

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

**MEETING MINUTES  
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, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

**4. Roll Call**

Mr. Benderly	P	Dr. Johnson-Marcus	P
Ms. Cook	P	Ms. Killean	A
Mr. Derflinger	A	Mr. Lifton	P
Ms. Dimbeng	A	Dr. Spigner	P
Mr. Glassberg	P	Mr. Suss	P

**5. Showcase of Success**

❖ MHS Chamber Orchestra

The Metuchen High School Chamber Orchestra is the premier orchestral ensemble in the Metuchen School District. In the past year, the Metuchen High School Chamber Orchestra has received a Gold Rating at the CJMEA Orchestra Festival, participated in the NJMEA Orchestra Festival, and won first place in the 2023 Rowan String Festival. The MHS Chamber Orchestra regularly performs throughout the state of New Jersey for various community events, holding performances at Eden Autism Services, local benefit concerts, as well as a yearly chamber recital. All students in the MHS Chamber Orchestra perform in either quartets or quintets throughout the year, with these chamber groups receiving Distinguished Ratings at the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival, and the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival. The MHS Chamber Orchestra is an auditioned group that meets once a week after school for 2 hours. Tonight, the MHS Chamber Orchestra will perform "Allegro Con Brio," by Antonin Dvorak. They will be performing this piece next Tuesday to open the Rowan University Orchestra Concert, as a prize for winning the Rowan String Festival last Spring.

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

**7. Presentations**

- ❖ NJSLA Science Presentation - Kate Lemerich gave the presentation. The Board asked questions and made comments.
- ❖ AP/SAT/ACT Presentation - Mr. Porowski, Mx. Manziano, Ms. Lemerich and Ms. Jaye gave the presentation. The Board asked questions and made comments.
- ❖ HIB Grading Self-Assessment 2022-2023 SY - Dr Caputo gave his presentation.

**8. Reports**

- ❖ President's Report - None
- ❖ Superintendent's Report - None
- ❖ Committee Reports

Mr. Glassberg gave a report for the Construction Committee.

Mr. Suss gave a report for the Finance/Facilities Committee.

- ❖ Student Board Member Report - None

**9. Old Business** - None

**10. New Business** - None

**11. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings**

September 26, 2023	Special Business Meeting (1)
September 26, 2023	Special Business Meeting (2)
September 26, 2023	Board Meeting

Mr. Lifton motioned. Mr. Glassberg seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Metuchen High School senior Leslie Flaherty came up and spoke about her support of the softball team Florida trip.

**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 - Substitute Secretary**

Move to approve the appointment of Donna Corrigan as Substitute Secretary at Metuchen High School, for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$22/hour, effective October 18, 2023.

**2. Appointment - School Secretary**

Move to approve the appointment of Donna Corrigan, School Secretary at Metuchen High School, at a salary of \$49,789/year, prorated, effective November 1, 2023.

**3. New Teacher Academy Mentor**

Move to approve the following mentor to work with new teachers at the New Teacher Academy, August 28, 2023 to September 1, 2023, to be paid at a rate of \$49/hour, not to exceed 6 hours:

Teacher	School
Jonathan Nolde	Campbell

**4. Student Observers**

Move to approve the following Student Observers in our school district for the 2023 fall semester:

Name	School	Teacher
Antonio Guzman	Campbell	Margie Thomas
Spencer White	Campbell	Margie Thomas
Dan Howells	Campbell	Margie Thomas

**5. Formal Mentor Teacher Assignments**

Move to approve the following additional formal mentor assignments for the 2023-2024 school year, to work with the following mentee teachers (Agenda 8/8/23, Section 13 A13):

New Teacher	School	Mentor	Payment, Traditional Route \$550 for 30 weeks
Shannon Desch	MHS	Chris Giddes	\$550, prorated, based on number of weeks
Sean Rappleyea	MHS	Jonathan Stevens	\$550

**6. Appointment - Leave Replacement**

Move to approve the appointment of Nicholas Tay, as Leave Replacement for Edgar School Industrial Arts Teacher, effective September 18, 2023, at the rate of \$150/day.

