

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
Video Conference
February 16, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending a notice of the time, date, location, instructions for remote access and making public comment and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting on July 1, 2020, and on February 10, 2021, to the Courier Post, and Burlington County Times. Copies of this notice also have been placed in the Board Office and in each of the district schools on February 8, 2021, posted on the District website on February 12, 2021, and sent to the Township Clerk on June 19, 2020, and on February 8, 2021.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present Dr. Sandra Alberti (arrived 5:31)
Present Mr. Jack Fairchild (arrived 5:31)
Present Mrs. Dria Law
Present Dr. Mark Snyder
Present Mr. Mark Villanueva (arrived 5:49)
Present Mr. Maurice Weeks (arrived 5:31)
Present Mr. David A. Weinstein

Present Ms. Lauren Romano, Vice-President
Present Mrs. Caryn Shaw, President

Present Ms. Alicia D'Anella, Esq., Solicitor
Present Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent
Present Mr. James M. Heiser, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Present Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Present Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education
Present Dr. Carolyn Gibson, Interim Director of Human Resources
Present Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Instructional Technology

V. Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.10:4-6 ET.SEQ. ("The Open Public Meetings Act"), authorizes Board of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires that the Board adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Moorestown Township, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

1. Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student disciplinary matters, and specifically,
 - a. Student matter

2. Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically,
 - a. Personnel
3. Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically,
 - a. Legal matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Moved by: Mrs. Law Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 5 - 0

VI. Return to Public

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Mr. Villanueva Vote: Unanimous

VII. Adjournment

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Mr. Villanueva Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA
Board Secretary

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
Video Conference
February 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order- 7:08 p.m.

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Present Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Instructional Technology

V. Routine Matters

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes for the following meetings attached as Exhibit #21-166:

January 19, 2021 Executive Session

January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Moved by: Dr. Alberti

Second: Ms. Romano

Vote: 8 – 0, Abstain – 1
Abstention: Mrs. Law

February 2, 2021 Special Meeting

Moved by: Dr. Alberti

Second: Ms. Romano

Vote: 9 - 0

B. Communications

C. Educational Highlights –Superintendent’s Monthly Report

1. **BOE Ethics Training** - Ms. Alicia D’Anella of Comegno Law Group provided Board of Education Ethics Training to the group.
2. **General Updates**
 - COVID Update / Survey Results - Dr. McCartney presented to the Board and the community regarding recent community survey results on current instructional models and returning to school.

The Board had a discussion regarding the recent survey results as well as potential models in the future.
3. **Student Board Representatives**
 - Cara Petrycki thanked the Board and Administration for their discussion and efforts. Ms. Petrycki reported to the Board on upcoming senior class events such as a drive-in movie and modified prom plans.
 - Claire Hurren thanked the Board and Administration for their passion. Ms. Hurren reported to the Board on an upcoming online magical show and modified prom plans.
 - Logan Procopio updated the Board on rescheduling spirit week and streamlining the activities.
 - Jack Brittain updated the Board on recent work around social and emotional aspects of the students’ day.
4. **Additional Updates**
 - Budget Update – Dr. McCartney and Mr. Heiser updated the Board and the public on the 2021-2022 budget development.

D. Board Committee Reports – Questions and Comments

- a. **Finance and Operations** – Mr. Weinstein updated the Board regarding the most recent Finance and Operations meeting which included the audit exit conference, potential league changes for sports, reopening discussions, 2021-2022 budget development and the potential use of banked cap.
- b. **Curriculum** – Dr. Snyder updated the Board regarding the most recent Curriculum Committee meeting which included topics such as attendance, K-3 schedules, UES synchronous pilot, program of study for next school year, and the community forum feedback.
- c. **Communications** – Mrs. Law updated the Board regarding the most recent Communications Committee meeting which included topics such as the most recent community forum, updates to school models, Home & School discussion forums and the potential of a Communications Coordinator position.
- d. **Policy Committee** – no report
- e. **Ad-Hoc Committee** – Dr. Alberti reported that all sub-committees are continuing to engage and work to finalize what success in their particular area would mean.
- f. Mr. Weeks reported on a recent MoorArts meeting.

