

**MINUTES**  
**MONMOUTH BEACH BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 24, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Kay, Mr. Decker, Mr. Vecchio, Mrs. King

**ABSENT** – Mr. Marowitz

**ALSO PRESENT** – Ms. Alfone, Superintendent of Schools

**PRESENTATION**

There were no presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION**

There were no correspondence or discussion items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Update on Projects in the Building:**

- Playground refurbishment almost completed. Safety surface to be installed.
- LED Lighting Project: all lighting replaced with high efficiency LED lighting.
- HVAC unit roof top replacement scheduled and waiting to be started.
- E-Gaming Space: framing completed; electrical inspection passed. On target for the start of the school year.
- Maker Space/Reading Room: designated classroom for PK-5 students to attend the activity course: *Media Maker and More!*
- Thank you to our PTO for the purchase of our Book Vending Machine. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall.
- Pre-K -1 students will be receiving brand new touch screen Chromebooks for use
- Digital signage in the building: 5 new monitors hung in hallway for communicating and sharing of digital work

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (continued)**

**Review of Health and Safety Plan for 2021-22 School Year (see attached below):**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SR0TtJckpmifxTKIYLkar3vWLJO7cTOj/view?usp=sharing>

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

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

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

**Student Enrollment as of June 18, 2021**  
**Total 257**

|           |    |           |    |           |    |
|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|
| Preschool | 20 | 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 |

- B. Harassment Intimidation and Bullying -  
**BE IT RESOLVED** to affirm the HIB Form as presented by Mrs. Jessica Alfone.
- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following security drills:  
Fire Drill – Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.  
Security Drill – Tabletop Exercise – July 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the SOA for Paraprofessional Staff for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Per NJQSAC requirements, **BE IT RESOLVED** to report the following placements results from the NJQSAC review process during the 2020-2021 school year:

| NJQSAC Areas          | Initial Placement (June 2021) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Instruction & Program | 90%                           |
| Fiscal Management     | 100%                          |
| Governance            | 94%                           |
| Operations            | 100%                          |
| Personnel             | 94%                           |

## **PTO PRESENTATION – Caroline Quattrochi**

Mrs. Quattrochi stated that the PTO held their first Board meeting of the year. They are working on their new budget, which they will present to the Board in the near future. She also stated that they are excited about the upcoming school year and will most likely have to engage in fundraising to support the activities they are planning.

## **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.

Jenna Pollicino  
95 Seaview Way

Mrs. Pollicino gave a very detailed presentation supported by extensive research to support her opinion as to why children should not have to wear masks. At the conclusion of her report, she asked the Board members to consider contacting Governor Murphy as other districts have done, to support local control with respect to wearing masks in school.

Sue McDonald  
5 Shrewsbury Drive

Ms. McDonald, whose background is that of a school nurse, explained her concern regarding children not wearing masks, especially in light of the fact that they will not be vaccinated.

Steve Pollicino  
95 Seaview Way

Mr. Pollicino stated that in his opinion we are lying to our children with respect to the wearing of masks and the potential health consequences that he feels is being understated. He reported that children are more at risk for the flu than they are for this virus and feels that the rights of our children should not end where others' fears begin. He supports appealing to Governor Murphy to allow for local control with respect to wearing masks.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION (continued)**

Marlaina Schiavo  
77 Riverdale Avenue

Ms. Schiavo stated that her children attended summer school without wearing a mask and feels that suddenly without legitimate information, the Governor is now mandating masks in school. She feels that no one knows her children better than she does and believes the parent should be able to make the choice.

Brian O'Keefe  
61 Monmouth Parkway

Mr. O'Keefe stated that this town is very important to him and his family and he has always appreciated the support and the manner in which members of the community rally to support folks when they go through difficult times. He stated that he is very concerned regarding the health of his wife and family and feels that we really should err on the side of caution until we see what this virus and variant are doing.

Darren Spadavecchia  
12 Griffin Street

Mr. Spadavecchia's question to the Board was not in reference to mask wearing but where the Board stands with regard to soccer.

Ms. Alfone reported that the administration is working towards creating a soccer program. She stated that most likely this year will be an after school intramural program.

Mrs. Dolan – Your opinions and voices are extremely important to this Board and to myself. I truly appreciate all of you for coming out tonight. We serve and are a reflection of the community and we know how divided the community is over this issue. In this instance, the Board cannot make the decision as of whether to wear or not to wear masks because it is an executive order from the Governor for which we will comply. However, this Board and this administration will always do what is best for the children of our town while working within the guidelines of the law.

**FINANCE**

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

Motion was made by Dr Sasso, seconded by Mr. Vecchio and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following items (A – K).