**7. Medical Leave of Absence Extension - Custodian**

Move to approve the extension of the medical leave of absence of Mark Cooper, Custodian at Campbell School, through approximately November 1, 2023 (Agenda 7/18/23, Section 13 A23 and 9/12/23, Section 13 A16).

**8. Medical Leave of Absence - Paraprofessional**

Move to approve the medical leave of absence of Gina DelRosso, Paraprofessional at Edgar School, effective October 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**9. Updated Job Description - Assistant Superintendent**

Move to approve the updated job description of the Assistant Superintendent for Metuchen Public Schools, as stated on the attachment.

**10. Appointment - Assistant Superintendent**

Move to approve the appointment of Tania Herzog, as Assistant Superintendent for Metuchen Public Schools, for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$181,000/year, prorated, effective October 18, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**11. Senior Class Advisor - Revision**

Move to rescind and approve the following co-curricular stipend for the co-curricular activity for the 2023-2024 school year as listed (Agenda 8/22/2023, Section 13, A9):

<b>Metuchen High School</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>2023-2024 Stipend</b>
<b>Rescind:</b> Susan Paredes	Senior Class Advisor (Step 2)	\$4185.00
<b>Approve:</b> Emily Caponigro	Senior Class Advisor (Step 1)	\$3995.00

**12. Appointment - Additional Substitutes**

Move to approve the appointment of the following additional substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year, effective October 10, 2023, pending completion of substitute training and criminal history clearance:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Anderson	Avery	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$15/hour
DiSerio	Nicolette	Substitute Paraprofessional	\$15/hour

**13. Interim Moss Principal - Extension**

Move to extend the term of Kathy Glutz, Interim Principal at Moss School, through approximately December 1, 2023, at a rate of \$600/day (Agenda 9/26/23, Section 13 A13).

**14. Appointment - Home Instruction**

Move to approve the following personnel for Home Instruction for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed, at a rate of \$60/hour, pending criminal history clearance:

Joanne Jacobson
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**15. Supplemental Intervention Services**

Move approve the following certificated staff to provide beyond the school day supplemental intervention services for the 2023-2024 school year at the hourly rate of \$49/hour (ESSER III funded):

Isabella Massaro	Vincent Signorile	Patricia Lewis
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**16. Special Education Trainers**

Move to approve the following staff members to prepare and provide training for special education programs and mandated professional development for the 2023-2024 school year, at the hourly rate of \$49/hour:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Patricia Lewis	Special Education for Transportation Department
Lindsay Nalepa	Co-Teacher

**17. Appointment - Paraprofessionals as Substitutes**

Move to approve the following paraprofessionals to serve as substitutes as needed and assigned for the 2023-2024 school year, at an additional stipend of \$50/day:

Francesca Ghezzeo	Kelly Vissichelli	Hope Serratelli	Kajal Desai
Jordan Leitner	Farhana Omarzai	Marilyn Levine	Sonia Aswani
Deborah Stolz	Joe DiMeglio	Tara Tay	Dorothea Parker
Alan Ames			Michelle Duggan

**18. Paraprofessional Mentors**

Move to approve the following staff to serve as Paraprofessional Mentors, for a stipend in the amount of \$250 for the 2023-2024 school year:

Anurima Bakshi	Abeera Faizan
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**19. Appointment - Leave Replacement**

Move to approve the appointment of DejaMarie Rodriguez, Leave Replacement for Lisa Chango, School Counselor at Edgar School, at a rate of \$301.49/day, effective approximately October 31, 2023 through approximately February 5, 2024.

**20. Appointment - Substitute Custodian**

Move to approve the appointment of Zakary Dunsavage, Substitute Custodian for Metuchen Public Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$15/hour, effective October 18, 2023, pending criminal history clearance.