E. Public Comment

1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to open the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: 9 - 0

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. Jill Fallows Macaluso of 800 Golfview Road commented that she and her husband sent a letter that they are not satisfied with the Board's position as well as the Administration's lack of transparency.
- b. Anthony Dragun of 547 Eaglebrook Drive inquired about what specific efforts are being made to open the District up.
- c. Peter Macaluso of 800 Golfview Road read off statements that he heard from the Board meeting. Mr. Macaluso urged the Board to take chances.
- d. Christie Bronstein of 747 Golfview Road read off statements she heard from the Board meeting. Ms. Bronstein asked why full remote students aren't receiving instruction daily.
- e. Courtney Johnson of 29 Brooks Road thanked Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Villanueva for their passion. Ms. Johnson stated that she doesn't understand why lunches are holding back reopening.
- f. Manny Delgado of 6 Walnut Court thanked the Board for the conversation. Mr. Delgado stated that most concerns brought up today are the same concerns discussed in September.
- g. Karen Vidal of 441 Oldershaw Avenue requested a community engagement forum around COVID and reopening.
- h. Andrea Lawson of 781 Garwood Road commented that she has called the Governor's office as well as local officials and was directed to the local Board of Education for decisions. Ms. Lawson stated that schools need to be reopened.
- i. Allison Euker of 20 E. Maple Avenue requested clarity of the amount included in the budget to help support COVID needs around staffing.
- j. Tatiana Moreno of 11 E. Wilson Avenue commented that she removed her children from the district due to frustration.
- k. Meredith Butts of 208 Locust Street commented that she appreciates that the District started the year in hybrid given the challenges around providing it in a safe manner. Ms. Butts stated that as an instructor in a district that hasn't started hybrid, she understands the complexities around the situation.
- l. Nicole MacHenry of 3 Shelter Rock Place commented that she is concerned about the amount of supports included in the budget for student learning loss.
- m. Holly Hummel of 53 Cove Road echoed the sentiments of many of those that spoke.
- n. Colette Lamidi of 68 Red Leaf Road commented regarding remote students and the issues concerning that group. Ms. Lamidi spoke about comments made by the public related to facial expressions.

3. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to close the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Dr. Alberti

Second: Dr. Snyder

Vote: 9 - 0

VI. Reports to the Board

A. Business Administrator/Board Secretary

1. **Financial Reports of the Board Secy.** – December, 2020 – Exhibit #21-167
2. **Treasurer's Report** – October, 2020 – Exhibit #21-168
3. **Cafeteria Report** – December, 2020 - Exhibit #21-169

Resolution of Board of Education’s Monthly Certification Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Board Secretary’s monthly certification budgetary line item status:
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I certify that no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we certify that after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4. Approval of Budget Transfers

I recommend approval of the budget transfers for the month of December, 2020 attached as Exhibit #21-170.

5. Approval of Bills

I recommend approval of the bills, in the amount of \$8,774,308.63 attached as Exhibit #21-171.

Approval of Items 1 – 4:

Moved by: Mrs. Law Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 9 - 0

Approval of Item 5:

Moved by: Mrs. Law Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 8 – 0, Abstain – 1
Abstention: Mr. Weinstein

VII. Recommendations of the Superintendent

A. 2021 – 2022 School Calendar

The 2021-2022 School Calendar is submitted for Board approval.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar attached as Exhibit #21-172.

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mr. Fairchild Vote: 8 – 1
No: Mr. Villanueva

B. Educational Program

1. Special Education Out-of-District Placements 2020-2021

The following Moorestown student with special needs is recommended for placement in the appropriate out-of-district programs and schools as mandated in the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the student with special needs at the placement listed on Exhibit #21-173 for the 2020-21 school year at the locations indicated at the approved tuition rates with transportation provided.

2. Burlington County Alternative School Placement for 2020 - 2021

The students listed are recommended for placement in the program at Burlington County Alternative School.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the students on Exhibit #21-174 for the 2020-2021 school year at Burlington County Alternative School at the prevailing tuition rate not to exceed state maximum rate with transportation provided.

3. Home Instruction 2020 - 2021

Approval is requested for Home Instruction for students during the 2020-2021 school year.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the Home Instruction students listed on Exhibit #21-175 for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. Consulting Service Agreement

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve the agreement attached as Exhibit #21-176 with Learning Well, LLC to provide consulting services for students with an Individual Education Plan.

Approval of Items 1 – 4:

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Dr. Snyder Vote: 9 - 0

C. Finance and Business

1. Travel Expenditures Approval Requests

The State of New Jersey has enacted P.L.2007, c.53, An Act Concerning School District Accountability. Section 15 of the Act addresses "Travel Expenditures" paid by the school district.

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the travel expenditures requests attached as Exhibit #21-177.

2. Approval of State Contract and Consortium Vendor Purchases

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve NJ State Contract Interlocal Agreement and consortium purchases as per attached Exhibit #21-178.

3. Grant Application Submission

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the submission of the Addressing Student Learning Loss grant application attached as Exhibit #21-179.

4. 2019-2020 Financial Audit

Copies of the annual financial audit for the period ended June 30, 2020 are enclosed. A synopsis of the Audit Report is attached as Exhibit #21-180 and copies have been made available to the public.

