

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

**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, The Star Ledger, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

4. Roll Call

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

5. Showcase of Success

❖ New Hires

Amy Dees - MHS Math RTI .6
Elizabeth "Lizzie" Dorsa - MHS Business
Christine Jarrach - MHS Culinary Arts
Danielle Pallotta – Moss LR (for Herold)
Laura Petty, CES LR (for Murphy)
Ashley Pietrowski - CES Special Ed
Morgan Schleuss - EMS 5th Gr Math/Science

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

Ms. Carol Ziznewski of 182 Christol Street, came up and spoke about her concerns with Moss transportation.

7. Presentations

- ❖ ACCESS Data Presentation - Natalie Dougherty gave the presentation. The Board asked questions and made comments.
- ❖ District Goals - Dr. Caputo gave the presentation. The Board asked questions and made comments.

8. Reports

- ❖ President’s Report - None
- ❖ Superintendent's Report - Dr. Caputo gave a report.
- ❖ Committee Reports

Mr. Derflinger gave a report on the Curriculum Committee.
 Mr. Glassberg gave a report on the Construction Committee.

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business - None

11. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings

August 13, 2024	Special Business Meeting (1)
August 13, 2024	Special Business Meeting (2)
August 13, 2024	Board Meeting

Mr. Lifton motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 7-0-1. Dr. Spigner abstained.

12. Meeting Open to the Public *(for any topic)* -None

13. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

(at this time the Board will take formal action on the following items – see attachments)
 Oftentimes 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. Instructional Stipends- Rescind and Approve

Move to rescind and approve the following instructional stipends for the 2024-2025 school year as listed (Agenda 08/13/2024, Section 13, A2):

Name	Position	Stipend
Rescind: Barbara King	EMS Spanish	\$8,727
Approve:		\$4,364

Barbara King	EMS Spanish (.5)	\$8,727
Sydney Rudin	EMS Social Studies 8 (ICR)	\$8,727
Kerry Blaze	MHS World Cultures	

2. Clubs and Co-Curricular Activities

Move to approve the following co-curricular stipends for the co-curricular activities for the 2024-2025 school year as listed on the attached chart.

3. MHS and EMS Volunteer Clubs

Move to approve the following MHS and EMS volunteer clubs for the 2024-2025 school year as listed on the attached chart.

4. Appointment - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of Amy Dees, .6 Math RTI Teacher at Metuchen High School, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a salary of \$36,405/year, Step 1F, effective August 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (ESEA Title I funded).

5. Salary Adjustment - Certificated Staff

Move to approve a change in base salary for Sarah Masters, Special Education Teacher at Moss School, from Step 1E, \$59,675/year, to Step 3E, \$62,659/year, as a result of her earning her Master's Degree, effective September 1, 2024.

6. Appointment – Additional Re-Registration Support Staff

Move to approve the following additional support staff to work the Re-Registration session for incoming 5th and 9th grade families, effective August 20, 2024, at their hourly rates, not to exceed 5 hours per support staff member.

Kate Eosso

7. Rescind - Substitute Bus Drivers

Move to rescind the appointment of the following, as Substitute Bus Drivers for the 2024-2025 school year (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, A28):

Name	Position	Rate
Catina Long	Substitute Driver	\$25/hour
Marleny Perez Arias	Substitute Driver	\$25/hour
Lisette Santiago	Substitute Driver	\$25/hour
Ajaykumar Joshi	Substitute Driver	\$25/hour

8. Rescind – Bus Driver

Move to rescind Marie Crespo as a full time bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year. (Agenda 6/25/24, Section 13, A49).

9. Appointment – Bus Driver

Move to approve Catina Long as a bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 28, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$26.53/hour, pending criminal history clearance.

10. Appointment – Substitute Bus Driver

Move to approve Marie Crespo as substitute bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 28, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a rate of \$26.53/hour.

11. Salary Adjustment - Certificated Staff

Move to approve a change in base salary for Christopher McEwan, Music Teacher at Edgar School and Metuchen High School, from Step 1F, \$60,675/year, to Step 3F, \$63,709/year, as a result of him earning his Master's Degree, effective September 1, 2024.

