATION

Motion #7 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education gratefully accept a donation of \$900 to the students of Normandy Park School from the Wong family. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Wong family to thank them for supporting the students of the Morris School District.

CONTRACT

Head Start

Motion #8 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the 2007-2008 ELLI contract with Head Start in the anticipated amount of \$105,600.

EXPLANATION:

The NJDOE approved the Early Launch to Learning Initiative grant includes funds for pre-school services for low income students. Morris School District is acting as a flow through conduit for funds going to Head Start.

CONSTRUCTION BIDS (Revision from approval at 2/11/08 meeting)

Motion #9 that bids for the Condensate Pump Replacement Work at Various Schools, Bid #08-001 having been duly advertised, and received on February 6, 2008, the award for SOC-1 Sussex in the base bid amount of \$33,452.00 be made to Advanced Plumbing Design, Inc. of Union, and the award for SOC-2 Alfred Vail in the base bid amount of \$37,500.00 be made to Direct Digital Control Systems, Inc. of Mountain Lakes and rescind the original award of SOC-2 to Advanced Plumbing Design.

TOTAL AMOUNT BID		AWARD
SOC-1 Base Bid (Sussex)	Advanced Plumbing Design	\$33,452.00
SOC-2 Base Bid (Vail)	Direct Digital Control Systems	\$37,500.00

EXPLANATION

This motion was approved February 11, 2008, at which time the Architects award notice indicated that Advanced Plumbing appeared to be the low bidder for each School. However, upon further review Direct Digital is the low bidder for the Vail work.

PAYMENTS

Motion #10 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve payment #1 in the amount of \$120,840.00 to ACP Contracting for work done on the HVAC/HV Replacement at Morristown High School thru December 27, 2007.

TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT

Motion #11 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, employees are attending conferences, conventions, staff training seminars or workshops as depicted on attachment A: and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the chief school administrator as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent, and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at functions may exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter; be it

RESOLVED, that the board finds the travel and related expense and the excess expenses particular to attendance at these functions are necessary, unavoidable, justified and therefore reimbursable

2008-2009 BUDGET

Motion #12 that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget in the amount of \$98,467,262 for submission to the County Superintendent for review and approval to advertise and to utilize the following Tax Levy:

General Fund Tax Levy	\$77,058,100
Debt Service Tax Levy	\$ 940,370

and further that the Board of Education approves the following Revenues:

General Fund Revenues	\$94,575,729
Special Revenue Fund Revenues	2,705,938
Debt Service Fund Revenues	\$ 1,185,595

Motion #13 WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, in each pre-budget year, the Morris School District Board of Education is required to establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year which may not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the maximum travel expenditure amount includes all travel that is supported by State and local funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has elected to exclude travel expenditures supported by federal funds from the maximum travel expenditure amount;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris School District Board of Education in accordance with policies #4133A and #9250-1, Travel/Reimbursement and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, hereby establishes the maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2008-2009 school year as \$ 245,520

BUSINESS MATTERS (Motions #1-13)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mrs. Murphy reported the girls and boys swim teams were in the state finals

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of negotiation (8:15 p.m.)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (9:51 p.m.)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kaag, Mrs. Fornaro who left at 8:15 p.m. after open session.

ADJOURNMENT (9:52 p.m.)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Fornaro, Ms. Kaag

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Young
Business Administrator/Board Secretary