The Finance and Operations Committee has reviewed the audit and discussed the Audit Report with representative Michael Holt of Holt McNally & Associates, the District auditors.

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 financial audit of the Moorestown Township Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 as prepared by Michael Holt of Holt McNally & Associates has been received by the Board, and

WHEREAS, copies of the synopsis of the Audit Report have been made available to the public,

WHEREAS, no comments or recommendations are contained therein,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Education that the 2019-2020 Financial Audit be hereby accepted.

Approval of Items 1 – 4:

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 9 - 0

D. Employee Relations

Employment is subject to a criminal background checks as required by P.L. 1986 c116 and P.L. 1971, c.437 (C.9:6-8.8 et seq.), required physical, S414 and Board of Education approval for the 2020-2021 school year.

1. Appointments

Administrative Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Professional Staff

- a. Shea McGee, Long Term Substitute Math/Challenge Teacher at the Upper Elementary School at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated) Column BA, Step 1 Teacher Salary Guide effective March 9, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

- b. Alyson, Darrow, Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at the High School at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated) Column BA, Step 1 Teacher Salary Guide effective February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- c. Julia Bouclier, Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at the High School at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated) Column BA, Step 1 Teacher Salary Guide effective March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- d. Erica Rager, Long Term Substitute English Teacher at the High School, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated) Column BA, Step 1 Teacher Salary Guide effective January 20, 2021 through April 1, 2021 (corrected end date from June 30, 2021).
- e. Samantha Santos, Long Term Substitute School Counselor at the High School, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00 (prorated) Column BA, Step 1 Teacher Salary Guide effective March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Support Staff

- a. Abigail Herb, Part Time Paraprofessional at the Upper Elementary School at an annual salary of \$8,950.00 (prorated) Column Para, Step 1 Paraprofessional Salary Guide effective February 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (change in start dated from February 1, 2021).
- b. Sandra Shehata, Full Time Paraprofessional at the Upper Elementary School at an annual salary of \$16,986.00 (prorated) Column Para AA/BS, Step 3 Paraprofessional Salary Guide, effective February 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (change in start dated from February 1, 2021).
- c. Krystyna Shontz, Full Time Paraprofessional at the High School at an annual salary of \$16,108.00 (prorated) Column Para AA/BS, Step 1 Paraprofessional Salary Guide, effective March 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

2. Leave of Absence and Extension to Leave of Absence

Administrative Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Professional Staff

- a. Ashley Catalano, Special Education Teacher at the Upper Elementary School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence January 11, 2021 through March 4, 2021; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence March 9, 2021 through June 9, 2021.
- b. Colleen Heon, 4th Grade Teacher at the Upper Elementary School, requesting an extension to an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021.
- c. Erica Mahan, Special Education Teacher at the Upper Elementary School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

- d. Caisse Gore, Language Arts Teacher at the Middle School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence January 6, 2021 through March 16, 2021; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence March 17, 2021 through March 31, 2021.
- e. Katelynn Brotz, Social Studies Teacher at the High School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence September 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence November 14, 2020 through February 22, 2021; a change for unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence from February 23, 2021 through March 28, 2021 to February 23, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- f. Brittany Scharadin, Special Education Teacher at the High School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence January 25, 2021 through March 11, 2021; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence March 12, 2021 through June 14, 2021.
- g. Donna Tortu, Special Education Teacher at the High School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence February 1, 2021 through March 1, 2021.

Support Staff

- a. Renee Arciere, Part Time Paraprofessional at the South Valley Elementary School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence January 4, 2021 through February 14, 2021; unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence February 15, 2021 through May 18, 2021; unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence May 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- b. Mary Foley, Part Time Paraprofessional at the Upper Elementary School, an unpaid Leave of Absence February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- c. Bruce Lozito, Paraprofessional at the High School, a unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence November 9, 2020 through February 14, 2021; unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- d. Jay Sklarsky, Paraprofessional at the High School, a paid Medical Leave of Absence January 11, 2021 through March 5, 2021.
- e. Jessica Staub, Paraprofessional for the Transportation Department, rescinding an unpaid absence February 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021.

3. Department Name Change

Administration/Staff

- a. From Director of Human Resources to Director of Human Resources, Inclusion, and Diversity, effective July 1, 2021.
- b. From Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation, effective July 1, 2021.
- c. From Director of Educational Technology to Director of Educational Technology and Innovation, effective February 17, 2021.

Professional Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Support Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

4. Change of Position

Administrative Staff

- a. Carole Butler, from Director of Curriculum and Instruction to the Director of Human Resources, Inclusion, and Diversity effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at an annual salary to be determined.

