

MINUTES
MONMOUTH BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 18, 2021
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 – all members virtual

ALSO PRESENT – Ms. Alfone, Superintendent of Schools - virtual
Dr. William O. George, Interim Administrator of Student Achievement/Supervisor of Special Programs - virtual

PRESENTATION

- LinkIt Benchmark Data presentation by Mrs. Alfone.

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

There were no correspondence or discussion items.

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 16, 2021.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. CALI statistics in our area back up: Elevated Risk Level
 - a. Central East is currently the highest in New Jersey.
2. Governor Murphy's Statistics -
 - a. Out of 611 school districts in New Jersey only 142 are open for all day in person instruction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)

- b. Out of the 1,245,979 school aged children in New Jersey only 107,498 have sustained in person instruction all year. Our 256 students are a portion of those very fortunate students.
 - c. The staff is to be commended. They have been willing to come to work with our children every day even in the face of this level of risk. In my opinion it is absolutely heroic.
 - d. Thank you to the community for their unwavering support. We have to hang on a little longer. This year has not come without many difficult decisions.
3. Boston Trip – 8th Grade
- a. The decision has been made to not proceed with the 8th grade trip to Boston. This decision was made using multiple metrics and vetting information from all angles – legal, NJDOE and NJDOH.
 - b. We have planned many alternative experiences for our students in the 8th grade to have a memorable end of the year – Dave and Busters, Great Adventure, Dinner Cruise.
4. Spring sports will begin after spring break – Baseball, softball and tennis
5. Chorus/Band/Play will all be taking place with outdoor performances in May.
6. Innovation Lab Update
- a. Space being cleared.
 - b. MRA and KShaw providing quotes for equipment and construction.
 - c. Many pieces of technology equipment have already been purchased and have arrived.
7. Schedule redesign of Parent Information Sessions will be held in late May/early June.
8. NJSLA dates are on the agenda for approval tonight. NJDOE has applied for a second waiver to the federal government. We will proceed to schedule the assessment and see what the outcome of the waiver is.

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 26, 2021

Total 255

Preschool	18	Grade 3-1	12	Grade 6-1	12
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)

Student Attendance

September	98.5%	February	97%
October	98.0%	March	
November	97.0%	April	
December	97.0%	May	
January	97.0%	June	

Staff Attendance

September	100.0%	February	98.5%
October	90.0%	March	
November	94.5%	April	
December	98.5%	May	
January	98.5%	June	

- B. Security Drill – Fire Drill, February 23, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.
Security Drill – Lockdown, February 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

- C. Harassment Intimidation and Bullying

BE IT RESOLVED to (affirm, deny or modify) the HIB Form as presented by Mrs. Jessica Alfone.

- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the MBS District School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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

- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Monmouth Beach School Preschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year.
(Attachment 4)

PTO PRESENTATION – Melanie Andrews

Mrs. Andrews spoke briefly regarding the new book vending machine for students which should be arriving shortly. She also stated that there will be some other exciting things coming soon.

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.

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 vote that the Board approve the following item (A).

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

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following financial reports;
- March 2021 Bill List in the amount of \$323,441.22
 - Payroll Gross total for February 2021 in the amount of \$310,817.20.
 - Report of Board Secretary – January – Report
 - Fund 10 - \$1,706,368.35
 - Fund 20 - \$ 141,133.19
 - Fund 40 - \$ 0.00
 - Capital Reserve \$ 242,145.10
 - Maintenance Res \$ 355,039.78
 - Emergency Reserve \$ 10,201.29
 - Monthly transfer report for January 2021. (**Attachment 1**)
 - Pursuant to NJAC 6:120-2.13(d), I certify as of January 2021 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 January 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** for the Board of Education to ratify the FY2021 IDEA Grant in the amount of:
- IDEA Basic in the amount of \$62,471.00
 - IDEA Preschool in the amount of \$882.00

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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Teach 4 Results Contract for Professional Development Services with Dr. Severns on September 1, 2021 in the amount of \$5,200.00.

FINANCE (continued)

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, 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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Realtime Information Technology (Student Database) Contract for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$11,715.00.

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

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

- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve transportation for the following class trips:

- Suburban Trails Inc. round trip transportation for YMCA Camp Bernie from May 11, 2022 to May 13, 2022 in the amount of \$2,350.00. (Trip was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid).
- Suburban Trails Inc. round trip transportation for YMCA Camp Bernie from May 24, 2022 to May 26, 2022 in the amount of \$2,350.00.

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

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

- F. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Stempark as an outside vendor for the 2020-2021 school year for afterschool Stem activities in the amount of \$13,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, 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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Cynthia Castello-Bratteson as a State Contracted Rutgers Literacy Coach/Consultant from April, 2021 through June, 2021 in the amount of \$5,400 (**Attachment 2**).

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, 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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the NJSBA ACES Cooperative Pricing System Agreement between Monmouth Beach Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association (**Attachment 3**).

