

MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Morris County Vocational School District held by virtual meeting via Zoom on February 16, 2021 and was called to order by President Barbara Dawson at 6:32 p.m. with a salute to the flag.

Presiding Officer President Barbara Dawson read the following statement:

"I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District was given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act" as follows:

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate written notice was given to the official newspapers, the Star Ledger and the Daily Record by email on February 9, 2021 and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Morris County School of Technology, Denville, New Jersey by the Secretary of this Board and a copy of the notice was likewise filed in the Secretary's Office and a copy sent to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Morris County and the Clerk of the Township of Denville at the same time. Copies of this notice were mailed, by certified mail to all persons who have requested it, and the Secretary of this Board shall incorporate into the minutes of this meeting a copy of the notice as above set forth.

Due to the coronavirus and in accordance with Executive Order No. 107 issued March 21, 2020 by Governor Murphy and in accordance with the guidance issued by the Division of Local Government Services (DCA), this Board Meeting is being held by video conference via Zoom. The meeting agenda has been posted on the district's website for public review in advance of this meeting. In order to provide for public participation during this virtual meeting, the following guidelines must be adhered to for all of those who wish to provide comment during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting. All attendees will be muted by the Board Secretary for the duration of the meeting until the meeting is opened for public comment.

To provide public comment during the meeting via Zoom, an attendee must virtually raise their hand and when called upon state your name and address for the record.

Members of the public may provide written comment in letter form or email to the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting as indicated in the legal notice posted on the district's homepage. All written comments will be read aloud during the public comment portion of the meeting."

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present at roll call: Mrs. Barbara Dawson, Mr. John Hyland, Mrs. Hanna Roth Starr and Mr. Roger A. Jinks, Sr.

Also present were: Superintendent Scott Moffitt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary James Rollo and Board Attorney John Mills.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Menadier presented the 2020-2021 Student Safety Data System Report for the period September – December 2020.

Information Only:

- Security and Fire Drill Logs
- Student Incident Report

COMMITTEE PROGRAMS- NONE

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – NONE

MINUTES

The following motion made by Mr. Hyland, seconded by Mrs. Roth Starr, was approved as submitted.

Approved the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Education of January 12, 2021 as submitted.


Roll Call Vote – Yes: 3 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland and Mrs. Roth Starr
No: 0
Abstain: 1 Mr. Jinks
Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT and TREASURER'S REPORT

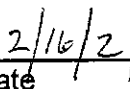
The following motions made by Mr. Hyland, seconded by Mrs. Roth Starr, were approved as submitted.

1. Approved the Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary submitted pursuant to 18A:17-9 for the period ending and investments made during the month of December 2020. Further, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of December 31, 2020, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriate 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 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that as of December 31, 2020 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J. A. C. 6A:23A-16.10.



Business Administrator/Board Secretary



Date

2. Approved the Report of the Treasurer submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 for the period ending December 31, 2020.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: 3 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland and Mrs. Roth Starr
No: 0
Abstain: 1 Mr. Jinks
Motion Carried.

FINANCE

The following motions made by Mrs. Roth Starr, seconded by Mr. Hyland, were recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education and approved as submitted.

1. Approved the payment of bills as attached.
2. Approved the following amendments to the 2020/2021 Current Expense anticipated revenue budget statement and the corresponding appropriations budget for Funds 11, 12, 13, 20, 30, 62, 63 and 66 as per listing attached.

3. Approved the attached list of travel and related costs which are educationally necessary, fiscally prudent, in compliance with state travel reimbursement guidelines, are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promote the delivery of instruction or further the efficient operation of the school district.

4. Approved the waiver of the district's participation in the SEMI program for the 2021-2022 school year:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b)2 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than forty Medicaid eligible full-time classified students in accordance with the attached FY2022 Reimbursement Revenue Projection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Morris an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. Approved Change Order #8 for a deduct of \$32,661.26 for Daskal, LLC as a credit for unused contingency and signage allowances. The new contract sum including this change order decreases to \$1,908,909.86.

