

MINUTES
MARCH 22, 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

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

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 February 15, 2022

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Alfone –

- Thank you to the PTO and Meredith Weinstein for a successful Scholastic Book Fair.
- Thank you to the 8th Grade Advisors, Jess Clark and Erin Deininger, for bringing back the 8th Grade vs. Staff basketball event.
- The play is coming up on Friday, March 25 at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 P.M.
- A reminder to parents for students riding bikes; helmets and safe riding. Please refrain from riding through the blacktop after school.
- PTO Assembly; Brain Game. Thank you!
- We will be adding an additional kindergarten section for next year funded through federal grant money.
- Two 6th Grade entrepreneurs from Mr. Aviles class are starting a bagel business on Friday mornings.
- We have started a district SEPAG Organization. For more information reach out to Courtney Wladyka or the Director of Special Service, Amanda Mergner.

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 items (A – D).

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

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

Student Enrollment as of February 28, 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

Student Attendance

September	96.5%	February	92%
October	93.0%	March	
November	93.5%	April	
December	91.5%	May	
January	90.5%	June	

Staff Attendance

September	89.0%	February	98.2%
October	97.2%	March	
November	98%	April	
December	98.4%	May	
January	98.4%	June	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

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

Fire Drill – February 17, 2022 at 2:15 p.m.

Security Drill - Shelter in Place, February 3, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

C. Harassment Intimidation and Bullying

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following HIB Reports, March 2022:

Reported Incidents = 1

Confirmed Incident = 0

Unconfirmed Incident = 0

Unfounded/Inconclusive = 1

D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Monmouth Beach Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

PTO PRESENTATION

Mrs. Andrews stated that the PTO is currently selling tickets for the play.

Mrs. Alfone stated that if the weather permits we are looking to have an early release day on June 15, 2022.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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.

Dottie Mahoney inquired about the placement of the shed in the back of the building.

Mrs. Alfone – The committee is looking at options to see if it can be moved to a different location.

Jocelyn Staebler
43 Navesink Avenue
Monmouth Beach, NJ

Mrs. Staebler voiced her concern with respect to the Superintendent leaving as well as the Vice Principal going out on maternity leave.

Mrs. Alfone stated that the Board will be giving an update later on in the agenda.

FINANCE

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following Finance Items:

A. To approve the following financial reports;

- January, 2022 Bill List in the amount of \$24,789.14
- February, 2022 Bill List in the amount of \$285,787.01
- March, 2022 Bill List in the amount of \$56,848.00
- Gross payroll total for January, 2022 in the amount of \$332,910.48
- Gross payroll total for February, 2022 in the amount of \$353,488.67

Report of Board Secretary -	<u>January</u>
Fund 10 -	\$ 1,510,655.83
Fund 20 -	\$ -15,227.07
Fund 40 -	\$ 210,300.00
Capital Reserve	\$ 242,387.40
Maintenance Res	\$ 355,395.04
Emergency Reserve	\$ 10,211.52

- Monthly transfer report for January, 2022. **(Attachment 1)**
- Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), I certify as of January 31, 2022 no budgetary line item account has been over-expanded in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13 (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 January 31, 2022, 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-2.13(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. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2023 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE**

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the tentative budget for FY 2022 - 2023:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2022 - 2023 school year using the 2022 - 2023 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline

FINANCE (continued)

B. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2023 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE (continued)

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2022 - 2023 Total Expenditures	\$6,117,435	\$590,019	\$233,000	\$6,940,454
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$975,839	\$590,019	-0-	\$1,565,858
Taxes to be Raised	\$5,141,596	-0-	\$233,000	\$5,374,596

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to the law; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Monmouth Beach Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$185,941 for the purpose of direct instructional cost for students and an increase in security costs. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2023; and

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - other Capital Reserve projects in the amount of \$121,000 for other capital project costs of \$121,000. The total cost of this project is \$121,000 which represents expenditures for replacement of the gym floor are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

WHEREAS, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

FINANCE (continued)

B. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2023 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE (continued)**

WHEREAS, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education established \$28,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and expended \$3,551. as of this date; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 to a maximum expenditure of \$28,000 for the 2022 - 2023 school year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held at the Monmouth Beach Board of Education located at 7 Hastings Place, Monmouth Beach, New Jersey on April 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2022 - 2023 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education hereby submits this Resolution in support of the 2022 – 2023 budget to the County for approval.