12. Appointment - Additional Event Staff

Move to approve the additional event staff for the 2024-2025 school year, at the rate of \$55 per event (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, A3):

John Butler	Audrey Hausser	Nicolette Jomo	Marissa Plancher
Kate Eosso	Samantha Palermo	Andrew Southern	Allison Sullivan
Laurie Toth	Julia Vaughn	Donna Corrigan	Lisa Latham

13. Leave of Absence - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the leave of absence of Eileen Wagenblast, English Teacher at Metuchen High School, effective September 3, 2024 through approximately December 13, 2024.

14. Leave of Absence Extension - Bus Driver

Move to approve the extension of the leave of absence of Anna Szwast, Bus Driver, through approximately September 13, 2024 (Agenda 5/14/24, Section 13 A8).

15. Appointment of Substitutes

Move to approve the appointment of substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year on the attached chart, pending completion of substitute training and criminal history clearance.

16. Student Observations

Move to approve Middlesex College Nursing Program student observations for 2024-2025 school year.

17. Beyond School Day Nursing Services

Move to approve the following staff to provide nursing services beyond the school day, as needed, at an hourly rate of \$50/hour:

Nga Pham	Susan Fackler	Michele Brinkerhoff	Jillieanna Peguero	Amanda Maricante
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18. Home Based Services

Move to approve the following Special Educators to provide home based services and parent training for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$50/hour, as needed:

Katherine Upshaw	Shannon MacMenamie	Brian Jeney	Samantha Murphy
Kelsee Young	Jessica Kovacs	Kaitlyn Kodersha	Amrita Bindra
Alexis Wolford	Christina Dybas	Dawn Valovcin	Karen Calantoni
Dana Donatelli	Karla Riera	Courtney Crawford	Lauren Corrigan

Emily Bianchi	Emily Rebelo	Tara Siesputowski	Eric Stein
Nicole Benfatti	Christina Theiss	Lisa Granados	Emily Peluso
Isabella Massaro			

19. Paraprofessional Mentor - Additional

Move to approve the following additional staff to serve as a Paraprofessional Mentor, for a stipend in the amount of \$250 for the 2024-2025 school year (Agenda 8/13/24, Section 13, A20):

Marilyn Levine

20. Rescind - Leave Replacement Supervisor

Move to rescind the appointment of Paul Pineiro, Leave Replacement for Ilana Kurtin, Supervisor of Guidance, effective approximately October 31, 2024 through approximately May 13, 2025, at a rate of \$500/day (Agenda 6/25/2024, Section 13, A37).

21. Additional Informal Mentor Teachers

Move to approve the following additional staff to serve as informal mentors for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 26, 2024, to be paid at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed six hours (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, A5):

Teacher	School	Informal Mentor
Lauren Vergara	EMS	Karen Logan
Amy Dees	MHS	Ann Leghorn-Orapallo
David Katz	CES	Michele Bethe

22. Transfer - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the transfer of Janelle Fisher, RTI Teacher at Moss School, to RTI Teacher at Moss School and Campbell School, for the 2024-2025 school year.

23. Leave Replacement - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of David Katz, Leave Replacement for Elizabeth Rentenberg, Special Education Teacher at Campbell School, effective approximately September 10, 2024 through approximately February 10, 2025, at a rate of \$311.76/day.

24. Leave Replacement - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of Michael Mazzola, Leave Replacement for Sofia Lopes, 4th Grade Teacher at Campbell School, effective approximately August 27, 2024 through approximately January 3, 2025, at a rate of \$311.76/day, pending criminal history clearance.

25. Transfer - Paraprofessional

Move to approve the following transfer of Janine Haulenbeek, Paraprofessional, for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Rate
Rescind: Janine Haulenbeek	Edgar School	\$24,036/year
Approve: Janine Haulenbeek	Metuchen High School	\$23,317/year

26. Formal Mentor Teacher - Addition

Move to approve the following additional mentor teacher to work with the following mentee teacher for the 2024 – 2025 school year (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, A6):

New Teacher/Leave Replacement	School	Mentor	Payment Traditional Route \$550.00 Alternate Route \$1,000.00
Michael Mazzola	CES	Tom Yakowenko	\$550 (prorated)

27. Mentor Teacher Training - New Teacher Academy

Move to approve the following mentors to attend mentor training, for 1 hour at the rate of \$50/hour:

Karen Logan	Michelle Bethe
Ann Leghorn Orapallo	Tom Yakowenko

28. Leave of Absence Extension - Administrative Assistant

Move to approve the extension of the leave of absence of Deborah Finden, Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator, through approximately November 30, 2024 (Agenda 6/25/24, Section 13 A39).

