

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of September 8, 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 Lafayette Learning Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 on Monday evening September 8, 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: , Ms. Theresa Kaag, Morris Plains Representative, Dr. Peter Gallerstein, Ms. Lynn Horowitz, Ms. Sandra McNeil, Mrs. Teresa Murphy, Mrs. Ann Rhines, Dr. Angela Rieck, Ms. Lisa Pollak, Vice-President and Mrs. Nancy Bangiola, President. Mrs. Marie Fornaro arrived at 6:40 p.m.

At 6:32 p.m. Ms. Horowitz moved to go into closed session to discuss legal and negotiation matters. Dr. Gallerstein seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Mrs. Fornaro absent.

Also present were Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Superintendent; Dr. Patricia Camp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Andrew Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Martha Weber, Manager of Human Resources; and Mr. William VanTassel, Assistant Board Secretary.

At 7:31 p.m. Ms. Horowitz moved to go into open session. Dr. Gallerstein seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Student Representative, Avi Jayaraman and approximately 10 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 legal and negotiation matters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

At 7:37 p.m. Mrs. Bangiola announced that the board had to take a brief adjournment to closed session for a negotiation matter.

At 7:42 p.m. the board adjourned to open session.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ficarra reported:

We had a very smooth opening for the first week of school.

Transportation had a few problems - all parents were called and the problems were resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public spoke this evening.

PRESENTATION

Ms. Leslee Scheckman, Director of Morristown High School Guidance introduced Ms. Kathleen O'Donnell, guidance counselor at MHS who discussed the role of the college/career counselor. She discussed:

Factors both academic and non-academic used by colleges in accepting students.

Programs being offered to students and parents regarding the application process.

Goals of the guidance department for the school years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 are:
(as per the attached)

Provide opportunities for students to expand and enhance their experiential learning outside the classroom while enriching their resume and personal experiences to draw on in their essays.

Use Naviance as the medium to disseminate information on guidance activities, colleges and careers.

Increase student and parent information on pre-college/post-secondary planning prior to junior year.

Assist individual students and parents with the college process at the request of the school counselor or the family.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Mrs. Bangiola announced that this evening the board would be approving the contract of the business administrator. Ms. Bangiola opened the floor for a discussion on the contract. No one offered any comment and there was no discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Morristown High School

Avi reported:

New junior representative to the board is Kelsey Brown. She will attend the next meeting.
Fall Sports are underway.

Morris Plains

Ms. Kaag reported:

Smooth opening to first day of school.

There were a few transportation problems, but all were resolved.

MINUTES

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

August 25, 2008

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

August 25, 2008

MINUTES (Motions #1-2)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Ms. Horowitz.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Rieck

ABSENT: None

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve submission of an application to Turning Technologies Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. Deadline for the pre-application submission is September 15, 2008.

EXPLANATION: The Turning Technologies Foundation grant will be used to purchase formative assessment student response technology for Morristown High School and Frelinghuysen Middle School.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS (Motion #1)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Ms. Pollak

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak,
Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola, Ms. Kaag as it relates to the high school

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUPIL SERVICES

APPROVAL OF IDEA-04 (Part B) GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2008-2009

Motion #1: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following IDEA-04 (Part B), Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, grant application, to support funding that will be expended for appropriate purposes between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009.

	Entire Grant	Proportionate Share for Nonpublic Students
Preschool Grant:	\$ 48,424.00	\$ 0.00
Basic Grant:	\$1,374,805.00	\$138,302.00

EXPLANATION:

The district will expend funds for special education tuition, related services, supplies and salaries. Fifteen percent of the grant must be expended for services to students who are struggling educationally, as a means of preventing the disproportionate classification of minority students. A proportionate amount of the federal IDEA-04 (Part B) funding provided for special education is set aside and reserved for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools. Nonpublic schools have been consulted to determine needs and this money will be expended, on a first come, first served basis, for extra instruction, related services, and supplies.

IDEA-04 (PART B) SERVICES FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2008-2009

Motion #2: that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve Catapult Learning, LLC to provide services under IDEA-04 (Part B) to students identified as having disabilities, who are parentally placed in nonpublic schools located within the boundaries of the Morris School District, during the 2008-2009 school year.

