# The Board of Education of Moorestown Township Moorestown, New Jersey Public Agenda **Video Conference** June 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

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 June 2. 2021 to the Courier Post, and on June 1, 2021 to the Burlington County Times.

#### II. **Moment of Silence**

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

#### IV. Roll Call

Dr. Sandra Alberti Present Present Mr. Jack Fairchild Present Mrs. Dria Law Dr. Mark Snyder Present Present Mr. Mark Villanueva Present Mr. Maurice Weeks Mr. David A. Weinstein Present

Ms. Lauren Romano, Vice President Present

Present Mrs. Caryn Shaw, President

Mr. John Comegno, Esq., Solicitor Absent Present Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent

Mr. James M. Heiser, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Present

Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Present

Absent Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education

Dr. Carolyn Gibson, Interim Director of Human Resources Present Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Instructional Technology Present

#### V. **Interim Superintendent Appointment**

## MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Board's Superintendent, Dr. Scott McCartney, decided to voluntarily conclude his service to the Moorestown Township Public School District Board of Education ("Board") by submitting his written intention to retire from his employment effective July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board has begun the process of searching for a full-time Superintendent to succeed Dr. McCartney but will be unable to complete that process prior to the effective date of Dr. McCartney's retirement, and therefore the Board will need to appoint an Interim Superintendent.

WHEREAS, the Board has offered the position of Interim Superintendent to Dr. Leonard Fitts and Dr. Fitts has accepted the Board's offer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(a), the Board forwarded the proposed Employment Contract for Dr. Fitts to the Interim Executive County Superintendent for Burlington County for approval and has received written approval from the Interim Executive County Superintendent that the proposed Employment Contract for Dr. Fitts is in compliance with the Fiscal Accountability, Efficiency and Budgeting Regulations.

# IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

- Dr. Leonard Fitts is hereby appointed by the Board as Interim Superintendent, effective as of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 or until the Board selects a new Superintendent and that person is able to begin working for the Board, whichever occurs first; and
- 2. The Board approves and adopts the Employment Contract for Dr. Leonard Fitts to serve as Interim Superintendent, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and as approved by the Interim Executive County Superintendent for Burlington County, per N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(a).

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

Mr. Weinstein thanked Dr. McCartney.

# VI. Superintendent Search Firm Appointment

MOTION:

A resolution is requested approving a contract with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide Superintendent Search services for the District, pending attorney review.

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

## VII. Public Comment

## 1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

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

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

# 2. Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

## 3. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

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

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

# VIII. Community Forum: "Exploring Race and Racism: The Power of Diverse Voices"

Mrs. Law and Mrs. Claire Miller led the forum discussion.

## IX. 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

- a. Jill Macaluso of 800 Golf View Road commented that there is buzz in the community on agenda topics with the community forum. Mrs. Macaluso also commented on the forum.
- b. Daniela Riggins of 620 N. Washington Avenue thanked the Board and Administration for the engagement series.
- c. Michelle Sanders of 412 Locust Street thanked the Board and Administration for the forum.
- d. Colette McLean-Lamidi of 68 Red Leaf Road thanked the Board and Dr. McCartney for the engagement series.
- e. Lisa Carney of 99 E. Second Street thanked the Board and Administration for the engagement series.
- f. Tiffanie McKinnon of 101 E. Camden Avenue commented on the community engagement series.

## 3. Close Public Comment

## MOTION:

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

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

X. Adjournment – 8:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA Board Secretary

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