Mr. Lifton motioned. Ms. Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Dr. Caputo brought the the Board’s attention to the appointment of the new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Tania Herzog, and Ms. Glutz as interim Moss Principal.

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

**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 July 31, 2023.

**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 October 17, 2023 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. Athletic Transportation Routes**

Move to approve the following renewal rates for Athletic Transportation routes with George Dapper Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year:

Vehicle	Hours	Amount
54 passenger w/seatbelts	3	\$248.46
	4	\$319.43
	5	\$390.42
Additional hourly amount after 5 hours		\$76.84
One way in town shuttle		\$161.35

**4. Additional Transportation Providers 2023-2024**

Move to approve Irvin Raphael Inc., Shamrock Stagecoach, and Stout’s Transportation as additional transportation providers for the 2023-2024 school year.

**5. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill**

Move to accept the following reports on the completion of the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill:

- 9/27/2023 8:30 AM, Metuchen High School, student parking lot. Van 16. Supervised by Brian Stike
- 10/3/2023 8:00 AM – 2:15 PM, Edgar School, back bus circle. Full School Evacuation Practice during Physical Education & Health Classes, Busses 25 & 27 were used for all. Teachers Leading the drill were John Butler, Rick Carter, Michelle Huff, Nicolette Jomo, Drew Bandola
- 10/4/2023 8:42 AM, Moss School, in back of school. Van 20. Supervised by Marissa Plancher and Sandy Iacona
- 10/4/2023 9:02 AM, Moss School, in back of school. Van 24, Van 16, Van 14 Supervised by Marissa Plancher and Billy Ortman
- 10/4/2023 11:55 AM, Moss School, in back of school. Van 20. Supervised by Marissa Plancher, Michele Herold, and Kelsee Young
- 10/5/2023 9:30 – 11:00 AM, Campbell Elementary School, Location for the drill was Campbell driveway between Talmadge & Durham. Full school evacuation practice at assigned times. Supervised by Marissa Plancher, Oscar Colbert, Brooke Kirschner, Joe Fitzgibbon, and Billy Ortman

**6. Nonpublic Technology Aid**

Move to approve the following nonpublic technology aid for the 2023-2024 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
St. Francis Cathedral School	QuaverEd	1		QuaverMusic	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00

**7. Professional Development**

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

Start Date	End Date	Activity Title	Name	Building	Approved	Payment	FFPI Proposal #
10/16/2023	10/16/2023	Asynchronous Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension Digital Course	Masters, Sarah	Moss	0	No cost	
10/20/2023	10/20/2023	AMTNJ Fall Conference	Warnock, Michael	MHS	\$215	FFPI	24-063
10/20/2023	10/20/2023	Fall 2023 AMTNJ Conference	Cecchine, Jennifer	Edgar	\$247.76	FFPI	24-053
10/23/2023	10/25/2023	NJSBA Workshop 2023 - Sustainable Schools NJ - Awards Ceremony	Pasquale, Jennifer	CES	\$526.50	Other	
10/23/2023	10/25/2023	NJSBA Workshop 2023 / Sustainable Schools Award Ceremony	Omark, Lindsey	CES	\$526.50	Other	
10/24/2023	10/24/2023	NJSBA Workshop 2023/ Sustainable Schools NJ Awards Ceremony	Kremer, Christine	Edgar	\$273.50	FFPI	
10/27/2023	5/31/2024	Traumatic Loss Coalition Middlesex County Monthly Meetings	Granados, Lisa	MHS	\$127	FFPI	24-054
10/28/2023	10/28/2023	Dyslexia: Its Impacts in the Classroom with Amy Garner	Spring, Christina	CES	\$20	FFPI	24-057
11/2/2023	11/2/2023	No More Meltdowns: Managing Overwhelming Frustration and Anxiety	Crawford, Courtney	Edgar	\$99	FFPI	24-061
11/30/	11/30/	TLC Annual Suicide	Granados, Lisa	MHS	\$138	FFPI	24-056