29. Appointment – Bus Aide

Move to approve Michael Molfetto as a Bus Aide for the 2024-2025 school year, effective August 28, 2024 – June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$21/hr.

30. Leave Replacement - Certificated Staff

Move to approve the appointment of Eric Farwell, Leave Replacement for Eileen Wagenblast, English Teacher at Metuchen High School, effective approximately September 3, 2024 through approximately December 16, 2024, at a rate of \$311.76/day.

31. Rescind and Approve -Summer Work - Metuchen High School Guidance Department

Move to rescind and approve the following school counselors for 2024 summer work at Metuchen High School (Agenda 6/25/2024, Section 13, A3):

Name	# of Days	Per Diem Rate	Assignment
Rescind: Elizabeth DeMott	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (2 End of June; 3 End of August)
Traci Grauer	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (2 End of June; 3 End of August)
Leigh Hanbridge	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (2 End of June; 3 End of August)
Approve: Elizabeth DeMott	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (1 End of June; 4 End of August)
Traci Grauer	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (1 End of June; 4 End of August)
Leigh Hanbridge	5	Per Diem Rate per contract year	Scheduling (1 End of June; 4 End of August)

Mr. Lifton motioned. Mr. Derflinger seconded. Motion carried 8-0-0.

-----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 June 30, 2024.

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 August 27, 2024 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. ESCNJ Authorization

Move to authorize the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to conference, discuss and solicit input in the development of the nursing services contract document for the 2024-2025 school year, which provides nursing services to the following non-public schools located in the Metuchen School District: Edgar Learning Center, Apple Montessori School, St. Joseph High School, Metuchen Christian Academy and St. Francis Cathedral.

4. 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 #
7/19/2024	7/19/2024	NJASCD Annual Retreat	Lemerich, Kathryn	Central Office	\$0	No cost	
8/8/2024	8/8/2024	Innovamat: Algebraic Thinking Skills	Dougherty, Natalie	Central Office	\$0	No cost	
9/18/2024	9/18/2024	Garden State Coalition of Schools/SCS	Kurtin, Ilana	Central Office	\$0	No cost	
9/25/2024	4/28/2025	NJPSA ML Committee Meetings	Dougherty, Natalie	Central Office	\$0	No cost	
9/26/2024	9/26/2024	NJ STEM Pathways Meeting	Lemerich, Kathryn	Central Office	\$85.36	Other	

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10/15/ 2024	10/16/ 2024	NEW JERSEY SCIENCE CONVENTION	Sobieniak, Tomasz	MHS	\$375	FFPI	25-012
10/16/ 2024	10/18/ 2024	NJPSAFEA Fall Conference	Lemerich, Kathryn	Central Office	\$604	Other	
10/16/ 2024	10/17/ 2024	NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD 2024 Fall Conference	Herzog, Tania	Central Office	\$328	Other	
3/10/ 2025	3/10/ 2025	13th Annual Research to Practice Symposium	Bormann, Kristina	Campbell	\$0	No cost	
3/10/ 2025	3/10/ 2025	2025 13th Annual Research to Practice Symposium: Implementation Science and Systems Change for Literacy Improvement	Jeney, Meghan	Campbell	\$0	No cost	

5. IDEA Grant Allocation for Salary - Correction

Move to approve Moss Paraprofessional Sandra Spinelli's salary of \$25,567 to be partially funded by the IDEA grant, up to the amount of \$18,516 (Agenda 8/13/2024, Section 13, B2).