Professional Staff

- a. William Clark, from a Special Education Teacher at the High School to a Technology Education Teacher .4 FTE at the High School and .6 FTE at the Middle School, effective January 26, 2021 through June 30, 2021(no change in salary).

Support Staff

- a. Daniel Richardson, from Custodian at the Middle School at an annual salary of \$37,368.00 Step 10 Column A to Head Custodian at the George Baker Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$50,068.00 Step 10, Column B (\$45,516.00 plus 10% of \$45,516.00 per MEA CBA) prorated, effective February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

5. Change of Location

Administrative Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Professional Staff

- a. Anthony Rizzo, School Psychologist at Mary Roberts Elementary School from 1 FTE to a .5 FTE at Mary Roberts Elementary School and .5 FTE at the Middle School, effective January 11, 2021 through June 30, 2021(no change in salary).

Support Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

6. Extension of Contract

Administrative Staff

- a. Carolyn Gibson, as Interim Director of Human Resources/AAO effective April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Professional Staff

- a. Arianna Labetti, as a Long Term Substitute 4th Grade Teacher at the Upper Elementary School, effective February 3, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

- b. Michael Tobass, as a Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at the High School, effective April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Support Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

7. Retirements

Administrative Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Professional Staff

- a. Ann Daskilewicz, a Special Education Teacher at the Mary Roberts Elementary School, after 15 years of service to the District, effective August 1, 2020.
- b. Christine Maloney-Nolan, a Special Education Teacher at the George Baker Elementary School, after 25 years of service to the District, effective July 1, 2021.
- c. Maureen Sullivan, a 4th Grade Teacher at the Upper Elementary School, after 34 years of service to the District, effective July 1, 2021.

Support Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

8. Resignations

Administrative Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Professional Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Support Staff

- a. Rossella Cusumano, Paraprofessional at the High School, effective March 12, 2021.
- b. John Patterson, Paraprofessional at the High School, effective February 12, 2021.
- c. Lauren Kremus, Assistant Child Caregiver for the Extended Day Care Program, effective February 10, 2021.

9. Substitutes - Exhibit #21-181

10. Movement on the Salary Guide - Exhibit #21-182

- 11. **Anticipated HS Athletics** - Exhibit #21-183
- 12. **Anticipated Co-Curricular** - Exhibit #21-184
- 13. **Anticipated Saturday Detention Staff** - Exhibit #21-185
- 14. **Unified Sports Paraprofessional Support Staff** - Exhibit #21-186
- 15. **Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation Job Description** - Exhibit #21-187
- 16. **Director of Human Resources, Inclusion, and Diversity Job Description** - Exhibit #21-188
- 17. **Director of Educational Technology and Innovation Description** - Exhibit #21-189
- 18. **High School Volunteer** - Exhibit #21-190
- 19. **ESSA Title I Tutors** - Exhibit #21-191
- 20. **Anticipated Clubs** - Exhibit #21-192

Approval of Items 1 – 20:

Moved by: Mrs. Law Second: Mr. Weeks Roll Call Vote: 9 - 0

VIII. Suspensions and HIB Report

A. Suspensions – Exhibit #21-193

B. Superintendent’s HIB Report

MOTION:

I recommend that the Board approve the following HIB cases as discussed in executive session.

- Unsubstantiated
 - HS - #2

Moved by: Mr. Weeks Second: Ms. Romano Vote: 8 – 0, Abstain – 1
 Abstention: Mrs. Law

IX. Informational Only

A. Enrollment Information – February 1, 2021

School	2019-2020	2020-2021
High School	1270	1289
Middle School	660	627
Upper Elementary School	917	851
Elementary School	<u>1132</u>	<u>1043</u>
Total	3979	3810

B. Old Business

C. New Business

1. Settlement Agreement

MOTION:

I recommend the Board approve the settlement agreement between Student #3001639 and the Moorestown Board of Education, as discussed in executive session.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 9 - 0

2. COVID-19 Vaccination Resolution

MOTION:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICIAL EXPERT VACCINE ALLOTMENT PANEL'S DEFINITION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Township **Board of Education** recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to "essential workers" in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are "essential workers;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Moorestown Township Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.

COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, see: [New Jersey COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#)

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Senator Troy Singleton, Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Dr. Alberti Vote: 9 - 0

D. Public Comment

3. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to open the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: 9 - 0

4. Public Comment - none

5. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to close the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mrs. Law Vote: 9 - 0

Mr. Villanueva thanked Mr. Heiser and the Business Department for the results of the recent audit.

X. Adjournment - 11:00 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Ms. Romano Vote: 9 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA
Board Secretary