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

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

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

- C. To approve Cynthia Castello-Bratteson as a State Contracted Rutgers Literacy Coach/Consultant from January, 2022 through February, 2022 in the amount of \$2,700.00.

PERSONNEL

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

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following Personnel Items:

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. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Jessica L. Alfone, Superintendent at MBS, effective May 20, 2022.

PERSONNEL (continued)

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. To correct the minutes of November 23, 2021 to read:

November 23, 2021 - Family/Medical Leave of Absence

Rianne Bowlby, Monmouth Beach School Teacher should read the following due to two snow days used by the District on January 3, 2022 and January 7, 2022

Sick Days: October 21, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Family Leave Insurance: March 1, 2022 - May 24, 2022

Unpaid Leave: May 25, 2022 - June 17, 2022

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. To correct the minutes of February 18, 2022 to read:

Michele Leite, Instructional Aide, Leave of Absence from April 1, 2022 through May 27, 2022, utilizing four sick days on April 1, 4, 5, and 6. From April 7, 2022 through May 27, 2022 will be an unpaid leave with a return date of May 31, 2022.

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

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

D. Rescind the stipend approval of Michael Kammerer and Jaclyn Murray for the Camp Bernie extracurricular activities for the 2021-2022 school year.

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. Approve Patricia LaMendola, Susan Balina, and Andrew Balina as substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

F. Approve Yonit Mendoza as a substitute school nurse for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

G. Approve the following staff members to attend the 8th grade overnight trip from June 8-10, 2022 at the MBTA Contracted Stipend Rate of \$218/night: Peter Vincelli, Jason Vastano, Erin Deininger, Jessica Clark, and Alexandra Maxcy.

PERSONNEL (continued)

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

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

- H. Approve Mary Alyce Turner to enroll in the following course: Early Literacy and Language Development at Monmouth University from May 23, 2022 - June 30, 2022 at a tuition cost of \$4,083.00. Approve subsequent tuition reimbursement of \$1,200.00 per the MBTA contract guidelines pending successful completion of said course.

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

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

- I. Approved the following volunteers for the musical Frozen for the 2021-2022 school year: Leela Walter, Nico Piesco, Nolan O'Keefe, and Katy Umbs.

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

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

- J. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Melissa Osofsky as the certified school nurse for the 2022-2023 school year at MA Step 10 (\$67,415.00) of the MBTA Approved Contract Guide.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following Curriculum and Instruction Items:

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. To approve/ratify the following teacher workshops:
- Approve/ratify Courtney MacKay to attend Bee You Yoga Learn to Teach Yoga on February 26 & 27, 2022 at a cost of \$400.00.
 - Cindy Zayko to attend Navigating Special education during Covid-19 on March 30, 2022 at no cost.

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. To approve the following Shore Consortium for the Gifted and Talented Agreement to Participate:
- Space Convocation on April 7, 2022 for grades 5 & 6 at a cost of \$270.00

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (continued)

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

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

C. To approve the following testing dates for the NJSLA:

- Math Grades 3 - 8: May 5, May 6, and May 9, 2022
- ELA Grades 3 - 8: May 2 and May 3, 2022
- Science Grades 5 and 8: May 16, May 17, May 18, and May 19, 2022

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

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

D. To approve the Letter of Intent for participation in the research of the Esports Personal Performance Improvement Curriculum (EPPIC).

This letter confirms that I, as an authorized representative of Monmouth Beach Middle School, allow the Principal Investigator and study staff, access to conduct study related activities at the listed site(s), as discussed with the Principal Investigator and briefly outlined below.

