

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

- ❖ Student Advisory Board
- ❖ Review of baseline data, maintenance and custodial budgets – Mr. Harvier

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:

January 19, 2021	Special Business Meeting (1)
January 19, 2021	Special Executive Meeting (2)
January 19, 2021	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 – see attached

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

B. FINANCE

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. CARES Act Grant (ESSER) Additional Funds

Move to approve the district’s ESSER Grant additional funds for 2020 – through September 30, 2022:

Title	Amount	Description
ESSER	\$31,806	Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security

2. Scoreboard

BE IT RESOLVED that a donation of \$35,750.00 from Manasquan Bank is hereby accepted pursuant to the terms of a written agreement which is hereby approved.

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING

WHEREAS, the Metuchen Board of Education (“Board”) desires to contract with a vendor to procure an elementary school after care school program on behalf of the Board for students in kindergarten through grade 4; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1(b), the Board may use competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services the price of which exceeds the bid threshold, to hire a for-profit entity or not-for-profit entity to operate, manage or administer recreation or social service programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to use competitive contracting to procure the specialized services mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(a), the Board is required to pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5, the competitive contracting process, including the preparation of a request for proposal documentation (“RFP”), solicitation of proposals, and award of a contract based upon the methodology set forth in the aforesaid RFP, must be administered by the Board’s qualified purchasing agent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq., the Metuchen Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of competitive contracting to obtain proposals for the provision of an elementary school after care program for students in kindergarten through grade 4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator, who also serves the Board in the capacity of Qualified Purchasing Agent, is hereby authorized, and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this action of the Board.

4. Acceptance of the 2019-2020 School Year Audit (CAFR)

Move to accept the Comprehensive Audit Financial Report (CAFR), the accompanying Report to Management, and the synopsis prepared by the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and Suplee, Clooney & Company, with no corrective action necessary for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

5. Summer HVAC Work

Approve EI'S proposal dated January 25, 2021 for architectural and engineering services related to HVAC in all four schools.

6. OOD Student Tuition

Move to approve an increase in OOD Student Tuition for Student #2029040, due to addition of extraordinary services (1:1 para).

7. Renewal of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Nonpublic Security Aid Program Contract

Move to approve the following contract for renewal as follows:

-Nonpublic Security Aid Program from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025

8. Professional Development

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

Start Date	End Date	Activity Title	Last, First Name	Building	Requested	Payment Method	FFPI #
11/7/2020	11/7/2020	Water Safety Instructor Certification Course	Thomas, Jim	MHS	\$ 386.00	Other	
1/27/2021	1/27/2021	Making Summative Decisions: Regional IRR and Recertification Training 2020-2021 Day 3	Gupta, Brenda	C/O	\$ 8.00	Other	
2/2/2021	2/2/2021	Child Fatality and Near-Fatality Review Board-Suicide Subcommittee Meeting	Paredes, Susan	MHS	\$ -	No cost	
2/18/2021	2/20/2021	NJMEA Virtual Conference	Flynn, John	CES	\$ 100.00	FFPI	21-063
2/18/2021	2/18/2021	Building Social Relationships through Evidence Based Social Skills Programming for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders	Rice, Kathy	EMS	\$ 175.00	FFPI	21-064
2/18/2021	2/18/2021	Legal One HIB Law Update	Gupta, Brenda	C/O	\$ 100.00	Other	
2/22/2021	2/23/2021	NJAPHERD Convention	Mooney, Mark	EMS	\$ 164.00	FFPI	21-054
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2/25/2021	2/25/2021	NJASCD 5TH Annual Early Childhood Summit	Cohen, Richard	C/O	\$ -	Other	
2/25/2021	2/25/2021	NJASCD 5TH Annual Early Childhood Summit	Masters, Sarah	Moss	\$ 50.00	FFPI	TBD
2/25/2021	2/25/2021	NJASCD 5TH Annual Early Childhood Summit	McKenna, Katie	Moss	\$ 50.00	FFPI	TBD
3/2/2021	3/16/2021	Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom	Agnone, Andrea	EMS	\$ 151.00	FFPI	21-065
3/2/2021	3/16/2021	Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom	Thompson, Lauren	EMS	\$ 151.00	FFPI	21-066
3/5/2021	3/5/2021	Using the Patterns of Strengths and Weaknesses (PSW) Model to Identify Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) and Other Learning Problems	Theiss, Christina	EMS	\$ 60.00	FFPI	21-061
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3/8/2021	3/8/2021	Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Practices in Schools	Gupta, Brenda	CES	\$ -	No cost	
3/10/2021	3/10/2021	NJECC Spring conference	Williams, Raquel	CES	\$ -	No cost	
3/13/2021	3/13/2021	Get Your Teach On's Level Up Conference	Lopes, Sofia	CES	\$ 159.71	FFPI	21-057
3/15/2021	3/15/2021	Legally Compliant IEPs	Bonassisa, Deneane	MHS	\$ 100.00	FFPI	21-058
3/24/2021	3/24/2021	SEL & Student Engagement Through Arts Education	Jaye, Ashley	C/O	\$ 60.00	Other	
4/13/2021	4/17/2021	#SHAPEVirtual National Convention	Huff, Michelle	MHS	\$ 275.00	FFPI	21-062
4/21/2021	4/21/2021	Preparing for Special Education Mediation & Due Process, Special Ed.	Bonassisa, Deneane	MHS	\$ 100.00	FFPI	21-059
4/22/2021	4/22/2021	Nectfl Conference on the teaching of Foreign Languages	Williams, Raquel	CES	\$ 195.00	FFPI	21-060

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

C. POLICY

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Suspensions

The board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for January 18-February 5, 2021.

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

D. CURRICULUM

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Revised Curriculum Guides

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

Revised Curriculum Documents	
Subject	Description
Music	MHS Concert Choir
Music	MHS Concert Band
Art	Grades 5-6
Art	Grades 7-8
Art	MHS Art 3 Portfolio Development

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

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
