

**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and announced that adequate notice of this meeting was given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act PL 1975 by the following means: copies posted in Borough Hall, Monmouth Beach School Website and advertised in the Asbury Park Press.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** – Mrs. Dolan, Dr. Sasso, Mr. Dudick, Mr. Marowitz, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Kay, Mr. Decker, Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. King

**ALSO PRESENT** – Amanda Mergner, Administrator of Academic Assessment and Supervisor of Special Services and Programs

**PRESENTATION**

- Start Strong Assessment Presentation by Mrs. Mergner

Mrs. Mergner gave a presentation stating that the Start Strong Assessment is designed to identify the percentage of students that need certain levels of support in the areas of math, ELA and science.

- FY2021 Audit Presentation – Rich Hellenbrecht

Mr. Hellenbrecht stated that Mr. Genovese and his administrative team are doing a great job with respect to the finances of the district. He stated that although the State was late in giving certain documents to complete, the ACFR and report will be considered filed timely if filed prior to March 15, 2022.

**CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION**

There were no correspondence or discussion.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item.

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mrs. Mergner

1. **March 7**-Mask Optional Environment goes into effect/Updated COVID protocols;
  - a. Elimination of Quarantine
  - b. Elimination of Test to Return
2. **LinkIt Winter Benchmark Assessment** finished on February 11, 2022;
  - a. Results can be accessed via our LinkIt Parent Portal
  - b. Can be found under Quick Links on Webpage
  - c. Examining the growth from Form A (Fall) to Form B (Winter)
3. **Next Year's Calendar** is on the agenda for approval;
  - a. Move to trimesters for grade PK-5
  - b. Marking periods for 6-8 grade
  - c. Changes the date of conferences for PK-5 to January.
4. **Health and PE Standards Parent Information Session has been moved** to March 2 at 6:30pm
5. **Thank you to all the parents** who helped make our Valentine's Day (Monday) and 100th Day of School (Tuesday) special. Thank you to the PTO for treating the staff to bagels on Monday morning-wonderful treat to start our week.
6. **Reminder:** If your child is trying out for a spring sport, you must have a physical completed before you can practice.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (0), Nays (0), Absent (0)

A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following statistical information:

**Student Enrollment as of January 31, 2022**

**Total 253**

Preschool	41	Grade 3-1	14	Grade 6-1	13
Kindergarten	16	Grade 3-2	15	Grade 6-2	14
Grade 1-1	09	Grade 4-1	13	Grade 7-1	12
Grade 1-2	09	Grade 4-2	12	Grade 7-2	12
Grade 2-1	10	Grade 5-1	14	Grade 8-1	13
Grade 2-2	10	Grade 5-2	14	Grade 8-2	12

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

**Student Attendance**

September	96.5%	February	
October	93.0%	March	
November	93.5%	April	
December	91.5%	May	
January	90.5%	June	

**Staff Attendance**

September	89.0%	February	
October	97.2%	March	
November	98%	April	
December	98.4%	May	
January	98.4%	June	

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (B).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following security drills:

Fire Drill – January 21, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Security Drill - Lockdown, January 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (C).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

C. Harassment Intimidation and Bullying

**BE IT RESOLVED** to affirm the HIB Form as presented by Mrs. Jessica Alfone.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (D).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the district calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (E).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the FY2021 audit, AFCR and Corrective Action Plan.

## **PTO PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Andrews stated that the school play is coming up and thanked the Board for their support.

## **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** – No one addressed the Board

In compliance with Open Public Meetings Act PL 1975, Chapter 10:4-12 subsection b, - A public body may exclude the public only from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment evaluation of the performance of promotion or discipline of any specific prospective public officer or employees or current public offer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. As per Board Bylaws, 0167, public participation in Board Meetings, such remarks are to be limited to five minutes duration. The Board of Education, though affording the opportunity for members of the public to comment will not engage and/or make remarks concerning matters of student confidentiality and/or matters of personnel wherein employees of the District have not been given notice of the Board's intent to discuss their terms and conditions of employment. Members of the public are reminded that though they are afforded the opportunity to address the Board, they are not given license to violate the laws of slander. Comments made by members of the public that are not in keeping with the orderly conduct of a public meeting will be asked to yield the floor and if they fail to do so may be subject to charges under New Jersey statutes associated with disruption of a public meeting.

## **FINANCE**

Chair: Ken Marowitz  
Vincent Sasso, Joseph Vecchio, Boyd Decker

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following financial reports;
- February, 2022 Bill List in the amount of \$99,434.03
  - Gross payroll total for January, 2022 in the amount of \$332,910.48

Report of Board Secretary -	<u>December</u>
Fund 10 -	\$1,512,053.82
Fund 20 -	\$ 17,020.26
Fund 40 -	\$ 210,300.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 242,366.81
Maintenance Res	\$ 355,364.85
Emergency Reserve	\$ 10,210.65

## **FINANCE (continued)**

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following financial reports (continued);
- Monthly transfer report for December, 2021. (**Attachment 1**)
  - Pursuant to NJAC 6:120-2.13(d), I certify as of December 31, 2021 no budgetary line item account has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-22.13 (ad). I hereby certify that all of the above information is correct.
  - Board Certification:  
Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.3 (e), we certify that as of December 31, 2021, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-22.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (B).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following resolution regarding Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

**WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 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 2022-2023 school year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2022-2023 budget year.