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following financial reports;

- July-August 2021 Bill List in the amount of \$291,517.07
- Payroll Gross total for July 2021 in the amount of \$66,166.81
- Report of Board Secretary – May – Report      June - Report

|                   |                |                |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fund 10 -         | \$1,519,575.36 | \$1,404,608.66 |
| Fund 20 -         | \$ 5,916.00    | 839.42         |
| Fund 40 -         | \$ 0.00        | 0.00           |
| Capital Reserve   | \$ 242,224.73  | 242,244.64     |
| Maintenance Res   | \$ 355,156.54  | 355,185.74     |
| Emergency Reserve | \$ 10,204.65   | 10,205.49      |

## **FINANCE (continued)**

- Monthly transfer report for May, 2021. (**Attachment 1**)
- Pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(d), I certify as of May 2021, and June 30, 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 May 31, 2021 and June 30, 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.

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following contract for NJ Care, LLC from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

The fee for BCBA consultation services is \$125/hour

The fee for direct services (ABA therapy/Discrete Trial Teaching) is \$65/hour  
School Year 2021-2022-

- a) Not to exceed 210 hours of behavior analytic consultation by a BCBA throughout the 2021-2022 academic school year (~5 hours/week of behavior analytic consultation)
  - a. Budget: not to exceed \$26,250
- b) Not to exceed 17.5 hours/week of direct service throughout the 2021-2022 academic school year
  - a. Budget: not to exceed \$45,500

C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following regular tuition contracts with Monmouth Beach School in the amount of \$6,500.00 per student for the 2021-2022 school year: SD, AG, AK, MF, GP, AS, BS (10% Sibling Discount), PT, JV.

D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following preschool tuition contracts with Monmouth Beach School in the amount of \$6,500.00 per student for the 2021-2022 school year: AA, VA, BB, DB, EB, EC, JC, GC, TC, HC, NC, CF, SF, JG, HH, JH, GJ, JK, KL, CL, AL, AL, OL, AM, AM, MM, MM, AM, RN, MP, MP, HP, SR, HS, KS, GS, SS, PW.

E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following preschool tuition contract with Monmouth Beach School in the amount of \$7,200.00 per student for the 2021-2022 school year: EP.

F. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following regular tuition contracts with Monmouth Beach School in the amount of \$5,500.00 per student for the 2021-2022 school year: LA, KC, CP, JP (10% Sibling Discount), LP (10% Sibling Discount), IV.

## FINANCE (continued)

- G. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the tuition increase for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Pre K non-resident and K – 8 non-residents at a rate of \$8,500 and Pre K resident tuitions at a rate of \$7,200. A 10% discount will apply for siblings effective July 1, 2021. The following tuition rates for the existing K - 8 tuition students will increase to \$7,500 for the 2022-2023 school year and to \$8,500 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- H. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Substitute Nurse rate for the 2021-2022 school year at \$150 per diem and Substitute Teacher rate for the 2021-2022 school year at \$125 per diem.
- I. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following contract for Tender Touch Occupational Therapy for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Occupational Therapy Services will be provided to the students that attend school in the MBS District with an hourly rate of \$85.00 per hour not to exceed \$64,600.
- J. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Shared Service Agreement between Monmouth Beach Board of Education and Long Branch Board of Education for Board Office duties/responsibilities at a cost of \$55,000 for the 2021-2022 school year, prorated as of September 1, 2021.
- K. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the Proximity Learning Contract for American Sign Language for grades PreK through 2 for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$20,450 and ESSR 2 Funds will be utilized to pay for such service.

## PERSONNEL

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

Mrs. Kay highlighted the fact that Joan Konopka is resigning from the Board of Education and thanked her on behalf of the administration and the Board for her years of service.

Motion was made by Mrs. Kay, seconded by Mrs. Andrews and carried by roll call vote that the Board approve the following items (A – P).

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

- A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to accept with regret the resignation of Christine Priest effective June 30, 2021 from her contracted position of School Social Worker.
- B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Christine Priest to perform initial and social evaluations in accordance with the Child Study Team as a part time hourly employee for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$65.00/hr, not to exceed 85 hrs. (\$5,525.00).
- C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Amanda Mergner for tuition reimbursement per her Administrative Contract in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Summer Course, Literacy for Students with Disabilities, at the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University with a grade of B or better.
- D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the revision to Denise Sullivan's salary from MA Step 20 to MA + 30 Step 20 of the MBTA approved contract for the 2021-2022 school year.