6. Accepted payment in the amount of \$17,231.25 from GovDeals which represents the net total for the sale of one Hunter Wheel Alignment System and Balancer, one Snap-on Smoke Machine, one Equipex Finishing Oven / Salamander, one Greenlee 800 Hydraulic Conduit Bender, one Connecticut Brakes Press Brake, one Scotchman 6509-24M, 65-ton Ironworker and two Pedigo Sealed Surgical Case Carts approved for public auction at the December 8, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

7. Approved the acceptance of funding from the NJDOE for FY21 IDEA grant application in the amount of \$258,596.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

8. Approved the acceptance of funding from the NJDOE for FY21 ESEA Consolidated grant application in the amount of \$99,499.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

- \$67,153.00 for Title I-A
- \$22,346.00 for Title II-A
- \$10,000.00 for Title IV Part A

9. Approved the submission of a budget amendment to the FY21 Perkins Secondary Grant to incorporate \$40,335.00 in additional allocated funds into the budget.

10. Approved the acceptance of funding from the NJDOE for FY21 Perkins Postsecondary grant application in the amount of \$125,594.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

11. Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to PL 2018, chapter 119, New Jersey voters approved the Securing Our Children's Future ballot question in November of 2018, authorizing \$500 million in state bonding to expand career and technical education and improve school security and drinking water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act will provide grants to county vocational-technical school districts and county colleges for the purpose of increasing the capacity to prepare students for high-demand, technically skilled careers in key industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has given notice that funds are available from the Career and Technical Education (“CTE”) Program Expansion Grants to be used by county vocational school districts to increase the capacity to offer CTE programs which prepare students for high-demand, technically skilled careers aligned with labor market demands and economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, the CTE Program Expansion Grants will award a “small project” grant of 75% of the cost of new construction, renovation, and equipment purchases, up to a maximum of \$25 million, with a required County match of 25%; and

WHEREAS, regional employers cannot expand and prosper without a technically-trained workforce to fill current job vacancies and expected retirements; and

WHEREAS, there is growing demand for career-focused education, including opportunities that prepare young people for well-paying careers that do not necessarily require a four-year degree; and

WHEREAS, an investment in the expansion of the Morris County Vocational School District will address the workforce needs of county businesses, boost our regional economy, and expand opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District (“MCVSD”) seeks to submit an application for CTE Program Expansion Grants in conformance with the Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act and regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:26A; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District seeks the collaboration and support of the County College of Morris Board of Trustees for a long-term lease agreement to utilize land located on the campus of the County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey, for construction of a new building to house MCVSD’s new CTE programs; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District understands and agrees that any funds received as a result of the application will be subject to the conditions and regulations of the granting authority, and acknowledges that funding distribution is competitive and will be awarded to the applications with the highest rubric score in each group and among all districts, and divided into two groups based on estimated costs, with a grant award of 75% of project costs and a required 25% match by the County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Morris County Vocational School District approves the submission of an application for CTE Program Expansion Grants in an amount of \$24,794,995.00 in conformance with the Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act and regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:26A, contingent upon the support and endorsement of the Morris County Board of County Commissioners.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: 3 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland and Mrs. Roth Starr
No: 0
Abstain: 1 Mr. Jinks
Motion Carried.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, PROGRAMS, STUDENTS

The following motions made by Mr. Hyland, seconded by Mrs. Roth Starr, were recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education and approved as submitted.

1. Approved the senior Structured Learning Experiences for the 2020-2021 school year as per the attached list.
2. Approved the attached 2021-2022 school calendar.

3. Approved the attached 2020-2021 Student Safety Data System Report for the period September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
4. Approved the attached new curriculum for SLE-Structured Learning Experience as aligned to the designated New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: 4 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. Roth Starr and Mr. Jinks
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following motion made by Mr. Hyland, seconded by Mrs. Roth Starr, was recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education and approved as submitted.

1. Approved the first reading of the following new policy:

6171.2 Gifted and Talented

Roll Call Vote – Yes: 4 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. Roth Starr and Mr. Jinks
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL

The following motions made by Mr. Hyland, seconded by Mrs. Roth Starr, were recommended by the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education and approved as submitted.