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2023	2023	Conference: Finding Hope : Insights shared from those with Lived Experience					
12/1/2023	12/1/2023	NJIDA Fall Conference	Smith, Elizabeth	CES	\$210	FFPI	24-062
12/2/2023	12/2/2023	"Make and Take Orton Gillingham Learning Centers" with Amy Garner	Spring, Christina	CES	\$20	FFPI	24-058
1/20/2024	1/20/2024	Explore the 8 Essential Elements of Math Intervention with Dr. Nicki Newton	Spring, Christina	CES	\$25	FFPI	24-059
2/23/2024	3/8/2024	Understanding and Using PSW and the Simple View of Reading Frameworks to Foster Collaboration in the Identification of Dyslexia, SLI, & SLD	Donatelli, Dana	Moss	\$20	FFPI	24-055
4/13/2024	4/13/2024	"Cultivating Critical Thinkers & Dance, Raps, and Chants" with Shannon Cunningham Lanning	Spring, Christina	CES	\$20	FFPI	24-060
10/6/2023	10/6/2023	CJPride PD Day	Taylor, Carolyn	Central Office	approx \$30 (mileage)	Other	

**8. 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 August 30, 2023.

Mr. Suss motioned. Ms. Cook seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0 for item 1 and items 3-8. Motion carried 6-0-1 for item 2. Mr. Benderly abstained.

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

**C. POLICY**

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

**1. Suspensions**

The Board hereby acknowledges receipt of the suspension report summary for September 25 - October 13, 2023.

**2. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying**

Move to affirm the findings of the previously reported case.



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Ms. Cook motioned. Dr. Spigner seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

**D. CURRICULUM**  
**Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call**

**1. Field Trips**

Move to approve the following field trips for students in the Metuchen School District as shown:

School	Destination	Class/Group/ Purpose	Teachers/ Advisors	Date(s)	No. Of Students	Board Cost- Transportation	Number of Subs Needed.
(a) MHS	Space Coast Florida Spring Ball	Grade 9-12; Students will develop teamwork and collaboration between athletes. Develop a positive relationship. Spring training develops team comradery as they practice together and develop a bond so they play effectively once the season begins.	Michelle Huff, Ed Porowski, Mark Mooney	3/21/ 2024 - 3/24/ 2024	16	0	1 sub needed
(b) Moss	Metuchen Library	Grade K; Students will engage in community based instruction to the Metuchen Public Library to generalize communication, social and ELA goals outside of the classroom and practice engaging within the community. PreK: 0.1.P.A.3 Actively engage in activities and interactions with teachers and peers. 0.2.P.A.4 Attend to tasks for a period of time. 9.2.3 Use multiple means of communication to	Katie Upshaw, Farhana Khan ,Tina Huber, Joelle Williams, Kajal Desai, Substitute; Shannon MacMenamie, Sandy Iacona, Laura Hermans, Karen Calantoni, Brinna Fortino, Lori Anne, Dana Donatelli, Caronline Mandel	11/14/ 2023	15	\$40	no subs needed

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		creatively express thoughts, ideas, and feelings (e.g., sing a song and act out the life cycle of a butterfly. K: ELA.EE.SL.K.1 Participate in conversations with others. ELA.EE.RL.K.1 With guidance and support, identify details in familiar stories. ELA.EE.RF.K.3 Demonstrate emerging awareness of print. a. With guidance and support, recognize the first letter of own name in print.					
(c)	Moss Giamarese Farm & Orchards	Grade K; Students will engage in community instruction to Giamarese Farms & Orchards to learn and generalize social/emotional/behavioral goals, communication goals, in addition to expanding upon their prior learning to support their experiences in application to this trip. Students will also practice reflection on their experience. 2.3.1 Uses safe practices indoors and out (e.g., wear bike helmets, walk in the classroom, understand how to participate in emergency drills and understand why car seats and seatbelts are used) 9.4.1 Use prior knowledge to understand new experiences or a problem in a new context (e.g., after learning about snakes,	Katherine Upshaw, Farhana Khan, Tina Huber, Joelle Williams, Kajal Desai, Substitute; Shannon MacMenamie, Sandy Iacona, Laura Hermans, Karen Calantoni, Brianna Fortino, Lori Anne, Dana Donatelli, Caroline Mandel	10/27/2023	15	\$60	no subs needed

