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MOUNTAIN LAKES BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Mrs. Barkauskas

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Mountain Lakes Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Mountain Lakes Municipal Building and sent to the following newspapers: *The Daily Record, The Citizen, and the District Website (www.mlschools.org)*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Mrs. Barkauskas will lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mr. Chiang, Jr.	X	
Dr. Don	X	
Mrs. Forman	X (arrived at 5:05pm)	
Mrs. Hermey		X
Dr. Hirschfeld	X (arrived at 6:09pm)	
Ms. Leininger	X (arrived at 5:05pm)	
Dr. McIntyre	X	
Mrs. Parker (<i>Vice President</i>)	X	
Mrs. Tucker	X	
Mrs. Barkauskas (<i>President</i>)	X	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain Lakes Board of Education enter into Executive Session was made by Mr. Chiang, Jr. and seconded by Dr. McIntyre, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution.

Roll call vote 6-0-0

5:03pm Mrs. Leininger arrived

5:05pm Mrs. Forman arrived

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mountain Lakes Board of Education on this 12th day of February, 2024 at 5:00pm as follows:
1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion includes matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: Superintendent Search Interviews.

6:09pm – Dr. Hirschfeld arrived

2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies. Although the Board cannot guarantee it, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 240 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business. Action may take place.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION, to leave executive session at 8:52pm was made by Mrs. Leininger and seconded by Dr. Don.

The motion was approved 9-0-0 and the Board returned to public session at 8:52pm.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT - None

MOUNTAIN LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT COMMENT - None

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MLEA PRESIDENT - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT - None

SUPERINTENDENT / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - None

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

BOONTON TOWNSHIP REPORT - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LIAISON REPORTS - None

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY -
None

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PENDING LEGISLATION - None

COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm was made by Mr. Chiang, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Leininger.

The motion was approved 9-0-0 and the Board adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Ferreira
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary

2023-2024 District Goals

Goal Area	Goal Statement
Ensuring the Success of All Students	Diversify academic programming that reaches all learners, emphasizing literacy instruction and programming in K-5.
Ensuring the Success of All Staff	<p>Revise the teacher evaluation system by exploring alternative models and engaging with all stakeholders.</p> <p>Building a culture of communication, collaboration, and problem-solving by using resources like Jimmy Casas coaching and peer discussion.</p>
Supporting the Whole Child	Develop a Social Emotional Learning framework for effective behavioral interventions for all students, emphasizing the entrenchment of the Wingman Program across the district.
Finance/Infrastructure/Technology	Update and prioritize the district’s Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), conduct a demographic study, develop a safety and security plan, as well as design, migrate, build, and launch a new district website.
Strong Family/School/Community Partnerships	Collaborate with community groups for opportunities to support and show appreciation for teachers, staff, coaches, advisors, and others who engage our students throughout the year, emphasizing a process of awarding NJ Governor Educator of the Year recognition.

2023-2024 Board Goals

Board Goal	Committee Support
Development of a sustainable comprehensive budget that supports the district’s goals/priorities, short and long-term facility needs, strengthens the district’s financial position and works to increase revenue and manage costs.	Finance, Facilities
To support and provide for the implementation of the districtwide five-year strategic plan.	Will assign to align with Strategic Plan action steps
To enhance the support, celebration, and recognition of the contributions and accomplishments of district staff and students.	Curriculum, Personnel, Special Services
To enhance the accountability and transparency of the accomplishment of Board goals through the development/monitoring of action plans and a quarterly reporting of progress.	Full Board