

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

MEETING AGENDA

of the Metuchen Board of Education

Metuchen High School
400 Grove Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

I. Flag Salute

II. Notice of Meeting

I hereby make this statement to indicate compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey, 1975, which became effective 90 days after enactment, January 19, 1976.

Notice of this meeting was given by providing the location, time and date of this meeting, and posting of the same on the front door of the Board of Education offices, by delivering copies to the Borough Hall and the Metuchen Public Library, The Home News and Tribune, The Sentinel, The Star Ledger, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

III. Roll Call

Mr. Benderly		Ms. Matisse	
Ms. deVries		Ms. McGuire	
Ms. Gibson		Mr. Small	
Ms. Lanton		Mr. Stern	
Mr. Lifton			

IV. Presentation/Discussion Items

❖ **Showcase of Success**

- Edgar Middle School:
 - There will be a preview of the Edgar Middle School play, *The Little Mermaid*.

❖ **Curriculum Discussion**

- Superintendent Vince Caputo and Assistant Superintendent Rick Cohen will give a math update.
- Supervisor of English and Social Studies Tiffany Jacobson will give an update on ELA and reader learning.

❖ **Budget**

There will be discussion on the following budgets:

- Special Education
- Curriculum
- Technology

V. Report of the President of the Board of Education

VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools

VII. Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. New Business

X. Old Business

XI. Minutes

Move to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

February 10, 2015	Board Meeting 1 & 2, Executive Session
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XII. Meeting Open to the Public

(for comment on any Presentation/Discussion items, Reports, and New/Old Business.)

XIII. Meeting Open to the Public

(for comment on the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools.)

XIV. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

(at this time the Board will take formal action on the following items)

A. PERSONNEL

1. Retirement - Certificated Staff

Move to approve with regret, the retirement of Patricia Broadbent, Learning Consultant and Child Study Team Coordinator at Campbell School effective July 1, 2015.

2. Appointment of Title 1 FOCUS Math Coach

Move to appoint Kiley Therghesen, as NCLB FOCUS Math Coach for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$171 per diem as needed, not to exceed \$8,000, using NCLB Title IA FOCUS funds, effective February 26, through June 18, 2015.

3. Middle School Softball Coach - Resignation

Move to accept the resignation of Beth Abbott as 2014-2015 middle school softball coach.

4. Middle School Softball Coach - Appointment

Move to approve Beth McLaughlin as middle school softball coach for the 2014-2015 school year for a stipend of \$2,976.

5. C.L.A.S.S. Program Staff

Move to approve the following staff members to work at the C.L.A.S.S. program beginning on March 2, 2015 for fourteen weeks with funding provided through the IDEA grant.

Lisa Granados - 4 hours per week @ \$56.43 per hour = \$225.72 per week

14 weeks = \$3,160

Debbie Gold - 3 hours per week @\$18.06 per hour = \$54.18 per week

14 weeks = \$758.52

Total cost of all sessions = \$3,919

6. Weight Room Supervisor

Move to approve Marsha Stoner as weight room supervisor for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$25 per hour on an as needed basis.

7. Substitute Teachers

Move to approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Certification
Kathie Sperber	K-6 and 5-8 English
Trupti Parikh	Substitute
Holly Friedman	K-6 and P-3

B. FINANCE

1. Treasurer of School Monies' and Board Secretary's Reports

Move approval of the Treasurer of School Monies' Report, Board Secretary's Report as of December 31, 2014.

2. Payment of Bills

a) Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10(d), the Board Secretary has

certified that as of February 24, 2015 no budgetary line item accounts have obligations and payments which exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education.

Michael A. Harvier, Board Secretary

Date

- b) Approve the Following Items Submitted by the Board Secretary
Payment of bills and claims, as shown on the attached list(s) that have been certified by the Board Secretary and filed in the Business Office.

3. Revised Tuition

Move to approve the following as revised tuition costs for the 2014-2015 school year retroactive to September 1, 2014.

Tuition	Amount
Kindergarten	\$4,333.00
Grades 1-8	\$8,667.00
Grades 9-12	\$11,000.00
Children of Employees	
Kindergarten	\$2,167.00
Grades 1-8	\$4,334.00
Grades 9-12	\$5,500.00

4. Non Public Technology

Move to approve the following non public technology purchases for the 2014-2015 school year:

School	Vendor	QTY	Item #	Description	Price	Total
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2417	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Computers	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2216	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Earth's Season	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2225	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Inventions	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2437	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Measurement	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE4029	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Ocean Life	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2235	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Planets	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2439	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Moon	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum	1	CE2418	Bill Nye The Science Guy	\$14.99	\$14.99

	Corp.			Video:Dinosaurs		
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE2237	Bill Nye The Science Guy Video:Reptiles	\$14.99	\$14.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE5803	Shelley Duvall's American Tall Tales & Legends	\$24.98	\$24.98
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.	1	CE4949	Inventions That Shook the World	\$49.99	\$49.99
St. Francis Cathedral	Cerebellum Corp.			Shipping and Handling Charges		\$7.50
St. Francis Cathedral	Keyboard Consultants	5		Support Hours	\$85.00	\$425.00
St. Francis Cathedral	CDW Government	1	1934415	APC Smart UPS 1500VA LCD 120V	\$478.39	\$478.39
St. Francis Cathedral	Apple	2	HGYM2VC/A	Tangible Play OSMO-CAF	\$79.95	\$159.90

5. Donation

Move to accept the donation of \$20,000 from the MHS PTO in order to purchase air conditioners for 6 classrooms at Metuchen High School.

6. Professional Development

Move to approve the following professional development activities as shown on *the attached chart*.

7. Field Trips

Move to approve the following field trips for students in the Metuchen School District as shown on *the attached chart*.

C. POLICY

1. Suspensions

The board hereby acknowledges receipt of the monthly suspension report summary for February 2, 2015 through February 20, 2015.

D. CURRICULUM

Nothing at this time.

XIV. Meeting Open to Public

XV. Announcements

XVI. Motion to Go Into Executive Session
(when applicable)

Resolution to Close Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Sunshine Act, N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 13, that the Board of Education will now meet in executive session to discuss PERSONNEL, PROPERTY, AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTERS, and that matters discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as the reason for confidentiality no longer exist.

Field Trips for Approval

Board of Education Meeting 2-24-15

School	Destination	Class/Group	Teachers/ Advisors	Date(s)	No. of Students
MHS	9/11 Memorial Museum & Punna II Restaurant NYC, NY	Members of the Culture Club will attend a workshop about events of 9/11. Students will experience Indian Cuisine and Culture at restaurant.	Danielle Scala	3/20/15	Less than 10
MHS	Forest Resource Education Center Jackson, NJ	Science students will be training for NJ Envirothon	Yoko Kato	3/31/15	10
MHS	4-H Fairgrounds Cape May County	Science students will compete in the NJ Envirothon	Yoko Kato plus 1 TBD	5/1-2/15 (after school Friday and Saturday)	10
MHS	Staybridge Suites Eatontown, NJ	Yearbook Staff will attend Yearbook Cover Workshop and go to lunch.	Adam Levy	4/27/15	6-8
EMS	St. Joseph's HS Metuchen, NJ	Grades 7 & 8 science students will compete in middle school Science Bowl.	Ed Ronk Kathleen Henn	3/21/15 (Saturday)	20-25
CES	Raritan Valley Community College Somerville, NJ	First grade students will attend two shows at the Planetarium and learn about the solar system, space travel, the sun, stars and the moon.	Tara Palmieri, Jen Doherty	5/1/15	46
			Staci Gil, Megan Dunne	5/4/15	46
			Deanna Kindler, Sue Lass, Candace Evans	5/5/15	68
			Plus Parents TBD		

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Professional Development for Board Approval 2/24/15							
Start Date	End Date	Activity Title	Last, First Name	Building	Requested	Method of Payment	FFPI #
2/19/2015	2/19/2015	Union/Management Collaboration Project	Sarte, Kevin	EMS	\$ 28.00	FFPI	
2/19/2015	2/19/2015	Union/Management Collaboration Project	Gural, Todd	EMS	no cost		
2/25/2015	2/26/2015	CPR/AED Trainer Certification	Butler, Lauren	MHS	no cost		
2/25/2015	2/26/2015	CPR/AED Trainer Certification	Ulmer, Robert	MHS	no cost		
2/25/2015	2/26/2015	CPR/AED Trainer Certification	Zaneto, Nicholas	MHS	no cost		
2/27/2015	2/27/2015	NJASA PD Seminar: - Putting Data to Work For You: SGO/SGP Analysis for School Transformation	Caputo, Vince	C/O	no cost		
3/4/2015	3/4/2015	Connecting Evaluations with Achievement	Sarte, Kevin	EMS	no cost		
3/4/2015	3/4/2015	Connecting Evaluations with Achievement	Robbin, Evan	MHS	no cost		
3/6/2015	3/6/2015	BTA-EIRC Best Practices Conference : Best Practices in Assessment & Treatment of Children, Adolescents & Families	Cornely, Nicole	EMS	\$ 149.00	FFPI	15-147
3/16/2015	3/16/2015	NJASA Professional Development Seminar:	Cohen, Rick	C/O	no cost		
3/16/2015	3/16/2015	NJASA Professional Development Seminar:	Caputo, Vince	C/O	no cost		
3/20/2015	3/20/2015	Managing School Refusal & Executive Function in Students with Psychiatric Disorders	Granados, Lisa	MHS	no cost		
3/20/2015	3/20/2015	Managing School Refusal & Executive Function in Students with Psychiatric Disorders	Theiss, Christina	EMS/MHS	no cost		
3/26/2015	3/26/2015	Professional Development Seminar: The Multi-i-grees Curriculum	Goodson, Tiffany	C/O	no cost		
5/4/2015	5/4/2015	Lawfully managing student records without violating privacy rights	Sessa, Mary Kay	Moss	\$ 299.00	FFPI	15-151

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6/10/2015	6/10/2015	Chronological Assessment of Suicide Events Training	DeMott, Elizabeth	MHS	no cost		
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