6. Out of District Student Placements - 2024-2025 School Year

Move to approve the following 2024-2025 school year out of district student placements:

ID#	School	Total
20341125	Rutgers	\$83,100.00
2025005	New Roads Somerset	\$73,429.20
2025011	The Calais School	\$77,464.80
2020006	Piscataway Regional Day	\$51,577.00
2029040	The Center School	\$82,985.40
2028004	ECLC of Chatham	\$71,598.60
2022011	Eden Institute	\$150,347.65
2022005	Eden Institute	\$121,632.65
20281109	Collier School	\$69,660.00
2031094	Newmark	\$66,967.20
2026127	Rockbrook School	\$78,730.20
2032001	Future Foundations Academy	\$105,480.00
2029010	Rockbrook School	\$78,730.20
2029030	Collier School	\$69,660.00
2031028	Future Foundations Academy	\$107,640.00

7. Resolution

WHEREAS the Metuchen Board of Education (“Board”) is the Owner on two constructions projects: A) Additions and Alterations at Moss Elementary School and Edgar Middle School, and B) Additions and Alterations to Campbell Elementary and Metuchen High Schools (each individually a “project” and collectively “projects”); and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that there will be change orders for the projects; and

WHEREAS given Board’s meeting schedule, the need to keep the projects on their respective construction schedules, and to protect the Board from claims for delay damages, the Board desires to delegate authority to the Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds to approve and execute change orders under certain conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metuchen Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President, Superintendent and Business Administrator to approve and execute change orders for the projects as follows:

1. The proposed change order is recommended by the Architect and Construction Manager.
2. The Board President, Superintendent, Business Administrator and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds all agree on the need for the change order.
3. The cost of any one change order for a project shall not exceed \$200,000.00
4. The approval and execution of the change order is necessary for the timely completion of the project and/or to protect the Board from claims for delay damages such that they cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Any change order which shall not affect the critical path of a project’s completion shall be presented to the entire Board.
5. Any one change order shall not cause the total amount of change orders for a project to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the original contract sum for a project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall ratify and change orders approved pursuant to this resolution at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

8. Change Order M&M Construction – Sanitary and Storm Sewer Revisions

Move to approve order number 4 in the amount of \$320,647.69.

Mr. Suss motioned. Dr. Spigner seconded. Motion carried 8-0-0.

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

C. POLICY

Motion/Second/Comments/Roll Call

Nothing at this time

-----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	Board Cost- Subs.
MHS	Woodbridge Community center	10-12 Grade; Students will participate in creating camaraderie and sportsmanship amongst the girls soccer teams in the GMC Teaching the significance of Women's sports in today's society	Julie Youngman, Mike Harvier	9/18/ 2024	20	\$0	1 sub needed
MHS	The Gravity Vault Rock Climbing Gym Middletown	9-12 Grade; Members of the MHS Outdoor wellness club will foster teamwork and communication skills through group climbing activities. Students will enhance physical fitness and coordination by practicing climbing techniques. Students will also develop problem-solving abilities by navigating climbing routes. This experience will promote self-confidence and perseverance through overcoming climbing challenges.	Anna Girin, Danielle Cermak, Nickolas Vosinas	9/20/ 2024	35	\$0	no subs needed
MHS	George Street Playhouse	9-12 Grade; Footlighter students will have an opportunity to see a professional production of a play ("What the Constitution Means to Me" by Heidi Schrek). "Constitution.." asks its audiences to define the true meaning of the Constitution, and whether it protects the lives of all Americans. The George Street Playhouse produces student matinee performances, which are followed by a talk-back with actors, director, and producer, during which students are able to ask questions of both art and	Jacquelyn Jacobi, Stefeny Krombholz	10/2/ 2024	15	\$0	2 subs needed

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		craft, and to learn about the process of mounting a professional production.					
MHS	Safety Ambassador's Safety at the Imperia	Grade 12; Robert Wood Johnson Safety Ambassador's Summit	Sarah Karger	10/8/2024	8	\$160	1 sub needed
MHS	Abram S. Hewitt State Forest	8-12 Grade; Students will complete a hike on a rugged terrain with lots of views, a lake, a pond, and a rhododendron tunnel. Students will improve physical fitness through hiking, focusing on building endurance and leg strength on the forest's rugged terrain. Students will experience the mental health benefits of spending time outdoors, including stress reduction and improved mood.	Anna Girin, Danielle Cermak, Nick Vosinas, Lauren Scala	10/12/2024	30	\$0	no subs needed
MHS	Dodge Poetry Festival	11-12 Grade; students will be listening to poets read their poetry and talk about their process for writing poetry. Poetry is a huge part of the AP Lit curriculum and a major part of the curriculum for 11 Honors.	Adam Levy, Chris Giddes, Eileen Wagenblast	10/18/2024	18	\$0	3 subs needed
MHS	Six Mile Run State Park	9-12 Grade; Students in the outdoor Wellness Club will participate in a 4-mile hike at the Six Mile Run State Park. Students will improve physical fitness through hiking, focusing on building endurance and leg strength. Students will also understand and experience the mental health benefits of spending time outdoors, away from screens and academic pressures.	Anna Girin, Danielle Cermak, Nick Vosinas, Anais Orega	11/26/2024	30	\$0	no subs needed

