

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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**

- ❖ The Vivaldi String Ensemble is a chamber group made up of select students from the MHS Orchestra. Students rehearse every week for an hour after school, preparing a wide variety of music from Classical, Pop, Broadway, and much more. Tonight they will be playing the first movement of "Palladio" by composer Karl Jenkins. "Palladio" was famously featured in a commercial for De Beers Diamonds in 1993 and has become a staple of String Orchestra repertoire ever since.
- ❖ Moss School Governor's Educator of the Year Recipients – Ms. Michele Herold and Ms. Nga Pham
- ❖ Student Advisory Board

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

**7. Presentations**

- ❖ Review of Technology, Transportation and School Based 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:

February 9, 2021	Special Business Meeting (1)
February 9, 2021	Special Executive Meeting (2)
February 9, 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.

**13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools***(at this time the Board will take formal action on the following items)***A. PERSONNEL****Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call****1. Appointment – Substitute Teacher**

Move to approve the following substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, effective February 24, 2021, pending criminal history clearance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Certification</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Daniel Lordi	Sub with college degree	\$90/day
Elizabeth Wallace	English Certification	\$95/day

**2. Appointment – Leave Replacement**

Move to approve the appointment of Michelle Duggan as Leave Replacement for Emily Tzetzos, Edgar School Teacher, effective approximately February 26, 2021 through June 15, 2021, at a rate of \$275.68/day.

**3. Salary Adjustment – Non-certificated Staff**

Move to approve the salary adjustment, prorated, for the following non-certificated staff, due to obtaining longevity:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Longevity</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Mulyanti Uhrlass, MHS Custodian	20 years of completed service	2/1/21	\$47,824	\$49,249

**4. Family Leave - Certificated Staff**

Move to approve the family leave of absence for Eric Stein, Speech Teacher at Campbell School, effective from approximately April 5, 2021 through approximately April 30, 2021.

**5. Appointment – Paraprofessional**

Move to approve the appointment of Briana DeMaio as a Paraprofessional at Campbell School for the 2020-2021 school year, at a salary of \$20,966/year, Step 1, prorated, effective approximately February 24, 2021, pending criminal history clearance.

**6. EMS Self Contained Class Rescission and Approval**

Move to rescind and approve the (.4) instructional stipend for Chris Peckhardt at Edgar School for adapted music for the self contained class for the third and fourth marking periods, effective February 1, 2021. (Agenda 1/19/21, Section 13 A16)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>2020-2021 Stipend</b>
<b>Rescind</b> Chris Peckhardt	Adapted Music Stipend	(.4) \$2,498 prorated
<b>Approve</b> Chris Peckhardt	Adapted Music Stipend	(.4) \$2,912 prorated

**7. Medical Leave of Absence**

Move to approve the medical leave of absence of Julie Anderson, Campbell School Teacher, effective April 5, 2021 through approximately June 9, 2021.

**8. Maternity/Family Leave of Absence Adjustment**

Move to approve the new end date of the maternity/family leave of absence for Candace Evans, Campbell School Teacher, from April 12, 2021 to March 25, 2021 (Agenda 10/13/20 Sec 13 A16).

**9. Leave Replacement – End Date Revision**

Move to extend the leave replacement term of Darcy Moran, leave replacement for Candace Evans, Campbell School Teacher, through June 15, 2021.

**10. Rescission and Approval of Instructional Title 1 RTI Stipend**

Move to rescind and approve the following Instructional Title 1 RTI Stipend for the 2020 – 2021 school year, prorated to take effective March 1, 2021:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>2020-2021 Stipend</b>
<b>Rescind</b> Andrea Elton	Edgar 7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA RTI	\$7,281 prorated
<b>Approve</b> Todd Gural	Edgar 7 <sup>th</sup> grade ELA RTI	\$7,281 prorated

**11. Appointment – Certificated Staff**

Move to approve the appointment of Kelsee Young as Preschool Special Education Teacher, for the 2020-2021 school year, at a salary of \$51,000/year, Step 1A, prorated, effective March 1, 2021.

**12. Leave of Absence Extension**

Move to extend the leave of absence end date of Kerry Blaze, MHS Teacher, through June 30, 2021.

**13. Leave Replacement – End Date Revision**

Move to extend the leave replacement term of Robert Gwiazda, leave replacement for Kerry Blaze, MHS Teacher, through June 15, 2021.

**14. Appointment – 2021-2022 Student Teacher**

Move to approve the following 2021-2022 Student Teacher in our schools:

Name	School
Katelyn Borsos	Campbell

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## **B. FINANCE**

### **Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

#### **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 December 31, 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 February 23, 2021 no budgetary line item accounts have obligations and payments which exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education.

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Michael A. Harvier, Board Secretary

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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. Budget Transfers**

Move to approve budget transfers effective December 31, 2020.

#### **4. Student Agreement**

Move to approve the settlement agreement of Student #2021119.

#### **5. Speech and Language Evaluations**

Move to approve Marlana Hamfeldt Loden to conduct Speech and Language evaluations, as needed, at a rate of \$415 per evaluation.

#### **6. Educational Evaluations**

Move to approve Tomasso Educational Services to conduct Educational Evaluations, as needed, at a rate of \$550 per evaluation and \$75/hour for meeting.

#### **7. Educational Evaluations**

Move to approve Brunswick Reading and Speech Center to conduct Educational Evaluations, as needed, at a rate of \$450 per evaluation.

**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 #
2/25/2021	2/25/2021	NJASCD Early Childhood Conference	McKenna, Katherine	Moss	\$ 50.00	FFPI	21-067
2/25/2021	2/25/2021	NJASCD Early Childhood Summit Conference	Masters, Sarah	Moss	\$ 100.00	FFPI	21-068
3/3/2021	3/5/2021	Character.org Spring 2021 Virtual Forum	Levin, Lisa	CES	\$ 179.00	Other	
3/3/21	3/10/21	Supporting Students with Verbal Working Memory Limitations (2 separate night sessions)	Smith, Rebecca	CES	\$115.	FFPI	21-076
3/4/2021	3/4/2021	The Nurtured Heart Approach &reg;; Transforming Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Outcomes	Rubin, Samantha	MHS	\$ 90.00	FFPI	21-075
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	Rosa, Daniel	EMS	\$ 60.00	FFPI	21-073
3/11/2021	3/11/2021	MINDSET: Let's Keep Positive	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
3/13/2021	3/13/2021	Get Your Teach On' Level Up Virtual Conference	Spak, Jennifer	CES	\$ 159.71	FFPI	21-070
3/13/2021	3/13/2021	Get Your Teach On: Level Up Virtual Conference	Signorile, Vincent	CES	\$ 159.71	FFPI	21-069
3/19/2021	3/19/2021	Inclusion Leadership Conference	Pasquale, Jennifer	CES	\$ 50.00	FFPI	21-071
3/19/2021	3/19/2021	NJCIE Inclusion Leadership Conference	Omark, Lindsey	CES	\$ 50.00	FFPI	21-072
3/25/2021	3/25/2021	Kids and Adults Coping in the United States of Anxiety	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	
4/1/2021	4/1/2021	Substance Use and Youth: Current Trends. Warning Signs, and Engagment Techniques	Rubin, Samantha	MHS	\$ 90.00	FFPI	21-074
4/22/2021	4/22/2021	Making Sense of our Natural World	Spring, Christina	CES	\$ -	No cost	

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**C. POLICY**

*Nothing at this time*

**D. CURRICULUM**

**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Music Curriculum Guide**

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

<b>Revised Curriculum Documents</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>
Music	MHS Music Technology

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**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**

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