- **Research Site(s):** Monmouth Beach Middle School
- **Study Purpose:** To implement the Esports Personal Performance Improvement Curriculum (EPPIC) with participating Garden State Esports teams and evaluate its effects on adolescents.

Anticipated Start Date: The anticipated start date for the study is March 22, 2022.

Anticipated End Date: The anticipated end date for the study is June 17, 2022.

Our organization agrees to the terms and conditions stated above. If we have any concerns related to this project, we will contact the Principal Investigator.

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

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

E. To approve the following class trips:

- 6th grade walking Field Trip to the Water Treatment Plant on April 13, 2022 from 12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- 8th grade Beach day on June 6, 2022 with a rain date of June 13, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 8th grade trip to Woodloch Resort from June 8, 2022 - June 10, 2022.
- 8th grade Teal Cruise on June 7, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – There was no report

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

POLICY

Chair: Melanie Andrews

Motion was made by Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Marowitz 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 second 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

A. The Public Hearing will be held on April 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The Curriculum and Instruction/Personnel Committee will meet on April 13, 2022 at 7:15 A.M and the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee will meet on April 14, 2022 at 7:00 A.M.

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 baseball and softball schedules for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
4/5	Little Silver	Away
4/11	Oceanport	Away
4/13	Tinton Falls	Away
4/25	Shrewsbury	Home
4/27	WLB	Away
5/3	Fair Haven	Home
5/6	Eatontown	Home
5/9	Rumson (Forestdale)	Away

GENERAL ITEMS (continued)

Softball

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
April 11	Oceanport	Home
April 13	Tinton Falls	Home
April 25	Shrewsbury	Away
April 26	Forestdale	Home
April 27	WLB	Home
May 2	Little Silver	Away
May 3	Fair Haven	Away
May 4	Eatontown	Away

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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the tennis schedule for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Tennis

DATE	AWAY TEAM NAME	H	A	Away Field
April 25 Mon	Knollwood	X		
26 Tues	MAN-ENG MS	X		
28 Thur	COLTS NECK	X		
29 Fri	Rumson	X		
May 2 MON	RCDS	X		
3 TUES	Holmdel	X		
5 THURS	COLTS NECK	X		
9 MON				
10 TUES	Marlboro Memorial	X		
12 THURS	Knollwood	X		

GENERAL ITEMS (continued)

Tennis (continued)

16 MON	RCDS		X	Rogers Park and Victory Park Rumson
17 TUES	Rumson	X		
19 THURS				
23 MON	Marlboro Middle	X		

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call 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
- 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.

The Board returned to open session at 8:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Dolan asked if there were any questions from members of the audience.

Mrs. Mahoney asked if when the Board decides on their final few candidates for the Superintendent of Schools/Vice President position, can the union get involved at that point?

Mrs. Dolan stated the Board would follow the same protocol as in the selection of the current Superintendent.

Some members were concerned about the length of stay for the Interim Superintendent if a successful candidate could not be found.

Mrs. Dolan stated that Dr. Tomazic would do his best to support the Board during their search for the appropriate candidate.

PERSONNEL

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**, the Board wishes to hire Dr. Rocco Tomazic as the Interim Administrator of Academic Achievement/Supervisor of Special Services effective April 25, 2022 through May 20, 2022 at a rate of \$550 per day; and effective May 21, 2022, Dr. Rocco Tomazic will move to the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools/Assistant Principal at a rate of \$675 per day.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, 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**, the Board wishes to hire Meghan Vaccarelli as an Interim Administrator of Academic Achievement/Supervisor of Special Services effective May 21, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at a rate of \$385 per day.

Mrs. Dolan read a letter to the Board that she will be sending out the following day to the Monmouth Beach families regarding Mrs. Alfone's resignation, the appointment of an Interim Superintendent and the process that the Board will be following to appoint a new Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 P.M.

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mrs. Dolan, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by voice vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

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

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.