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		children make comparisons when finding a worm on the playground) ELA.EE.SL.K.1 Participate in conversations with others. ELA.EE.SL.K.6 With guidance and support, communicate thoughts, feelings, and ideas. ELA.EE.L.K.1.d With guidance and support, identify answers to simple questions (e.g., who, what) from an array of choices.					
(d)	Campbell Borough Hall	Grade 2; We will continue to learn about our community and various employees of the Borough by meeting with Mayor Busch, officers of the Police Department and other valuable members of our community.	All second grade teachers and paraprofessionals	10/30/2023	168	0	no subs needed
(e)	Campbell Tiny Town	Grades 1-4; Kelly Vissichelli Emily Almeida Ben Hohmann Deb De Cerbo Dee Parker Abeera Omarzai Rose Di Leonards Kinjal Vakharia Emily Bianchi	Kelly Vissichelli, Emily Almeida, Ben Hohmann, Deb De Cerbo, Dee Parker, Abeera Omarzai, Rose Di Leonards, Kinjal Vakharia, Emily Bianchi	12/1/2023	10	0	no subs needed
(f)	Campbell Metuchen Post Office	Grades 1-4; Community based instruction to the post office to generalize communication goals outside of the classroom and practice attending within the community. SL 2.1; SL 2.2; SL 2.6	Kelly Vissichelli Emily Almeida Ben Hohmann Deb DeCerbo Dee Parker Abeera Omarzai Rose Di Leonardo Kinjal Vakharia Emily Bianchi	11/17/2023	10	0	no subs needed
(g)	Campbell Metuchen Library	Grades 1-5; Community based instruction to the	Dee Parker, Abeera Omarzai, Rose	11/13/2023	10	0	no subs needed

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		public library to generalize communication goals outside of the classroom and practice attending within the community. SL 2.1; SL 2.2; SL 2.6	Di Leonardo, Kinjal Vakharia, Kelly Vissichelli, Deb De Cerbo, Ben Hohmann, Emily Almeida, Emily Bianchi				
(h)	Campbell Saint Lukes	Grades 2-4; Community based instruction to Saint Luke's Pumpkin Patch to generalize social emotional/behavioral skills, communication goals, and science skills outside of the classroom and practice them within a community setting. SL 2.1 2-PS1-1	Kelly Vissichelli, Emily Almeida, Ben Hohmann, Deb De Cerbo, Lori Anne Diserio	10/20/2023	5	0	no subs needed
(i)	Edgar Camp Mason	Grade 5; Outdoor Education/SEL Trip	5th grade staff and other EMS/Campbell /HS Staff plus nurse	5/29/2024 to 5/31/2024 (2 nights)	165(approximately)	0	TBD
(j)	Edgar Somerset Patriots Ballpark	Grade 6; Education day-students will complete a packet prior to and after the game. These exercises focus on how baseball connects to math, science, language arts, and social studies.	6th grade team teachers: Kristin Bruno, Paul Mruczinski, Ken Smith, Karen Logan, Caroline Forde, Rebecca Dwyer, Suzy Palmer, Julia Vaughn, Lindsey Kaye, Beth McLaughlin	5/29/2024	215	0	no subs needed
(k)	Edgar Weihnachtsmarkt	Grades 7-12; The Weihnachtsmarkt is an authentic holiday market much like the Christmas markets that appear in many German cities during the holidays. The students get to experience the atmosphere and authentic German	8 teachers-TBA	12/1/2023	90	0	7 subs needed