1. Approved the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Renee Vollmar
Robert Woods

2. Approved the appointment of the following Athletic Coaches for the Spring 2021 season:

Sport	Coach
Varsity Baseball	Kevin Brophy
Junior Varsity Baseball	Peter Brillon
Assistant Baseball Coach	Allen Kaye
Varsity Softball	Michael Harriott
Junior Varsity Softball	Kathleen Turnbull
Co-Assistant Softball Coaches	David McBride and Jessica Prentice
Varsity Boys Golf	Timothy Gordon
Varsity Girls Golf	Albert Prentice

3. Accepted the resignation of George Terry, School Bus Driver, effective January 20, 2021.
4. Confirmed and approved 50 additional hours each for the following School Nurses due to procedures required for COVID-19 for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 at their hourly rate:

Julia Ioannou
Crystal Quaglio

5. Approved the termination of Kieyeitha Ward, part-time Adult Continuing Education EKG Instructor, effective January 12, 2021.
6. Accepted the resignation of Thomas Vitale, part-time Adult Continuing Education HVAC Instructor, effective January 25, 2021.
7. Approved the appointment of Hetal Thaker as a part-time Adult Continuing Education Phlebotomy Instructor for a maximum of 100 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the period of February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
8. Approved the appointment of Nida Villahermosa as a part-time Adult Continuing Education Phlebotomy Instructor for a maximum of 100 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the period of February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
9. Approved the appointment of Rosemarie Felix-Di Filippo as a part-time Adult Continuing Education Conversational Italian Instructor for a maximum of 30 hours at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the period of February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
10. Approved an additional 35 hours for Kevin Conover, part-time Adult Continuing Education Electrical Instructor, at the rate of \$37.00 per hour for the period of February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
11. Approved an additional 70 hours for James Miller, part-time Adult Continuing Education Plumbing Instructor, at the rate of \$37.00 per hour for the period of February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
12. Approved the appointment of Michael Boud as a part-time Adult Continuing Education Plumbing Instructor at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours for the period February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
13. Approved the appointment of Martin Genser as a part-time Adult Continuing Education HVAC Instructor at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a maximum of 180 hours for the period February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
14. Amended the resolution of January 12, 2021 to approve an additional 45 hours for Christopher Ponzi, part-time Adult Continuing Education Electrical Instructor, at the rate of \$37.00 per hour for the period of January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (correction to hourly rate).
15. Amended the resolution of January 12, 2021 to approve an additional 60 hours for Richard Poline, part-time Adult Continuing Education Plumbing Instructor, at the rate of \$37.00 per hour for the period of January 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (correction to hourly rate).
16. Approved the appointment of Frederick Wolf as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher of Auto Mechanics at the rate of \$325.00 per day with an anticipated start date of February 17, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021 or sooner, pending successful completion of a criminal history background check.
17. Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and

safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Morris County Vocational School District Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Philip Murphy, the New Jersey School Boards Association and to members of the New Jersey Legislature as directed by the Board.

Roll Call Vote – Yes: 3 Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland and Mrs. Roth Starr
No: 0
Abstain: 1 Mr. Jinks
Motion Carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- Graduation: June 18, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

- Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2021 at **6:30 p.m.**
- Board of School Estimate: March 24, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

SUNSHINE RESOLUTION

The following motion made by Mrs. Roth Starr, seconded by Mr. Hyland, was approved as submitted.

WHEREAS, this meeting is duly and properly called for a regular session meeting of this Body and adequate notice has been given as provided by the “Open Public Meetings Act” and,

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that the Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District

consider the following matter:

MCVTEA Negotiations

which falls within the exceptions as set forth in the "Open Public Meetings Act" and therefore is a matter which this Body determines should be discussed at a closed meeting. It is anticipated that this closed session will last approximately **15 minutes**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District as follows:

That this Body shall at this time recess this meeting and conduct a closed meeting concerning the above referenced matter, which involves exceptions this Body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting and this Body is at this time unable to determine when the matter under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this Body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.

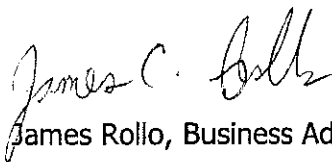
The meeting was recessed at 6:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:56 p.m. with the following Board Members present: Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hyland, Mrs. Roth Starr and Mr. Jinks. Also present were: Superintendent Scott Moffitt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary James Rollo and Board Attorney John Mills.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Roth Starr, seconded by Mr. Hyland, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

All present voted yes – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



James Rollo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary