

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

MEETING AGENDA

of the Metuchen Board of Education

Metuchen High School
400 Grove Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840

1. Call to Order

2. Flag Salute

3. 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 Criterion Sentinel, The Star Ledger, The Metuchen Mirror, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

4. Roll Call

Mr. Benderly		Ms. Killean	
Ms. Cook		Mr. Lifton	
Mr. Derflinger		Mr. Manley	
Mr. Glassberg		Mr. Suss	
Dr. Johnson-Marcus			

5. Showcase of Success

6. Meeting Open to the Public *(for any topic)*

7. Presentations/Discussions

- HIB Grade Report

8. Reports

- ❖ President’s Report
- ❖ Superintendent’s Report
- ❖ Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Report
- ❖ Committee Reports

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings

Move to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

November 10, 2020	Special Business Meeting (1)
November 10, 2020	Special Executive Meeting (2)
November 10, 2020	Board Meeting

12. Meeting Open to the Public *(for any topic)*

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

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

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases a unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then referred to the appropriate board committee. The members of the board committee work with administration and the Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. When the committee is satisfied with the matter, it is presented to the Board of Education for discussion before any final action is taken. Only then, is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting.

- A. Personnel
- B. Finance
- C. Policy
- D. Curriculum

14. Meeting Open to Public *(for any topic)*

15. Announcements

16. 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 _____ and that matters discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as the reason for confidentiality no longer exist.

17. Adjournment

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

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

A. PERSONNEL – SEE ATTACHED

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

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

B. FINANCE

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

Move to approve the Treasurer of School Monies’ Report, and Board Secretary’s Report as of September 30, 2020.

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 November 24, 2020 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 of Education and filed in the Business Office.

3. Resolution

The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metuchen Board of Education and the Metuchen Education Association, for the collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the Board attorney to draft the final version of the contract for execution by the Board of Education and the Association.

4. Resolution

The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metuchen Board of Education and the Metuchen Principals and Supervisors Association, for the collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the Board attorney to draft the final version of the contract for execution by the Board of Education and the Association.

5. Resolution

The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metuchen Board of Education and the Metuchen Association of Educational Secretaries, for the collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the Board attorney to draft the final version of the contract for execution by the Board of Education and the Association.

6. Resolution

The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metuchen Board of Education and the Metuchen Paraprofessional Association, for the collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the Board attorney to draft the final version of the contract for execution by the Board of Education and the Association.

7. Resolution

The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Metuchen Board of Education and the Metuchen Custodial and Maintenance Association, for the collective bargaining agreement covering July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the Board attorney to draft the final version of the contract for execution by the Board of Education and the Association.

8. Professional Development

Move to approve the following professional development activities as shown on the following chart:

Start Date	End Date	Activity Title	Last, First Name	Building	Requested	Payment Method	FFPI #
7/22/2020	7/22/2020	How 3D Tech Ignites Remote and Classroom Learning	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
7/27/2020	7/27/2020	Back-to-School Classroom Management Solutions	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
7/30/2020	7/30/2020	Learning A_Z Connect: Equity and Access in Education Conference	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	

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8/6/2020	8/6/2020	Reopening Schools--What Does Hybrid Mean?	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/13/2020	8/13/2020	Meeting the Needs of Our Youngest Learners	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/19/2020	8/19/2020	Ready Classroom Mathematics: What's New for 2020	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/20/2020	8/20/2020	Learning A-Z instead of Remote Learning... LEARN Remotely!!	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/20/2020	8/20/2020	Assessment Approaches for Today's Learning Environment	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/25/2020	8/25/2020	Kicking off the School Year with Raz Plus	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
8/25/2020	8/25/2020	Move This World	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
9/3/2020	9/3/2020	Connecting with Families When Its More Important Than Ever	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
9/23/2020	9/23/2020	Numeracy Development with Numeracy Talks	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
9/27/2020	9/27/2020	Project-Based Learning! Yes, they can!	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
10/14/2020	10/14/2020	Guided Reading with Raz-Plus	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
10/24/2020	10/24/2020	Be still: Using mindfulness practices with students to improve concentration, calm anxiety and reduce impulsivity.	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
12/1/2020	12/1/2020	DCF-Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board: Suicide Subcommittee	Paredes, Susan	MHS	\$ -	No cost	
12/2/2020	12/3/2020	Global C.R.E.D. 2020	Vosinas, Nickolas	MHS	\$ -	No cost	

9. Evaluations

Move to approve Alexander Road Associates to provide evaluations at a rate of \$650 per evaluation and \$400 per hour for report writing.

----- **end of finance section** -----

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

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

C. POLICY

1. Suspensions

The Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for November 9-20, 2020.

2. HIB Grade System Report

Move to approve the submission of the HIB Self-Assessment Grade Report for the 2019-2020 school year to the NJDOE.

3. Resolution

Recognizing the unique circumstances facing the district during the 2020-2021 school year, the Board hereby temporarily suspends the clause in Policy 3431: Uncompensated Leaves, prohibiting unpaid leaves for non-tenured teaching staff members. Such leaves may be granted to non-tenured staff members in the Board's discretion for any period ending June 30, 2021 on a case by case basis. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the period of a leave of absence without pay shall not accrue toward acquisition of tenure.

----- **end of policy section** -----

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

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

D. CURRICULUM

1. Curriculum Guides

Move to approve the revised curriculum guides for the following subjects:

Revised Curriculum Documents	
Subject	Description
Art	Kindergarten
Art	Grades 1-4
Music	Band, Grades 5-6
Music	Orchestra, High School

----- **end of curriculum section** -----