## **PERSONNEL**

Chair: Barbara Kay  
Melanie Andrews, Chris Dudick, Aleksandra King

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the leave of absence for Michele Leite, Instructional Aide, utilizing 4 sick days from March 18-23, 2022 with an unpaid leave from March 24 through May 13, 2022 with a return date of May 16, 2022.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (B).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to rescind the previous approval of Jaclyn Murray for the stipend position for the Talent Show for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **PERSONNEL (continued)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (C).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the maternity leave of absence for Amanda Mergner (Owens), Administrator of Academic Achievement, beginning May 2, 2022 with an anticipated return date of August 24, 2022. These dates may change at the discretion of the doctor. Beginning May 2, 2022, Mrs. Mergner will utilize 3 personal days, 8 vacation days, and 9 sick days. Beginning on May 31, 2022, Mrs. Mergner will be utilizing NJFLA with the anticipated return of August 24, 2022.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (D).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Taylor Bell as a volunteer for the 2021-2022 softball season.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (E).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to revise the previously approved resolution for Brianne Mitchell as follows: To begin her maternity leave on February 10, 2022, taking 20 sick days until March 10, 2022 and from March 11, 2022 through June 3, 2022, using NJFLA with an expected return date of June 6, 2022.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Chair: Chris Dudick  
Barbara Kay, Melanie Andrews, Aleksandra King

Motion was made by Mr. Dudick, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve/ratify the following teacher workshops:
- Approve/ratify Christopher Aviles to attend Riot Scholastic Conference from February 9 -11, 2022 virtually at no cost.
  - Approve Christopher Aviles to attend the International Society for Technology in Education in New Orleans from Sunday, June 26, 2022 through Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at a total cost of \$1,752.00. BE IT further resolved to reimburse Christopher Aviles \$1,000.00 out of the \$1,752.00 fee per his contract upon completion of the workshop and submission of receipts for reimbursement.
  - Approve Amanda Mergner to attend the NJ Inclusion Leadership Conference Spring 2022 on March 18, 2022 at no cost.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (continued)**

A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve/ratify the following teacher workshops (continued):

- Approve/ratify Amanda Mergner to attend Monmouth County Association of Directors of Special Education Meeting on January 14, 2022 at no cost.
- Approve/ratify Amanda Mergner and Courtney MacKay to attend Special Education Co Teaching PD/Mindfulness on January 31, 2022 at no cost.
- Emily Knight to attend NJAHPERD (2022 Shape NJ) on February 15 and 16, 2022 at a cost of \$264.00.
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Motion was made by Mr. Dudick, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (B).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following Shore Consortium for the Gifted and Talented Agreement to Participate:

- Remote Forensics Convocation for Grades 7 & 8 on April 1, 2022 at a cost of \$60.00.
- Remote Fine Arts Convocation for Grades 3 and 4 on March 10, 2022 at a cost of \$150.00.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – No report

Chair: Boyd Decker  
Ken Marowitz, Vincent Sasso, Joseph Vecchio

## **POLICY**

Chair: Melanie Andrews

Motion was made by Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Vecchio and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the first read of the following policies:

- P2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing or Treatments (M) Revised
- P & R 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) Revised
- R2460.30 - Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) New
- P2622 - Student Assessment (M) Revised
- R2622 - Student Assessment (M) Revised
- P3233 - Political Activities (M) Revised
- P5541 - Anti-Hazing (M) New
- P&R 8465 - Bias Crimes and Bias Related Activities (M) Revised
- P9560 - Administration of School Surveys (M) Revised

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. however the time will be changed to 5:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of seventeen (17) \$50 Barnes and Noble gift cards at a total of \$850. as awards for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation from funds being donated by the following Monmouth Beach organizations:

### **Sandpipers of Monmouth Beach**

Monmouth Beach Beautification Committee  
Monmouth Beach Fire Company  
Monmouth Beach PBA (2)  
Monmouth Beach Board of Education  
Monmouth Beach School Student Council  
Monmouth Beach Teacher's Association  
Monmouth Beach Cultural Center  
Monmouth Beach PTO  
Monmouth Beach Ladies Fire Auxillary (2)  
Monmouth Beach First Aid Squad  
Monmouth Beach Historical Society  
Beverly McClave (Class of 1957)

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (B).

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Character scholarship awards being donated by Shore to Help and Paul Sgro and presented at Eighth Grade Graduation.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item.

Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:25 P.M.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings act of 1975, the board is now going into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to:

- Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law.
- Personnel
- Appointment of a public official
- Matters covered by Attorney/Client Privilege
- Pending or anticipated litigation
- Pending or anticipated contract negotiations
- Protection of the safety or property of the public

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:25 P.M. (continued)**

- \_\_\_ Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- \_\_\_ Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government
- \_\_\_ Matters concerning collective negotiations and/or the negotiations of terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Board of Education
- \_\_\_ Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension
- \_\_\_ Evaluation of Superintendent.

Minutes of this executive session will be maintained and at such time as their confidentiality is no longer required, they will be released to the public. The Board should be in executive session for approximately 30 minutes. Formal action may be taken when the meeting is reconvened.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The Board adjourned the meeting from the Executive Session at 7:57 P.M.

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Peter E. Genovese III, RSBO, QPA  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to create lifelong leaders and contributors who will successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century. The goal of the school is to teach behaviors which help create and maintain a positive learning environment, to use teaching techniques which recognize that students have different learning styles and multiple intelligences, and to teach students to become independent thinkers and learners. Our students will all achieve the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards as they strive to maintain a "tradition of excellence." Quality education for all students is a constant objective.