

**MINUTES
MONMOUTH BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 15, 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)

ALSO PRESENT – Ms. Alfone, Superintendent of Schools (call in)

PRESENTATION

In recognition of Mr. Decker services to the Board, the members wanted to present him with a plaque commemorating his years of service. Due to the fact that the meeting was held virtually, Mrs. Dolan made the following statement and Mr. Decker will receive the plaque at a later date:

Mrs. Dolan – Mr. Decker was a reluctant leader and I had to beg him to take the position. I told him what could possibly go wrong and of course, everything went wrong. This year, between COVID and installing a new Superintendent of Schools, through it all you exuded great leadership guiding us through.

Mr. Decker thanked Mrs. Dolan and the Board of Education as well as the staff and administration for all of their support, not only for him but for the children of Monmouth Beach.

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:
November 17, 2020

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Comments from the Superintendent

Update on Health and Safety

- Total count of cases 7 (5 adults, 2 student – both asymptomatic).
- Quarantine of one cohort December 16, 2020 for return on January 4, 2021.
- Return to in-person scheduled for January 4, 2021 unless something drastically changes over the break.

Storm Update/Weather Plan

- Nor'Easter forecasted for December 16 – 17, 2020.
- Major impact December 17, 2020.
- Flooding is the concern.
- Virtual schedule December 17, 2020 - early release schedule.
- Chromebooks will be sent home on December 16, 2020 with PK – 5 students.

Holiday Parties; December 23, 2020

- All class parties from 11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
- Snacks must be pre-wrapped and sent from home with students in the morning.
- Students will eat in the same venue they would typically eat lunch to ensure social distancing practices are maintained.

Teacher of the Year for 2019 – 2020 Honored

- Committee convened.
- Community nomination process.
- Mrs. Rachel Kammerer – 1st grade.

Leo Decker – Thank You

- Thank you for the years of service.
- Plaque and honoring for time on the Board of Education.

HIB Grade Reporting

- Total possible points – 78.
- Points earned on self-assessment – 68.
- Addressing the point deficits:
 - School climate survey
 - Training volunteers

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Dolan 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 November 30, 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	14	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	18

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

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

Student Attendance

September	98.5%	February	
October	98.0%	March	
November	97.0%	April	
December		May	
January		June	

Staff Attendance

September	100.0%	February	
October	90.0%	March	
November	94.5%	April	
December		May	
January		June	

- B. Fire Drill – December 9, 2020 @ 11:30 a.m.
Security Drill – Lockdown – November 24, 2020 @ 9:35 a.m.
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Amanda Mergner as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2020-2021 school year.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the revised Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2020-2021 school year.

PTO PRESENTATION – Caroline Quattrochi

Mrs. Quattrochi stated that the Green Team is selling baskets for \$30 that contain either household green cleaning products or organic food. She advised that anyone interested in purchasing a basket should contact Mrs. Umbs. Mrs. Quattrochi thanked all of the parents for their help with following protocol in keeping the children safe. She ended by thanking Mr. Decker for being a great leader during difficult times and stated that she is going to miss him.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

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.

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
- December 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$137,965.56.
 - Payroll Gross total for November 2020 in the amount of \$295,648.26.
 - Report of Board Secretary – November – Report
 - Fund 10 - \$1,726,257.59
 - Fund 20 - \$ 0.00
 - Fund 40 - \$ 0.00
 - Monthly transfer report for November 2020.
 - Pursuant to NJAC 6:120-2.13(d), I certify as of November 30, 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 November 30, 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 submission of Monmouth Beach Project application to the New Jersey Office of school facility.

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 Jason Vastano as a mentor to Maria DiSpigna for the 2020-2021 school year as detailed in the State Department of Education Teacher/Mentor program.

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 retroactively approve Linda Stafford to take a medical leave of absence using 30 sick days, effective from December 2, 2020 through February 18, 2021 and then continue with an unpaid leave of absence thereafter until further notice.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

Motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mr. Dudick 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 teacher workshops:

- Amanda Mergner to attend Affirmative Action Training Certification through the NJSPA on January 20, 26, and 27, 2021 at a cost of \$500.00.
- Michael Kammerer to attend NJHPERD workshops on February 22, 2021 and February 23, 2021 at a cost of \$164.00.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – No report

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

POLICY

Chair: Melanie Andrews

Mrs. Alfone gave a presentation on HIB (School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades) under the Anti-bullying Bill of Rights, stating that the district has rated 68 out of 78. The scores will be posted on the website.

GENERAL ITEMS

A. Future meeting dates:

The Re-organization meeting will be held on January 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. At this point in time the meeting will be virtual.

The January Regular meeting will be held on January 19, 2021. The Curriculum and Instruction Committee will meet on January 13, 2021 and the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee will meet on January 14, 2021 at 7:15 A.M.

Mr. Decker congratulated Mrs. King on her election to the Board of Education and wished her the best of luck.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:22 P.M.

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mr. L. Decker, seconded by Mrs. Dolan and carried by voice vote that the Board adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

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

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.