EXPLANATION:

The district will use funding provided under the Proportionate Share of the IDEA-04 (Part B) grant for these services; no local funds will be used.

PUPIL SERVICES (Motion #1-2)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Ms. Horowitz.

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola, Ms. Kaag as they relate to the high school.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received notification of the retirement of Stanley Hilbert, Building Foreperson assigned to Hillcrest School, effective October 1, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to recognize his fourteen years and seven 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 Mr. Hilbert 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 Mr. Hilbert.

Board President

Board Secretary

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING, September 8, 2008

HUMAN RESOURCES

ESTABLISH POSITION(S) 2008-2009

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education establish the following position(s) for the 2008-2009 school year:

- 10.0 – CABAS Trainees, Pupil Services

EXPLANATION: These are long-term substitute positions that are being converted to full-time equivalent positions.

RESIGNATION(S)/TERMINATION(S) 2008-2009

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation(s) and/or termination(s) of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

Bullock, Lucius LR/PG Aide, MHS	September 1, 2008 Resignation
Hilbert, Stanley Building Foreperson, HC	October 1, 2008 Retirement
Richards, Kimberly Instructional Leader-Mathematics, FMS	November 1, 2008 Resignation
Romero, Roxann Food Service Worker, MHS	September 1, 2008 Resignation

APPOINTMENT(S) 2008-2009

Motion #3 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.:

In Place Of:

Brodlieb, Samantha */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Cohen, Samara */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08

APPOINTMENT(S) 2008-2009

			<u>In Place Of:</u>
Corwin, Alison Spec Ed, AH	\$49,587 BA, Step 4	09/01/08-06/30/09	Solorzano-Correia, J. Reassigned
Craig, Victoria ** .5 Clerk, TJ	\$ 9,799 .5 Cl. I, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Briscoe, P. Retired
Dreyfus, Adam */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Graddy, Sharon * Pre-K, LLC	43,749 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Jeskey, J. Retired
Hill, Joanne */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Joo, Sharlene */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Kwong, Lilly Front Desk Monitor, FMS	\$ 5,355 *** 3 ½ hrs/days, \$8.50/hr, 180 days/year	09/01/08-06/30/09	Self
Lempin, Kirsten ELL, TJ	\$46,949 MA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Bittens, J. Retired
Lieberman, Keri * Grade 1, WD	\$43,749 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-01/31/09	Settembre, L. Childrearing
McLain, Carolyn * .5 PAR, AH	\$23,821 .5 BA, Step 3	09/01/08-06/30/09	Velez-Manning, V. Reassigned
Orlans, Sarah */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Schultz, Kathleen Front Desk Monitor, FMS	\$ 5,355 *** 3 ½ hrs/days, \$8.50/hr, 180 days/year	09/01/08-06/30/09	Self
Valencia, Tobye */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Vasconcelos, Raphael */** CABAS Trainee, PS	\$32,812 .75 BA, Step 1	09/01/08-06/30/09	Established Agenda: 09/08/08
Vogt, Mary Music, HC/AH	\$57,371 BA, Step 8	09/03/08-06/30/09+	Fortna, V. Resigned

APPOINTMENT(S) 2008-2009

- * Pending completion of paperwork.
- ** Pending completion of 90-day probation.
- *** Position funded through the “S.O.S. – Secure Our Schools” grant.
- + Revised starting date.

SUBSTITUTE(S) 2008-2009

Motion #4 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve that the following name(s) be added to the list of substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year, and further that the Board of 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
Bittens, Judith
Ferrise, Katherine

Food Service Worker
Romero, Roxann

Bedside Instructor
Deegan, Patricia
Ginsberg, Laurel

Tchr–Own Classroom–Currently TA
Cotten, Tawanna

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REVISION 2007-2008

Motion #5 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence to the following staff member under the conditions stated and effective dates shown:

Spencer, Stacy	05/19/08-06/30/08 Maternity *
Science, MHS	09/02/08-11/23/08 FMLA **
	11/24/08-06/30/09 Childrearing **
	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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REVISION 2008-2009

Motion #6 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence to the following staff member under the conditions stated and effective dates shown:

Veras, Omayra	09/02/08-11/24/08 FMLA *
ABS, Pupil Services	Revised dates

* Without pay.

INVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS 2008-2009

Motion #7 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation in the amount of \$100 to each of the following staff members due to an involuntary transfer for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>'07-08 Assignment</u>	<u>'08-09 Assignment</u>
Correia, Catherine	WD	TJ
Davis, Alissa	NP	SX
Ferraiolo, Elizabeth	AH	SX
Gillespie, Beth	SX	WD
Maline-Kessler, Andrea	TJ	SX
McPeters, Steven	TJ/WD	MHS
Rescorla, Betsy	SX	MHS

WORK SAMPLING SYSTEM TRAINING 2008-2009

Motion #8 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation, for up to 12 hours each, to the following staff for their participation in a two-day training session held on 8/18/08 and 8/19/08:

Brennan, Teresa – Pre-School Intervention Teacher, Pupil Services
Eddey, Ilene – Pre-School Handicapped Teacher, LLC

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of approved timesheets, they will be compensated at the rate of \$25.00 an hour.

TOOLS OF THE MIND TRAINING 2008-2009

Motion #9 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation to the following Teacher Assistants for up to 6 hours each of inservice training in pre-school curriculum held on 9/3/08:

Capote, Alice
Ford, Betty
Koba, Migdonia
Rome, Gail
Sluk, Maureen

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of approved timesheets, they will be compensated at their regular hourly rate of pay.

INSERVICE TRAINING 2008-2009

Motion #10 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation, for up to 3 hours, to the following reassigned Teacher Assistant for inservice training held at the Regional Day School on 8/28/08:

Cerciello, Rose Marie

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of an approved timesheet, she will be compensated at her regular hourly rate of pay.

EXTRA SERVICES 2008-2009

Motion #11 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation, for up to 32 hours each, to the following additional staff (**in bold**) for providing assistance with the set-up of computer systems in their assigned buildings ensuring the proper functioning of computer resources for the first day of school:

Hardwick, Joyce – AH/HC, hourly rate of pay
Moschella, Angela – NP, 1/140th of her monthly salary
Sparano, Margaret – TJ/WD, hourly rate of pay
Sparano, Nicole – AV/SX, hourly rate of pay
Tartar, Dax – FMS, hourly rate of pay

EXPLANATION: Upon submission of approved timesheets, they will be compensated at the rates shown above. This was previously approved on the 8/11/08 Agenda.

SUMMER 2008 EMPLOYMENT

Motion #12 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following and payment upon submission of approved time sheets for the staff who will be involved with the 2008 summer curriculum programs, projects and employments as listed on the following pages, 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. 18a:6-7.1 et seq., 18:39-17 et seq.; 18A:6-4.13 at seq.:

Program: #S-12 Preparation for Inclusion

Description: Preparation for the inclusion of students with a diagnosis of Autism/PDD, Asperger's Syndrome or other significant disabilities in general education settings and/or for programming to meet their needs through a combination of training, observation and collaborative planning activities.

Dates: 6/23/08 – 8/31/08

Positions: Teachers and Teacher Assistants

Hours/Compensation: Not to exceed 4 hours at 1/140th of monthly salary

Teacher:

Jones, Sandra

Marmora, Pamela

Monetti, Lori

Funding: Local Funds

Program: #S-13 Summer Nursing Services Project

Description: Nurses will be needed during the summer to review medical reports submitted from private physicians for athletic eligibility and registration, to assist doctors examining students for sports physicals, to monitor Hepatitis B inoculations records, as per state mandate, to prepare records for new Kindergarten enrollees, and to develop formal procedures in support of 5888 Health Policies.