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EMS	MoMath, the National Math Museum	Geometry students (Double accelerated 8th grade) to MoMath to see and explore math careers and how math is used to solve real-world problems. Also to learn about how math theories are proven by observation and experimentation.	Chrissy Kremer, one chaperone(TBD)	2/11/2025	30	\$0	1 sub needed
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2. Field Experience

Move to approve Abeera Faizan to complete unpaid, field experience student observation hours at Campbell School for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Work Based Experience

Move to approve Work Based Learning Experiences for the Metuchen Internship Learning Experience classes at MHS for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. 2024 New Teacher Orientation Workshop

Move to approve Kristina Bormann as an In Service presenter on Foundational Writing, at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 4 hours.

5. Book Disposal

Move to approve to discard the following textbooks from the World Language Department:

DEPT	QTY	TITLE	COPYRIGHT	# YRS OLD	PUBLISHER	AUTHORS	ISBN	BOOK TYPE
WL	5	Chiarissimo Uno	2014	10	Wayside Publishing	Bruna Petrarca Boyle, John Giovanelli	978-1-9380-2674-4	softcover textbook
WL	1	Ciao! 5th Edition	2003	21	Thomson Heinle	Carla Federici, Carla Larese Riga	0-8384-5175-6	hardcover textbook
WL	1	Ciao! 5th Edition, Annotated Instructor's Edition	2003	21	Thomson Heinle	Carla Federici, Carla Larese Riga	0-8384-5181-0	hardcover textbook
WL	15	Ciao! 6th Edition	2007	17	Heinle Cengage Learning	Carla Larese Riga, Chiara Maria Dal Martello	978-1-4130-1636-9	hardcover textbook
WL	1	Ciao! Annotated Instructor's Edition	2007	17	Thomson Heinle	Carla Larese Riga, Chiara Maria Dal Martello	978-1-4130-1710-6	hardcover textbook
WL	21	Ciao! 6th Edition, Quaderno degli esercizi	2007	17	Heinle Cengage Learning	Carla Larese Riga, Chiara Maria Dal Martello	978-1-4130-1639-0	softcover workbook
WL	12	Conexiones 4th Edition, Comunicación y cultura	2010	24	Prentice Hall	Eduardo Zayas-Bazán, Susan M. Bacon, Dulce M. García	978-0-13-136340-3	hardcover textbook

WL	25	Conexiones 5th Edition, Comunicación y cultura	2014	10	Pearson	Eduardo Zayas-Bazán, Susan M. Bacon, Dulce M. García	978-0-2 05-886 97-5	softcover workbook
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6. New Teacher Academy Workshop

Move to approve Isabella Massaro as a presenter on behavioral strategies for the New Teacher Academy workshop series for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed 4 hours.

7. Curriculum Guide

Move to approve the implementation of the following revised curriculum guides:

Curriculum Guides	
Subject/Course	Grade
English Language Arts 1	1
English Language Arts 2	2
English Language Arts 3	3
English Language Arts 4	4
English Language Arts 5	5
English Language Arts 6	6
English Language Arts 7	7
Reading and Writing Workshop 7	7
English Language Arts 8	8
English Language Arts 9	9
English Language Arts 10	10
English Language Arts 11	11
English Language Arts 12	12
Math K	K
Math 1	1
Math 2	2
Math 3	3
Math 4	4
Math 5	5
Math 6 and Math 6 Advanced	6
Pre Algebra	6, 7
Math 7	7
Algebra 1	7, 8, 9
Algebra 2 and Algebra 2 Honors	9-12
Precalculus and Honors Precalculus	10-12
Science 7: Life Science	7
Modern Biology and Modern Biology Honors	9
Modern Chemistry and Honors Chemistry	10
Modern Environmental Science	11-12
Honors Health Science	11-12
AP Physics 1	11-12
AP Physics 2	11-12
Social Studies 6: Civics and the Foundation of our Nation	6
Social Studies 7: Ancient Civilizations and the Role of the Citizen	7
Social Studies 8: Ancient and Medieval World History	8
World Cultures	9
United States History I	10
Computer Science and Design Thinking K-2	K-2

