

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

November 23, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER STATEMENT

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Nancy Bangiola

Mrs. Meredith Davidson

Ms. Linda K. Murphy

Mr. Vij Pawar

Mrs. Susan Pedalino

Ms. Lisa Pollak

Mrs. Ann Rhines

Mr. Alan Smith

Ms. Melissa Spiotta

MORRIS PLAINS REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Lucia Galdi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

1 Hour (3 minutes per person)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS AGENDA

Communications

All correspondence to the board must be
addressed through the board secretary. Copies
are available in the Board
Secretary's Office

Minutes

Policy

Educational Matters

Pupil Service

Human Resources

Business Matters

NEW BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #1 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, while the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Morris School District Board of Education to be held in public, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," without the public being permitted to attend, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that three (3) issues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance and shall be discussed during an Executive Session to be held on November 23, 2020 at 6:00 P.M, and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) exceptions to open public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and next to each exception is a box which will be marked when the issues to be privately discussed fall within that exception, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception shall be written:

☒ "(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are: Student Matters

☐ "(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

☐ "(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

☐ "(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body." The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between (1) the Board and the Morris School District Administrators Association.

☐ "(5) Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

"(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

"(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer." The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed are and the nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

"(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting." Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority, 124 N.J. 478 (1991), the employee(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are:

"(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is:

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be sixty (60) minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall (select one) reconvene and immediately adjourn or reconvene and proceed with business where formal action will be taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris School District Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

HIB SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education Agrees to the following statement of assurances for each school in the Morris School District and approves the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act completed by each school's safety team which is on file in the Curriculum Office:

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

By submitting the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the ABR (Self Assessment), the chief school administrator (CSA) assures that:

- The school safety team (SST) had the lead role in completing the Self-Assessment.
- The public was given the opportunity to comment on the Self-Assessment prior to district board of education (BOE) approval.
- The BOE approved the Self-Assessment at a public meeting, prior to submission to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).
- All information in the Self-Assessment is an accurate and complete account of the status of the school's efforts implementing the ABR at the time of submission, the SST's report, the public comment on the report, and the district BOE's review of and decision on the report.
- The NJDOE or its authorized representatives will be provided with access to, and the right to examine, all records, books, papers, or documents related to the Self-Assessment.
- The grade assigned by the Commissioner for the school and for the school district will be posted on the home page of the school's website within 10 days of its receipt from the NJDOE.
- The grade assigned by the Commissioner for the school district and each school in the district will be posted on the home page of the school district's website within 10 days of its receipt from the NJDOE.
- The BOE at a public meeting will review the grades assigned by the Commissioner for each school and the school district.
- The chief school administrator hereby certifies that he/she has read, understands and will satisfy the above Assurances in their entirety, and authorizes submission of the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the ABR.

District Priorities: A deliberative and reflective assessment of each school's HIB process aligns with continuing district priorities related to equity and inclusion as well as student health, wellness and safety. Research shows students who feel valued in their community and have healthy relationships have greater resilience, grit, and sense of self-efficacy. In short, they are more likely to ascend academically, socially, and emotionally.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING REPORT

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accept the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying report for the period ending, November 10, 2020.

HUMAN RESOURCES

APPOINTMENT(S) 2020-2021 */**

Motion # 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, pending approval of all Human Resource documents and/or requirements 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.:

			<u>In place of:</u>
Diaz-Herrera, Estephani 0.5 ABS, PS	\$12,191	11/23/20-06/30/21	Est. 10/05/20
Rapp, Megan 1.0 Social Worker, PS	\$58,877 MA, Step 1	11/23/20-06/30/21	Maher, C. Resigned
Rosiak, Jacek 1.0 Bus Driver, Trans.	\$31,050	11/09/20-06/30/21	Est. 10/05/20

* Pending probationary period

** Pending completion of paperwork