Dates: 6/20/08 – 8/31/08

Positions: School Nurses

Hours/compensation: Up to 340 hours total, 1/140th of monthly salary

School Nurses:

Goss, Margaret

Guerriero, Bernadette

Dodge, Melissa

Lamb, Frances

Landers, Laurie

Lenat, Marilyn

Substitute Nurse – sub rate:

Kelly, Kathleen

Funding: Local

McDonald, Sharon

Schneider, Kathryn

Sparling, Sally

Supple, Mary Beth

Wheeler, Joan

Program: #S-13 Summer Nursing Services Project

EXPLANATION: The number of hours was increased to accommodate an additional activity that involved management of the new requirement for entering sixth grade students with birthdays after 1/1/97 to have immunizations against meningitis and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis before the opening of school in September.

Program: #S-18 Related Services for Students with Disabilities

Description: Provide Related Services to support students enrolled in Preschool and Elementary Programs for students with disabilities, according to their IEPs.

Dates: June 23 - August 31, 2008 (July 4 Schools Closed)

Positions: Speech/Language Specialists, Occupational Therapists, Teacher/Behavior Specialist, and Assistant Behavior Specialists, Teacher Assistants, Nurse

Speech/Language Specialists – hourly rate:

Artis, Carmen

Beeck, Jean

Corona, Beverly

Fazari, Maria

Hatala, Lisa

Hitchcock, Rebecca

Maloney, Kristy

Marazita, Kathleen

Occupational Therapist – hourly rate:

Laureano, Melinda

Counselor – hourly rate:

Chiariello, Cynthia

Thevenin, Elizabeth

Teacher-Behavior Specialists – hourly rate:

Bautista, Adora

Casperson, Megan

Deardorff, Jill

Heinsohn, Heidi

Marigliano, Nicholas

Mocko, Jennifer

Salazar, Jennifer

Assistant Behavior Specialists – hourly rate:

Alejo, Merry

Baran, Christine

Bedell, Christine

Bragg, Shikina

Buchner, Stephanie

Carrigan, Joanne

Collins, Kathryn

Correia, Mark

Duncan, Susan

Gamble, Lorenzo

Gibbs, Annmarie

Gill, Karen

Gould, Michelle

Grant, Heather

Hammond, Aatifa

Marrano, Marisa

Meza, Luz

Marrano, Salvatore

Rhodeside, Gemma - delete

Sogorka, Marcie

Smith, Kathleen

Smith, Kimberly

Solaro, Christie

Walch, Adele

Westenberger, Martha

Woehrle, Danielle

Yingling, Cari

Zagoric, Stephanie

ABS Substitutes – hourly rate:

Keown, Mary

ABS Substitute(s) Long Term/With Exp - \$23

Rhodeside, Gemma

SUMMER 2008 EMPLOYMENT

Program: #S-18 Related Services for Students with Disabilities

ABS Substitute(s) Long Term/Highly Exp - \$27.50

Suthern, Mary Jo

ABS Substitute(s) Long Term/WO Exp - \$20:

Wilcox, Catherine

Funding: Local/IDEA

EXTRA PAY APPOINTMENT 2008-2009

Motion #13 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following staff to the extra-pay position shown for the 2008-2009 school year:

POSITION	STAFF MEMBER	YRS SVC	PTS.	SALARY	INCR.	TOTAL SALARY
ATHLETICS - MHS						
Ice Hockey						
Coach	Jones, Robert	1	*	*	*	*

* Coaches hired after 7/1/08 will start on the new guide.

SALARY FOR NON-REPRESENTED STAFF 2008-2009

Motion #14 that, upon the recommendation of the Board of Education the salary shown below be approved for the following non-represented staff member effective 7/1/08-6/30/09:

Young, Susan – Business Administrator/Board Secretary, \$154,370.50

HUMAN RESOURCES (Motion #1-14)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Ms. Horowitz.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

BUSINESS MATTERS

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for the 2008-2009 budget through **September 8, 2008.**

BILLS LIST

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached bills list for the period ending:

September 8, 2008

DONATION

Motion #3 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accept a donation to the Alexander Hamilton School of:

2 – 60” X 48” display panels

2 – 60” X 36” display panels

4 – sets of T-bases for the panels

The panels are for use by the art teacher to display student’s artwork at the Art & Science Fair and are valued at \$689.80. The donation is made by the Alexander Hamilton Home & School Association. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Home & School Association thanking them for their support of the students of the Morris School District.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Motion #4 WHEREAS, there existed a need for competitive contracting related to professional services to improve student sub group performance in Language Arts Literacy in Grades 6-12 for 2008-2009;