Computer Science and Design Thinking 3	3
Computer Science and Design Thinking 4	4
Construction Projects 6	6
Construction Projects 7	7
Engineering and Design 8	8
Web Programming	9-12
Python	9-12
Woodworking	9-12
Entrepreneurship	9-12
ESL K	K

8. Programs and Courses

Move to approve the following Program/Courses that comprise the district’s previously approved curriculum documents for annual implementation during the 2024-2025 school year.

Course	Grade
Preschool Creative Curriculum	Preschool
ELA	K-8
Math	K-8
Science	K-8
Social Studies	K-8
PE and Health	K-8
World Language	K-8
Art	K-8
Music	K-8
Computer Science, Design Thinking, and Media	K-5
Construction Projects 6	6
Construction Projects 7	7
Engineering and Design	8
English as a Second Language	K-12
MHS Courses as per the 24-25 Program of Studies	9-12
Transition to Adulthood	12 (Ages 18-21)

Mr. Deflinger motioned. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. Motion carried 8-0-0.

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

14. Meeting Open to Public (*for any topic*) - None

15. Announcements - Mr. Bhatt 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. Dr. Johnson-Marcus seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment at 9:27pm

Vincent Caputo
Vincent Caputo (Sep 11, 2024 09:07 EDT)

2024 - 2025
Co-Curricular Stipends

8/27/2024

Metuchen High School		2024 - 2025		
CO-CURRICULAR		Stipend	Dec. payment	June payment
Marching Band Director	John Messenger (3)	\$ 11,487.00	\$ 5,743.50	\$ 5,743.50
Assistant Marching Band Director	John Flynn (3)	\$ 5,743.00	\$ 2,871.50	\$ 2,871.50
Color Guard Director	Dillon Fernandes (3)	\$ 5,192.00	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 2,596.00
Guard Instructor	Kaitlyn Flynn (3)	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 574.50	\$ 574.50
Marching Band Percussion	Jason Gomez (3)	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 574.50	\$ 574.50
Jazz Band Director (Competing)	John Messenger (3)	\$ 2,297.00	\$ 1,148.50	\$ 1,148.50
Jazz Band Director (Non-Competing)	John Flynn (3)	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 574.50	\$ 574.50
Indoor Winds Director	John Messenger (3)	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 574.50	\$ 574.50
Indoor Winds Assistant Director	John Flynn (3)	\$ 574.00	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00
Indoor Percussion Instructor 1	Jason Gomez (3)	\$ 574.00	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00
Indoor Percussion Instructor 2	John Messenger (3)	\$ 574.00	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00
String Ensemble Director	Christopher McEwan (3)	\$ 2,872.00	\$ 1,436.00	\$ 1,436.00
Blue Letter	Adam Levy (3)	\$ 6,069.00	\$ 3,034.50	\$ 3,034.50
Bulldog's Bark	Emily Caponigro (2)	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 2,937.50	\$ 2,937.50
Bulldog's Bark & Blue Letter (Business)	Lynda Wisniewski (3)	\$ 3,927.00	\$ 1,963.50	\$ 1,963.50
Chorus/Choral	Stefeny Stofa Krombholz (3)	\$ 5,399.00	\$ 2,699.50	\$ 2,699.50
Dramatics (Spring Play)	Stefeny Stofa Krombholz (3)	\$ 7,826.00	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 3,913.00
Dramatics (Fall Play)	Jackie Jacobi (3)	\$ 5,682.00	\$ 2,841.00	\$ 2,841.00
Mock Trial	Kevin Smedley (2)	\$ 2,709.00	\$ 1,354.50	\$ 1,354.50
Model Congress	Christopher Giddes (3)	\$ 2,903.00	\$ 1,451.50	\$ 1,451.50
National Honor Society (.5)	Matt Sutin (3)	\$ 1,451.50	\$ 725.75	\$ 725.75
National Honor Society (.5)	Amanda Shorr (3)	\$ 1,451.50	\$ 725.75	\$ 725.75
Student Council	Dawn Valovcin (3)	\$ 5,388.00	\$ 2,694.00	\$ 2,694.00
Robotics	Kevin Smedley (3)	\$ 5,412.00	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,706.00
Treasurer/Student Funds	Jonathan Stevens (3)	\$ 7,865.00	\$ 3,932.50	\$ 3,932.50
Class Advisor Senior (.5)	Emily Caponigro (2)	\$ 2,134.50	\$ 1,067.25	\$ 1,067.25
Class Advisor Senior (.5)	Sean Rappleya (1)	\$ 2,037.50	\$ 1,018.75	\$ 1,018.75
Class Advisor Junior	Dawn Valovcin (3)	\$ 3,538.00	\$ 1,769.00	\$ 1,769.00
Class Advisor Sophomore	Christina Dybas (3)	\$ 2,611.00	\$ 1,305.50	\$ 1,305.50
Class Advisor Freshman	Julie Youngman (1)	\$ 1,736.00	\$ 868.00	\$ 868.00
Total MHS Co-Curricular		\$ 107,924.00	\$ 53,962.00	\$ 53,962.00
CLUBS		Stipend	Dec. payment	June payment
Environmental Club (A)	Yoko Kato	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
Asian Heritage (C) .5	Yoko Kato	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Outdoor Club (C) .5	Anna Girin	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Outdoor Club (C) .5	Danielle Cermak	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
French Club (C)	Anna Girin	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
German Club (C)	Susan Paredes	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Spanish Club (C)	Karin Flores	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Genders & Sexualities Alliance (C)	Ann Leghorn	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Houseband (C)	Adam Levy	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Math Club (C)	Jonathan Stevens	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Peer Leaders Club (C) .5	Laura Connolly	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Peer Leaders Club (C) .5	Drew Bandola	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Science Club (A)	Yoko Kato	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
Waksman Research (C)	Samantha Green	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Art Honor Society (C)	Kelly Murphy	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Math Honor Society (C) .5	Richard Cundari	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Science Honor Society (A)	Ryan Clapp	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
Tri-M Honor Society (C) .25 share	John Flynn	\$ 402.75	\$ 201.38	\$ 201.38
Tri-M Honor Society (C) .25 share	Christopher McEwan	\$ 402.75	\$ 201.38	\$ 201.38
World Language Honor Society (C) .33	Karin Flores	\$ 531.63	\$ 265.82	\$ 265.82
World Language Honor Society (C) .33	Anna Girin	\$ 531.63	\$ 265.82	\$ 265.82