FINANCE (continued)

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

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

I. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following ESSER II Funding:

- \$93,991.00 - ESSER II
- \$25,000.00 – Learning Acceleration
- \$45,000.00 – Mental Health/Support Services

Mr. Genovese gave a brief presentation regarding the FY2022 budget stating that with some final adjustments made with the Superintendent and Dr. George, they were able to bring the tax rate increase to zero.

Motion was made by Mr. Marowitz, 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. **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2022 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE**

That the Board approve the following Resolution and submission of the tentative FY2022 budget to the County Office on or before March 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education (herein referred to as “the Board”) will submit a tentative budget to the State of New Jersey on or before March 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board with County approval will advertise the budget no later than April 24, 2021 in the legal section of the Asbury Park Press; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the total operating budget shall be \$5,804,999 in the Department of Education Budget workbook of which \$4,907,507 shall be raised by local tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the total special revenue fund is \$260,936.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount of debt service raised through local tax levy shall be \$230,600; and

WHEREAS, school district policy Travel/Reimbursement Policy #6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7 provides that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2021 – 2022 school year; and

FINANCE (continued)

J. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE FY2022 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY OFFICE (continued)

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, a threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this threshold for a staff member is exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the board hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021 – 2022 school year at the sum of \$28,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Monmouth Beach Board of Education hereby submits this Resolution in support of the 2021 – 2022 budget to the County for approval.

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

PERSONNEL

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, 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 following stipend positions for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the MBTA Contract:

Michael Kammerer – Baseball Coach (Year 4)
Dorothy Mahoney - Softball Coach (Year 4)
Doreen Silakowski – Tennis Coach (Year 4)

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 approve Rachel Kammerer to take Maternity Leave beginning on May 10, 2021 through the end of the school year, tentatively June 22, 2021, using accumulated sick days. From September 1, 2021 through her anticipated return on November 22, 2021, Mrs. Kammerer will utilize NJ Family Leave for 12 weeks.

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 Meghan Vaccarelli to take Maternity Leave beginning on May 17, 2021 through the end of the school year, tentatively June 22, 2021, using accumulated sick days.

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. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the hiring of Christopher Aviles as MBS's Technology and Innovation Specialist, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the salary of \$85,000.00.

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

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

- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the creation the following additional position:

- Third Preschool Teacher 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 (F).

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

- F. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Michele LaValle from Step 1 BA + 30 (\$57,550.00) to Step 1 MA (\$58,400.00), effective January 1, 2021, per the MBTA Contract Salary Guide.

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 the following;
- Michele LaValle to attend Highscope online training webinar during the spring at a cost of \$175.00.
 - Lori Gallo to attend the Webinar for Project Read: Story Form Comprehension on March 22, 2021 at no cost.

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 (B).

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

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following testing dates for the NJSLA:

- Math Grades 3 through 8 – May 3 – 5, 2021
- Math Grades 3 through 8 Makeup Dates – May 6-7, 2021
- ELA Grades 3 through 8 – May 10-11, 2021
- ELA Grades 3 through 8 Makeup Dates – May 12-13, 2021
- Science Grades 5 and 8 – May 17-20, 2021
- Science Grades 5 and 8 Makeup Dates – May 21-24, 2021

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

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

Motion was made by Mr. Sasso, 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 following Building Use Application Forms:

- Spring Concert Band/Chorus Performance on 5/26/2021 (raindate 5/27/21). Hours of use 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the blacktop/grass near playground area.
- Spring Concert Pre K – 3 Performance on 5/19/21 (raindate 5/20/21). Hours of use 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the blacktop/grass near playground area.

Motion was made by Mr. Sasso, 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 Building Use Forms:

- PTO to host the MBS School Play. Rehearsal will take place from March 1, 2021 through May 15, 2021, times TBD. The final play performance will take place on May 15, 2021 with a rain date of May 16, 2021, times TBD.

POLICY

Chair: Melanie Andrews

Motion was made by Mrs. Andrews, 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 first read of the following policies:

- P0145 BOE Member Resignation and Removal (Revised)
- P0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During A Declared Emergency
- P1643 Family Leave (New)
- P5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (Revised)
- P7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (New)
- P2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (Revised)
- P2415.02 Title I-Fiscal Responsibility (Revised)
- P2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (Revised)
- P2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (Revised)
- P4125 Employment of Support Staff Members
- P6360 Political Contributions (Revised)
- P9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (Revised)

GENERAL ITEMS

The April Board meeting will be held on April 29, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. This will be the public budget review. The Curriculum and Instruction Committee will meet on April 21, 2021 and the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee will meet on April 22, 2021 at 7:15 A.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 following class trips:

- Grade 8 Trip to Dave & Busters, Woodbridge, NJ on June 10, 2021 from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Incoming Grade 6 Trip to YMCA Camp Bernie from May 24, 2022 to May 26, 2022 at a cost of \$5,220.00.
- Former Grade 6 Trip to YMCA Camp Bernie from May 11, 2022 to May 13, 2022 at a cost of \$4,320.00.
- Grade 8 Trip on Teal Cruises on June 8, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:51 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 7:51 P.M.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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.