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		food and holiday items.						
(l)	Edgar	High Note Festival/Dorney Park	Grade 7 & 8; Students perform in an adjudicated festival where conductor from colleges and universities are their adjudicators and workshop leaders. Students gain live performance experience, feedback and critique from master conductors and use our district's SEL emotional problem solving question set by identifying how they sound and how they feel	Jordyn Gallagher, Robyn Keyes, Christopher McEwan, Stefeny Kromholz	6/7/2024	120	0	4 subs needed
(m)	Edgar	Bridgewater Middle School	Grade 7; Grade 7 G&T STEM class annually competes in the FLL-First Lego League Challenge. Students showcase the coding skills they have learned in class to compete against other middle school teams. In addition, students perform a skit to address a "challenge" in front of a panel of judges.	Ed Ronk (possibly 1 additional staff member)	11/18/2023	23	\$250	no subs needed
(n)	MHS	Harvard Model Congress/Boston Sheraton Hotel	Grade 11-12; Harvard Model Congress is a Harvard student-led government simulation conference, in which each member of our delegation will prepare for fulfill an assigned government role	Chris Giddes, Danielle Cermak, and Bill Schlavis	2/22/2024	32	0	3 subs needed
(o)	MHS	The Imperia	12th Grade; High School Students will attend the culminating recognition event, hosted by the Robert Wood Johnson Safety	Danielle Cermak, Karin Flores, Sarah Karger	5/21/2024	8	\$90	1 sub needed

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		Ambassador Program.						
(p)	MHS	Campbell Elementary school	12th Grade; High School students will teach safety lessons to 1st graders, in conjunction with RWJBH Safety Ambassador Program	Sarah Karger	2/15/2024	8	\$40	1 sub needed
(q)	MHS	Campbell Elementary school	12th Grade; High School students will teach safety lessons to 1st graders, in conjunction with RWJBH Safety Ambassador Program	Karin Flores	4/11/2024	8	\$40	1 sub needed
(r)	MHS	Campbell Elementary school	12th Grade; High School students will teach safety lessons to 1st graders, in conjunction with RWJBH Safety Ambassador Program	Karin Flores	3/21/2024	8'	\$40	1 sub needed
(s)	MHS	Campbell Elementary school	12th Grade; High School students will teach safety lessons to 1st graders, in conjunction with RWJBH Safety Ambassador Program	Danielle Cermak	3/7/2024	8	\$40	1 sub needed
(t)	MHS	Union County Performing Arts Center	10th Grade; Students in 10 Honors read poems and short stories by Edgar Allan Poe and other gothic/horror authors. This show is a stage production of some of these stories, which will deepen the students' comprehension of the texts.	Eileen Wagenblast; Chris Giddes, Adam Levy	12/18/2023	88	0	3 subs needed
(u)	MHS	Repertorio Español	Grades 11-12; Students will be viewing a show at the Repertorio Español (Spanish Theater Repertory Company). The show, "En el Tiempo de las Mariposas" gives insight into the Trujillo	Nickolas Vosinas, Anais Ortega, Karin Flores, Danielle Cermak	3/27/2024	50-55	0	4 subs needed

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		dictatorship in Dominican Republic, which is a topic of study in the Spanish 4 Honors course. Students also have familiarity of this topic from reading "Farming of the Bones" in their English 9 class. The show will be completely in the target language and is based on a Julia Álvarez novel about the Mirabal sisters.					
(v)	MHS Middlesex County College	12th Grade; This is trip to Middlesex College for Disability Connections: An information and resource fair CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP10 Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals	Dawn Valovcin, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner , nurse	10/13/2023	4	\$60	no subs needed
(w)	MHS Target	Grades 5-12; This is a trip to Target to work on shopping skills CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them	Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Alexis Wolford, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner, Marilyn Levine, Ernest Svolto, Joseph Dimeglio, Janine Haulenbeek, a nurse, EMS CST member	1/26/2024	13	\$90	no subs needed
(x)	MHS BJ's	Grades 5-12; This will be a trip to BJ's	Dawn Valovcin, Christina	1/12/2024	13	\$90	no subs needed