WHEREAS, the request for proposal was advertized on August 15, 2008;

WHEREAS, funds are available for these purposes;

WHEREAS, the administration has reviewed the submitted proposal in accordance with the delineated competitive contracting evaluation criteria;

THEREFORE, the Board of Education authorizes award of a proposal for improving student sub group performances in Language Arts Literacy at FMS & MHS for the 2008-2009 school year to:

Dr. Mary Ann Reilly/Blueprints for Learning, Inc. \$29,000.00

**CONSTRUCTION
CHANGE ORDER**

Motion #5 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve change order #3 to Access Systems Integration LLC in the amount of \$1,295.00 for the following:

Labor required to tie in electric lock release circuits from the existing Aiphone systems. The wiring is already in place and ASI is responsible for connecting into the DVTel panels in order to prevent false alarms when the door is opened without a valid card read.

Tie in and test of seven doors: \$1,295.00

PAYMENT

Motion #6 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve payment #1 to Pennetta Ind. Automation in the amount of \$21,425.00 for work on piping installations at Morristown High School through July 18, 2008.

School Lunch Program

Motion #7 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris School District Board of Education authorizes participation of the Morris School District schools in the Federal School Lunch Program and the Breakfast Program and for after school snack in selected schools for the 2008-2009 School Year and that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary or Manager of Operations are authorized to execute the necessary arrangements and documents. All reimbursable meals shall meet Federal nutrient standards as required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Program regulations. All items served as part of the After School Snack Program shall meet the standards as outlined within Nutrition Policy # 3542-1.

Motion #8 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve Agreement #02703385 between the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and the Morris School District providing for the receipt of donated food commodities as part of the support for the School Lunch Program in this school district, be approved and continued for the 2008-2009 School Year.

EXPLANATION

The Morris School District receives donated commodities (food items) from the Department of Agriculture. This is an important part of the School Lunch Program operation which complements the cash reimbursement for free and reduced price lunches and milk. This agreement must be renewed annually to continue receiving the commodities.

TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT

Motion #9 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 critical to the instructional needs of the school district or furthering the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are in compliance with the state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and with guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; be it

RESOLVED, that the board approves the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Motion #10 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the employment contract, of Mrs. Susan Young, Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2008-2009 school year.

BUSINESS MATTERS (Motions #1-10)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Mrs. Murphy

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, except abstain on motion #9 as it relates to her, Dr. Gallerstein, Ms. Horowitz, except abstain on motion #9 as it relates to her, Ms. Kaag except for Celebrate the Children in Motion #2, Ms. McNeil, except abstain on motion #9 as it relates to her, Mrs. Murphy except abstain on motion #9 as it relates to her, Ms. Pollak, except abstain on motion #9 as it relates to her, Mrs. Rhines, Dr. Rieck, Mrs. Bangiola,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fornaro, Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak as motion #9 relates to them.

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. McNeil reported on the “Community Back to School Rally” which was held Sunday, September 7, 2008.

Dr. Ficarra was one of the speakers and he spoke about “teaming up as parents with our students”. Another speaker Bobby Brown (former NFL player) spoke and theme was “Imagine” he broke it down into “I must achieve greatness in everything.”

Mrs. Rhines suggested that the board should work with all parts of the community to get parents back into the schools.

Mary Donohoe commented that the Home & Schools are working on “Parent Academies”

BOARD RETREAT

Board retreat is this Thursday, September 11, 2008 at Lisa Pollak’s house.

GUIDANCE PRESENTATION

The board discussed the presentation this evening:

- Very worthwhile/informative presentation
- Must remember timetables are important
- Some sense of “urgency” is needed in getting “plan” in order
- Question concerning cost of applications and ability of some to pay

Dr. Ficarra added that we beginning a process for educating our teachers regarding the process for writing recommendations for the students.

ADJOURNMENT (8:55 P.M)

Moved by Dr. Rieck, seconded by Ms. Horowitz.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Young
Business Administrator/Board Secretary