

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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, 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

- ❖ Senior Footlighter Elizabeth Baginski will be performing “Somewhere That's Green” from *Little Shop of Horrors*. Elizabeth and the other Footlighters can be viewed performing the spring Metuchen High School Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* on their website:

www.mhsfootlighters.com

All performances will be streamed at 7 pm at a date TBD.

- ❖ This year Metuchen High School is proud to announce the following 24 seniors received the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese, and Hindi. The State Seal of Biliteracy was established to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, listening, and writing in one or more world languages, in addition to English. To earn the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy, students must meet English Language Arts graduation requirements and earn a proficiency level of Intermediate Mid or higher on a state-approved, World Language assessment. Congratulations to the following students:

Aanand Aggarwal – Spanish
Nozanin Bahridinova – Russian
Noah Bilgrav – Spanish
Jocelyn Chou – French and Chinese
Joshua Hyman – Spanish
Karim Khan – Spanish
Chase Klavon – Spanish
Maggie Kleiner – Spanish
Alyssa Laporte – French
Paige Larson – Spanish
Caroline Leon – Spanish
Erica Li – Spanish
Isabel Li – French
MaryKate McCunney – Spanish
Isabel Melendez – Spanish
David Mercado – Spanish
Simar Monga – French and Hindi
Sophie Palter – Spanish
Hruday Shah – Spanish
Allie Tay – French
Isabel Weiner – Spanish
Sela Wyetzner – Spanish
Yuan Tai Xie – Spanish and Chinese
Sammie Zhu – Spanish

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

7. Presentations

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:

April 27, 2021	Special Business Meeting (1)
April 27, 2021	Special Executive Meeting (2)
April 27, 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

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Appointment – Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of Kelsey Comerford, Media Specialist in the Metuchen School District, for the 2021-2022 school year, at a salary of \$54,075, Step 3A, contingent upon confirmation of Master’s Degree and pending receipt of NJ certification, effective September 1, 2021.

2. Appointment – Substitute Teachers

Move to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year, effective May 12, 2021, pending criminal clearance history:

Name	Certification	Rate
Kelsey Comerford	Sub, with college degree	\$90/day
Kelcey Flaherty	Sub, with college degree	\$90/day

3. Appointment – 2020-2021 Observation

Move to approve the following 2020-2021 Observation in our schools:

Name	School
Emily Golden, Observer, ESL	All schools

4. Reappointment – Non-Tenured Administrators

Move to approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured administrators for the 2021-2022 school year as shown on Attachment 1 (first page).

5. Reappointment – Non-Tenured Teachers

Move to approve the reappointment of the following non-tenured teachers for the 2021-2022 school year as shown on Attachment 1 (second through fourth pages).

6. Resignation – Supervisor

Move to accept the resignation of Brenda Gupta, Supervisor of Guidance & School Counseling, effective June 30, 2021.

7. Salary Adjustments – Clubs & Co-Curricular Activities

Move to approve the salary adjustment for the following club stipend for the 2020-2021 school year (Agenda 09/22/20, section 13 A16):

Club/Co-Curricular	Advisor	Stipend
Science Honor Society (A)	Ryan Clapp	\$1101.00

8. Teachers for Summer S.T.R.E.A.M.

Move to approve the following teachers for the 2021 Summer S.T.R.E.A.M. program effective July 8, 2021 for prep work and July 12 through August 5, 2021 (four days/week) for a total of 17 days not to exceed 110 hours/teacher at the contractual rate of \$47/hour from ESSER II funds:

Name
Jeremy Barnes
Tom Yakowenko
Margie Thomas
Scott Delaney
Joe Fitzgibbons
Tara Pata
Danielle Rubinowitsch
Sofia Lopes
Alexandra Gonzalez
Sydney Rudin
Ginny Wetzel
Emily Presuto
Mike Butler
Tomasz Sobieniak

9. Counselors for S.T.R.E.A.M.

Move to approve the following counselors for the 2021 Summer S.T.R.E.A.M. program effective July 8, 2021 for prep work and July 12, 2021 through August 5, 2021 (four days/week) for a total of 17 days to be paid at their daily rate from ESSER II funds (Mental Health):

Name
Erica Hsu
Samantha Rubin

10. Resignation – Certificated Staff

Move to accept the resignation of Kelly Wales, School Psychologist, effective August 30, 2021.