**PERSONNEL (continued)**

- E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the leave of absence for Meghan Vaccarelli for the 2021-2022 school year, utilizing 12 weeks of NJFLI beginning September 1, 2021 for 12 weeks and then an unpaid leave thereafter, returning to work on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.
- F. **BE IT RESOLVED** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Danielle DiCapri, effective July 7, 2021.
- G. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Michael McCue as a long term leave replacement teacher from September 1, 2021 through December 14, 2021 at the approved MBBOE Long Term Sub Rate of \$125.00 per day.
- H. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Susan Balina as a part time Instructional Aide for the 2021-2022 school year at an hourly rate of \$20.50/per hour
- I. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following substitutes for the 2021-2022 School Year.  
Diane Bettinger, Carole Costell, Kathleen Darby, Lauren Decker, Kathleen Denker, Deborah Doppelt, Madeline Ebinger, Charles Eibeler, Camryn Freglette, John Goode, Nicole Husar, Carol Kus, Michele Leite, Melanie Luebs, Nicole Madalone, Stephanie Mariani, Susan McDonald, Alberto Morello, Nancy Pavelka, Cathleen Sage, Joan Szabo, Ally Thomas, Jill Trimble, Lisa Unger, Jacqueline Van Wagner, Meredith Weinstein, Laura West
- J. **BE IT RESOLVED** to accept with regret, the resignation of Joan Konopka, Assistant to the Board, effective August 20, 2021.
- K. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Brianne Mitchell, Art Teacher, from BA Step 2-3 (.625) to BA Step 2-3 full time (1.00), \$57,700.00 effective for the 2021-2022 school year per the MBTA Contract.
- L. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Denise Sullivan to enroll in the following course: Educational Law and Policy at Monmouth University for the Fall 2021 semester, and subsequent tuition reimbursement upon completion of such course per the MBTA contract guidelines.
- M. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following mentors for the following novice teachers:  
Emily Olsen mentored by Jessica Clark  
Mary Alyce Turner mentored by Tracy Pennell
- N. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following stipends positions for the 2021-2022 school year per the MBTA contract:

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Homework Club                  | Ciaglia, Brown, Turner (sub – DePalma) |
| Student Council                | Silakowski                             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisors | Deiningner, Clark                      |
| JNHS                           | Sullivan                               |
| Talent Show                    | Murray, Gordon                         |

**PERSONNEL (continued)**

N. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following stipends positions for the 2021-2022 school year per the MBTA contract:

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Camp Bernie            | If trip occurs there will be 6 chaperones per trip; M. Kammerer, Rossi, Vastano, Gillick, Mahoney, McMahon, Murray, Silakowski, MacKay |
| Play                   | Rossi  |
| Dances                 | Turner, Pietz, Rossi   |
| SCiP Committee Members | Poznak, Vaccarelli, Gervolino, Gallo, Rossi, Maxcy, Mergner, Alfone  |
| Band/Chorus            | Rossi  |
| Cross Country          | M. Kammerer, Mahoney   |
| Basketball Supervision | Mr. Kammerer, (Mahoney – sub)  |
| Tennis                 | Silakowski   |
| Baseball               | Kammerer   |
| Softball               | Mahoney  |
| Boys' Basketball       | Vincelli   |
| Girls' Basketball      | YBD  |
| Yearbook               | Poznak   |
| IR&S Committee         | Zayko, Gallo, Clark, MacKay, Tuzzo, Gillick  |
| Field Hockey           | DePalma  |
| Cheerleading           | Nancy Pietz  |

O. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Amanda Correia from Monmouth University to complete Clinical Teacher Practice from September 7, 2021 through December, 2021 in the fourth grade.

P. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Gabriella Estrada from Monmouth University to complete Clinical Teacher Practice from September 7, 2021 through December, 2021 in the Pre-K through 8 music classrooms.

**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 voice vote that the Board approve the following item (A).  
Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

A. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Monmouth Beach School District's Mentoring Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Dudick, seconded by Mr. Vecchio and carried by voice vote that the Board approve the following item (B).  
Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

B. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Monmouth Beach School District's Professional Development Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.



**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 (A).

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

C. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the following Assessment Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year:

|  |              |  |
|--|--------------|--|
| <b>Start Strong Assessment-ELA</b>           | September 28 | 4th - 8th Grade<br>(To be administered during ELA block)             |
| <b>Start Strong Assessment-Math</b>          | September 29 | 4th - 8th Grade<br>(To be administered during Math Block)            |
| <b>Start Strong Assessment-Science</b>       | September 30 | 6th Grade<br>(To be administered during the Science Block)           |
| <b>InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment</b> | October 6    | 2nd Grade and 5th Grade<br>(To be administered during the ELA Block) |

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

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

D. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve Tracy Pennell to attend the SEL Course: Cultivating Character in Kids at a cost of \$250.00.

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

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

E. **BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the contract between Reading Writing Project Network and Monmouth Beach Board of Education for professional development services to be rendered by the Network to the district on August 18 and August 20, 2021 for K – 8 grades at a cost of \$12,000.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – No report

Chair: Vincent Sasso  
Ken Marowitz, Boyd Decker, 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.

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

**BE IT RESOLVED** to approve the second read of the following policies:

P0131 Bylaws, Policies and Regulations (Revised)

P1521 Educational Improvement Plans (Abolished)

P2421 Vocational and Technical Education (Abolished)

P2421 Career and Technical Education (Revised)

P3134 Assignment of Extra Duties (Revised)

P&R3142 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Teaching Staff Members (Revised)

P&R3221 Evaluation of Teachers (Revised)

P&R3222 Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators (Revised)

P&R3223 Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Asst. Principals (Revised)

P&R4146 Nonrenewal of Nontenured Support Staff Member (Revised)

P&R6471 School District Travel (Revised)

P8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (Revised)

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

- A. The September Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The Curriculum and Instruction/Personnel Committee will meet on September 14, 2021 at 7:15 A.M. and the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee will meet on September 15, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT – 8:14 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 8:14 P.M.

Ayes (8), Nays (0), Absent (1) Mr. Marowitz

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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.