

**MINUTES  
MONMOUTH BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President L. Decker 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. Kay (call in), Mrs. Dolan (call in), Mr. Dudick (call in), Mr. L. Decker (call in), Mrs. Andrews (call in), Mr. Vecchio (call in), Mr. Marowitz (call in), Dr. Sasso (call in), Mr. B. Decker (call in)

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION**

There were no correspondence or discussion items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Dolan and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item.  
Ayes (9), Nays (0), Absent (0)

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of:  
October 27, 2020

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Comments from the Superintendent

- Thank you for the outpouring of support from the school community. I never thought I would be the first man down, but I am glad it was me and not a staff member or student. My family and I truly appreciate all of the emails, phone calls and well wishes. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and I am certainly grateful. Thank you also to Dr. George and the staff for holding down the fort here, while I worked from home.
- Thank you for your cooperation in supporting the pivot of our instructional program to a full virtual model. This was not a decision that the Board of Education and the administration took lightly or without looking at the situation from all angles. Several of our staff members were either experiencing symptoms of potential COVID-19, proactively going to get a test, and/or already in a quarantine scenario due to my testing positive last week. We also had some community members reach out stating that they a symptomatic individual in their household and they were quarantining and awaiting test results. With all of those factors in play, we made the decision to proactively shift to our virtual instructional mode. Our anticipated date of return is Monday, November 30, 2020. We will continue to evaluate health data over the next week and a half.

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

- Currently, out of our entire school community, we have only two confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. Both are staff members. We have no reported student incidents at the present time.
- Today we asked all staff members to instruct from home so that custodians can conduct a deep clean of all spaces. We are also looking to bring in a cleaning service prior to returning on November 30, 2020 to ensure we are maintaining the highest level of safety for our school community.
- Remind everyone that if you are awaiting the result of a laboratory COVID-19 test, we ask that you refrain from attending in-person instruction. There will be a new field on the Health Check Questionnaire that will ask all individuals to indicate if they are awaiting testing results. I know testing has been a slow process as many labs are backed up. Please be patient and wait for the results at home. This will help to keep staff and students safe.
- Everyone should have been able to pick up learning materials on Monday. The process went smoothly. I want to commend the teaching staff for really rising to the challenge and making this all work with little turnaround time. Our ability to implement this within a little over 24 hours from the decision being made demonstrates the commitment from our staff to a strong virtual structure and the ability to operate within clear expectations for both students and staff members.
- All BOE/PTO meetings will be virtual until further notice. This has to happen as per the Governor's Executive Order 196, which limits indoor gathering capacities again.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will still be held as per the normal schedule. Teachers will be sending you links to your scheduled conference time.
- The Realtime parent portal is currently closed while teachers finalize report cards and will re-open on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.
- Thank you to the PTO, Police Department, particularly Chief Walsh and the town council for helping to give our students a memorable Halloween experience. The experience was different than in previous years, but I still think the students enjoyed the day and still got to celebrate with their friends.
- Winter Sports positions are being approved on tonight's agenda. We are taking a wait and see attitude with this. The NJSIAA and SC will be our lead. They have developed a later season to potentially push sports to March. So we will be ready to move forward in December/January, however, it could potentially be pushed to March.

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Dolan 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 following statistical information:

### **Student Enrollment as of October 31, 2020**

#### **Total 257**

Preschool	19	Grade 3-1	12	Grade 6-1	13
K	19	Grade 3-2	12	Grade 6-2	12
Grade 1-1	11	Grade 4-1	15	Grade 7-1	13
Grade 1-2	11	Grade 4-2	13	Grade 7-2	13
Grade 2-1	14	Grade 5-1	14	Grade 8-1	18
Grade 2-2	16	Grade 5-2	15	Grade 8-2	17

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

### **Student Attendance**

September	98.5%	February	
October	98.0%	March	
November		April	
December		May	
January		June	

### **Staff Attendance**

September	100.0%	February	
October	90.0%	March	
November		April	
December		May	
January		June	

B. Fire Drills – November 10, 2020 at 11:25 A.M.

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Dolan 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 School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance for the 2020-2021 school year.

### **PTO PRESENTATION – Caroline Quattrochi**

No report.

### **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 statues associated with disruption of a public meeting.

Louis Davila  
8 Cook Street  
Monmouth Beach, NJ

Mr. Davila asked for clarification regarding the timing of the Superintendents departure and that of her husbands quarantine.

Ms. Alfone stated that upon her husband testing positive, she immediately quarantined herself that day and went to be tested as well.

## **FINANCE**

Chair: Ken Marowitz  
Joseph Vecchio, Karen Dolan, Vincent Sasso

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mr. Marowitz 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 following financial report
- November 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$106,620.89.
  - Payroll Gross total for October 2020 in the amount of \$297,207.67.
  - Report of Board Secretary – October – Report
    - Fund 10 - \$1,687,772.40
    - Fund 20 - \$
    - Fund 40 - \$
  - Monthly transfer report for October 2020.
  - Pursuant to NJAC 6:120-2.13(d), I certify as of October 31, 2020 no budgetary line item account has been over expended 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 October 2020, 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. L. Decker, seconded by Mr. Marowitz 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 M1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan Report.

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

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

- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to accept the Alyssa's Law Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00

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

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

- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Eastern Datacomm quote for a Lock-down emergency notification system not to exceed \$32,000 of which \$20,000 will come from the Alyssa's Law Grant.

**PERSONNEL**

Chair: Barbara Kay  
Boyd Decker, Chris Dudick, Melanie Andrews

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Kay 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 following stipends for the 2020-2021 school year at the MBTA approved contracted rate:

<b>Stipend Position</b>	<b>Staff Member Approved</b>
Boys' Basketball Coach	Michael Mahoney (Year 4)
Girls' Basketball Coach	Peter Vincelli (Year 4)
Basketball Game Supervision	Michael Kammerer
Basketball Game Supervision (Alternate only)	Amanda Mergner

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Kay 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 termination of employee # 19152, effective October 30, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Kay 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 Maria DiSpigna, Greg Ewanis and Erica Dalm as a substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

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

- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve an increase in the substitute daily rate to \$125 per day for all substitutes during the 2020-21 school year effective December 1, 2020.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** – No report

Chair: Chris Dudick  
Melanie Andrews, Chris Dudick, Boyd Decker

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – No report

Chair: Vincent Sasso  
Ken Marowitz, Karen Dolan, Joe Vecchio

**POLICY** – No report

Chair: Melanie Andrews

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

The next Board meeting will be held on December 15, 2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 7:17 P.M.**

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mr. Marowitz and carried by voice vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

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

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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.