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World Language Honor Society (C) .33	Susan Paredes	\$ 531.63	\$ 265.82	\$ 265.82
Breaking the Chain (D)	Evan Robbins	\$ 2,094.00	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 1,047.00
Power of Friendship (A)	Evan Robbins	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
RWJ Safety Ambassadors (A) .33	Karin Flores	\$ 393.36	\$ 196.68	\$ 196.68
RWJ Safety Ambassadors (A) .33	Sarah Karger	\$ 393.36	\$ 196.68	\$ 196.68
RWJ Safety Ambassadors (A) .33	Danielle Cermak	\$ 393.36	\$ 196.68	\$ 196.68
Star Awards (A) .5	Danielle Cermak	\$ 596.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
Star Awards (A) .5	Ann Lezama	\$ 596.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
Total MHS Clubs		\$ 29,355.47	\$ 14,677.74	\$ 14,677.74
Total MHS Co-Curricular & Clubs		\$ 137,279.47	\$ 68,639.74	\$ 68,639.74
Edgar Middle School				
Co-Curricular & Clubs				
		Stipend	Dec. payment	June payment
Art Club 5-8 (B)	Jennifer Gumbrecht	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Chess Club/Games Strategies (B)	Jennifer Miller	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Genders & Sexualities Alliance (C)	Caroline Forde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Yearbook Club (C)	Shannon Connors	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
5th & 6th Grade Student Council	Vivian Petrakokas	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 1,622.50
5th & 6th Grade Student Council	Jennifer Muller	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 1,622.50
7th & 8th Grade Student Council	Rebecca Dwyer	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 1,622.50
7th & 8th Grade Student Council	Emily Mertz	\$ 3,245.00	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 1,622.50
Woodworking Club (B)	Nick Tay	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Spring Play Drama Director	Sarah Jensen	\$ 3,244.00	\$ 1,622.00	\$ 1,622.00
Spring Drama Musical Director	Chris Peckhardt	\$ 3,244.00	\$ 1,622.00	\$ 1,622.00
Spanish Club (B)	Raquel Williams	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Environmental Club (C)	Chrissy Kremer	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Math/Pre-Algebra Club (B)	Jennifer Miller	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Science Club/Stem Club (B)	Melissa Robbins	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Robotics Club (C)	Chrissy Kremer	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Tech Lab (C)	Emily Presuto	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Guitar Club (B)	Jordyn Gallagher	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Fiddle Club (C)	Christopher McEwan	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Library Club (B)	Charmane Montgomery	\$ 1,376.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 688.00
Treasurer	Lisa Chango	\$ 3,386.00	\$ 1,693.00	\$ 1,693.00
Total EMS Co-Curricular and Clubs		\$ 43,528.00	\$ 21,764.00	\$ 21,764.00
Edgar Intramurals				
		Stipend		
	Rick Carter (Fall)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	Dec	
	Ken Smith (Fall)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	Dec	
	Ed Albanese (Winter)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	Mar	
	Rick Carter (Winter)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	Mar	
	Rick Carter (Spring)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	June	
	Ed Albanese (Spring)(3)	\$ 3,208.00	June	
Total EMS Intramurals		\$ 19,248		
Total EMS Curricular, Clubs & Intramurals		\$ 62,776		