11. Resignation – Certificated Staff

Move to accept the resignation of Isabelle Filiciello, Speech Language Pathologist, effective August 30, 2021.

-----end of personnel section-----

B. FINANCE

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

1. Transportation Jointures and Individual Routes 2021-2022

Move to approve the transportation jointures and individual routes for the 2021-2022 school year with the following districts and educational service commissions: Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Somerset County Educational Services Commission, Monmouth / Ocean Educational Services Commission, South Plainfield School District, Edison School District, Piscataway School District, and Woodbridge School District.

2. Transportation Providers 2021-2022

Move to approve South Plainfield School District, Durham School Services, Garas Transportation, Nelvi Transit Inc., D&L Bus Services, Mercy Transportation, Road to Success, and Stars Transport Inc. as transportation providers for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Resolution – NJSIG

The Metuchen Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant submission for the 2021 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group’s ERIC NORTH Subfund for the purposes described in the application in the amount of \$16336.00 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

4. Nonpublic Security Aid

Move to approve the following nonpublic security aid for the 2020-2021 school year. These expenditures are required for the district to fulfill certain legal obligations under state legislation to administer federal or state funds provided to nonpublic schools within our jurisdiction:

School	Vendor	QTY	Item #	Description	Price	Total
Apple Montessori School	CDW	1	5850815	Amazon Echo Show 8 smart display LCD wireless	\$144.79	\$144.79
		1	5689930	Nest Hello Doorbell Camera	\$235.28	\$235.28
		2	6253733	Dell OptiPlex 5480 All In One 8 GB	\$1,019.12	\$2,038.24

5. Evaluations

Move to approve Drs. Jeffrey Kornitzer and Poorvi Patel, St. Joseph’s Healthcare, to complete neurological evaluations at a rate of \$450 per evaluation, effective April 1, 2021.

6. Effective School Solutions

Move to approve Effective School Solutions to provide therapeutic programs at Metuchen High School at a rate of \$371,510 effective July 1 2021 through June 30, 2022.

7. 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 Name	Requested Expense Total	Payment Method
5/20/2021	5/20/2021	QPR- Question, Persude, Refer	Chango, Lisa	EMS	0	No cost

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

C. POLICY

1. District Calendar Change

Move to approve a district calendar change to make June 8, 2021 an all-remote early dismissal day.

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

D. CURRICULUM

Nothing at this time

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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Attachment #1

Reappointment of Non-tenured Administrators for the 2021-2022 School Year

Name	School	Assignment	Tenure Date	2021-22 Salary
Herzog, Tania	District	Director of Special Services	7/2/2021	\$160,580
Azevedo, Suzy	EMS	Principal	Principal Tenure 8/27/2022	\$136,847
Evans, Neyda	EMS	Assistant Principal	Supervisor Tenure:8/15/2022 Asst Principal Tenure:8/27/2022	\$125,527
Jaye, Ashley	District	Supervisor	11/26/2023	\$115,331
North, Jennifer	District	Supervisor	2/27/2022	\$115,331
Dougherty, Natalie	District	Supervisor	10/2/2024	\$120,160

Reappointment of Non-tenured Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year

Name	School	Assignment	Tenure Date	2021-2022 Step/Salary
McKenna, Katherine	Moss	MIPP	9/1/2021	1-F, \$57,250
Peluso (Walsh), Emily	Moss	Speech	9/1/2021	3-I, \$71,400
Riera, Karla	CES	LDTTC	9/1/2021	5-N, \$99,000
Movsessian, Danielle	CES	Classroom Teacher	9/12/2021	3-E, \$58,013
DiVanno, Rachel	EMS	Middle School Science	9/1/2021	1-E, \$55,250
Forde, Caroline	EMS	5 th Grade	9/1/2021	1-F, \$57,250
Bonassisa, Deneane	MHS	LDTTC	9/1/2021	4-N, \$96,750
Van de Castle, Karen	MHS	Comprehensive Business	9/1/2021	4-I, \$73,100