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		warehouse to buy supplies for the coffee cart program at the respective schools CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them	Dybas, Alexis Wolford, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner, Marilyn Levine, Ernest Svolto, Joseph Dimeglio, Janine Haulenbeek, a nurse, EMS CST member				
(y)	MHS Menlo Park Mall	Grades 5-12; This will be a trip to Menlo Park Mall so the students can purchase Items for their family members for the holiday CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them	Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Alexis Wolford, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner, Marilyn Levine, Ernest Svolto, Joseph Dimeglio, Janine Haulenbeek, a nurse, EMS CST member	12/8/ 2023	13	\$90	no subs needed
(z)	MHS Wegmans	Grades 5-12; This will be a trip to Wegmans to purchase fresh ingredients for the Thanksgiving Feast CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate	Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Alexis Wolford, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner, Marilyn Levine, Ernest Svolto, Joseph Dimeglio,	11/17/ 2023	13	\$90	no subs needed



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		academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them	Janine Haulenbeek, a nurse, EMS CST member				
MHS	Costco	Grades 5-12; This will be a trip to Costco to purchase paper goods and ingredients for the Thanksgiving Feast CRP1 Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee CRP2 Apply appropriate academic and technical skills CRP4 Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason CRP6 Demonstrate creativity and innovation CRP8 Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them	Dawn Valovcin, Christina Dybas, Alexis Wolford, Michelle Schutz, Jordan Leitner, Marilyn Levine, Ernest Svolto, Joseph Dimeglio, Janine Haulenbeek, a nurse, EMS CST member	10/27/2023	13	\$90	no subs needed

**2. Training - Heart Rate Variability Pilot**

Move to approve the following teachers for training for the Heart Rate Variability Pilot with Martin Blank, as the Skills Trainer for the 2023-2024 school year using ESSER III Grant Funds at the rate of \$49/hour, not to exceed 8 hours.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
1	Julie Anderson	Campbell
2	Mike Butler	Edgar
3	Emily Caponigro	MHS
4	Jennifer Cecchine	Edgar
5	Danielle Cermak	MHS
6	Laura Connolly	MHS
7	Scott Delaney	Campbell
8	Aubree Deminski	MHS
9	Rachel DiVanno	Edgar

10	Alyssa Dugas	Edgar
11	Chris Giddes	MHS
12	Anna Girin	MHS
13	Lindsay Kaye	Edgar
14	Chrissy Kremer	Edgar
15	Lisa Levin	Campbell
16	Lori Meyer	Edgar
17	Charmane Montgomery	Edgar
18	Kelly Murphy	MHS
19	Emily Presuto	Edgar
20	Danielle Rubinowitsch	Campbell
21	Sydney Rudin	Edgar
22	Lauren Scala	Edgar
23	Vincent Signorile	Campbell
24	Jennifer Spak	Campbell
25	Marcie Stoner	Edgar
26	Rich Stoner	Edgar
27	Margie Thomas	Campbell
28	Karen Van de Castle	MHS
29	Yoko Yakowenko	MHS
30	Kathleen Zaleck	Campbell

Mr. Lifton motioned. Mr. Glassberg seconded.

Motion did not carry for item 1(a). Vote was 2-0-5. Dr. Spigner and Dr. Johnson-Marcus voted yes. Mr. Benderly, Ms. Cook, Mr. Glassberg, Mr. Lifton and Mr. Suss voted no.

Motion carried 7-0-0 for items 1(b)-1(aa) and item 2.

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

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

John Mindler from 50 Salem Court came up and spoke about the softball trip.

**15. Announcements** - Dr. Spigner made 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**

Mr. Lifton motioned to adjourn. Ms. Cook seconded. All in favor.

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Adjournment at 9:50 pm.