Williams, Raquel	CES	Spanish	4/17/2022	3-N, \$94,500
Whitlock, Susan	Moss/CES	Social Worker	9/1/2022	3-L, \$85,050
Delaney, Scott	CES	Classroom Teacher	9/1/2022	1-F, \$57,250
Omark, Lindsey	CES	Special Ed	9/1/2022	3-F, \$60,113
Pasquale, Jennifer	CES	Classroom Teacher	9/1/2022	1-D, \$54,250
Polesky, Alyssa	CES	Special Ed	9/1/2022	3-D, \$56,963
Smith, Elizabeth	CES	Special Ed	9/1/2022	1-G, \$60,200
Jones, Frank	EMS	Technology Education	9/1/2022	1-M, \$85,500
Garfinkel, Linda	EMS/MHS	Part Time French	9/1/2022	3-J, \$60,480 (.8)
Eagel, Ken	MHS	Technology Education	9/28/2022	1-M, \$85,500
Baird, Alexa	MHS	English	10/9/2022	2-G, \$61,705
Scanlon, Daniel	MHS	English	9/1/2022	1-E, \$55,250
Vosinas, Nickolas	MHS	Spanish	4/9/2023	3-F, \$60,113

Pham, Nga	Moss	School Nurse	2/19/2024	1-E, \$55,250
Herold (Reed), Michele	Moss	Integrated Preschool	5/2/2024	1-E, \$55,250
Galassa, Francine	CES	Special Ed	9/1/2023	3-E, \$58,013
Stein, Eric	CES	Speech	9/1/2023	3-L, \$85,050
Bormann, Kristina	CES	Reading Intervention	5/12/2024	3-I, \$71,400
Dugasz, Alyssa	EMS	ELA	9/1/2023	1-D, \$54,250
Dwyer, Rebecca	EMS	ELA	9/1/2023	1-G, \$60,200
Fishman, Lindsay	EMS	Special Ed	9/1/2023	3-G, \$63,210
Rudin, Sydney	EMS	5 th Grade	9/1/2023	1-C, \$53,250
Bagnoli, Cynthia	EMS	Math Intervention	5/13/2024	3-K, \$80,325
Clapp, Ryan	MHS	Biology	9/1/2023	1-F, \$57,250
Klee, Martin	MHS	Physics	9/1/2023	3-D, \$56,963
McEwan, Christopher	MHS	Music - Strings	9/1/2023	1-C, \$53,250
Murphy, Kelly	MHS	Art	9/1/2023	3-J, \$75,600
Rubin, Samantha	MHS	SAC	9/1/2023	3-E, \$58,013
Stone, Clarence	MHS	Technology Ed.	10/3/23	4-L, \$87,075
Tencza, Katherine	MHS	ELA	9/1/2023	1-D, \$54,250
Nalepa, Lindsay	MHS	Sp. Ed./Science	10/15/2023	4-L, \$87,075
Youngman, Julie	MHS	Athletic Trainer	1/29/2024	1-C, \$53,250

Masters, Sarah	Moss	P-3 Sp Ed	9/2/2024	1-B, \$52,250
Young, Kelsee	Moss	P-3 Sp Ed	9/2/2024	1-B, \$52,250
Signorile, Vincent	CES	2 nd Grade	9/2/2024	1-B, \$52,250
Quaglieri, Amanda (Marciante)	CES	Nurse	1/16/2025	1-C, \$53,250
Agnone, Andrea	EMS	Special Ed	9/2/2024	1-B, \$52,250

Avena, Olivia	EMS	Science	9/2/2024	1-E, \$55,250
Bropson, Christina	EMS	Special Ed	9/2/2024	3-D, \$56,963
Hembree, Jamie	EMS	Science	9/2/2024	1-E, \$55,250
Thompson, Lauren	EMS	Special Ed	9/2/2024	1-D, \$54,250
Sullivan, Casey	EMS/MHS	Speech	9/2/2024	3-B, \$54,683
Burnett, Ann	MHS	Special Ed	9/2/2024	3-J, \$75,600
Coleman, Stephanie	MHS	Special Ed	9/2/2024	3-B, \$54,863
Egan, Estephania	MHS	Spanish	9/2/2024	2-C, \$54,581
Mooney, Mark	MHS	PE	9/22/2024	1-F, \$57,250
Huff, Michelle	MHS	PE	10/22/2024	3-J, \$75,600
Lim, Ji Yeon	MHS	Math	3/23/2025	1-F, \$57,250
Wang, Jing Jing	MHS	Chemistry	10/24/2024	4-G, \$64,715
Sobieniak, Tomasz	MHS	Math	3/2/2025	4-H, \$68,800
Rosa, Daniel	Special Services	Psychologist	9/2/2024	4-B, \$56,169