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Campbell School				
Club		Stipend	Dec. payment	June payment
Band Club Grade 4 (C)	John Flynn	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Orchestra Grade 4 (C) .5	Jordyn Gallagher	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Orchestra Grade 4 (C) .5	Chris McEwan	\$ 805.50	\$ 402.75	\$ 402.75
Chess Club Grade 3&4 (C)	Jonathan Nolde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Chorus-Grade 3&4 (C)	Christofer Peckhardt	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Gym Club Grade 3 (C)	Kathy Keers-Nolde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Gym Club Grade 4 (C)	Kathy Keers-Nolde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Robotics/Lego Club-Grade 4 (C)	Tom Yakowenko	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
School Store-Grade 4 (C)	Alexandra Gonzalez	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Board Game Club Grades 1 & 2 (B) .5	Brian Jeney	\$ 688.00	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
The Green Club Grades 1-4 (C) .25	Lindsey Omark	\$ 402.75	\$ 201.38	\$ 201.38
The Green Club Grades 1-4 (C) .25	Jennifer Pasquale	\$ 402.75	\$ 201.38	\$ 201.38
Student Council Grade 1-4 (C)	Kathy Keers-Nolde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Student Council Grade 1-4 (C)	Jonathan Nolde	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Kindness Club (C)	Jennifer Spak	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Kindness Club (C)	Lisa Levin	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 805.50	\$ 805.50
Art Club - Grade 1-4 (A)	Amanda Rossmeissl	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
Breaking the Chain Club Gr 1-4 (A) .5	Jeremy Barnes	\$ 596.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
Computer Club Grade 3 & 4 (A)	Joe Fitzgibbon	\$ 1,192.00	\$ 596.00	\$ 596.00
SweNEXT Grade 4 (A) .5	Candace Evans	\$ 596.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
SweNEXT Grade 4 (A) .5	Bailey Tocci	\$ 596.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 298.00
Total CES Co-Curricular and Clubs		\$ 23,805.50	\$ 11,902.75	\$ 11,902.75
Total for All Schools		\$ 223,860.97		

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Volunteer Clubs

Metuchen High School			
Volunteer Club	Advisor	Notes	Board Agenda
American Sign Language Club	Alexa Baird		
Bring Change 2 Mind (BC2M)	Nick Vosinas		
Cooking Club	Christine Jarrach		
Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)	Anais Ortega		
Fashion Club	Anais Ortega		
MHS Media & Pawdcast	John Cathcart		
Peers for Volunteers	Leigh Hanbridge		
Physics Team	Joe Keagle		
Puzzle Club	Margaret Banner		
SweNEXT Club	Jingjing Wang		
Edgar Middle School			
Volunteer Club	Advisor	Notes	Board Agenda
Rubik's Cube Club	Emily Presuto		
Advanced Orchestra Club	Chris McEwan		
Jazz Club	John Messenger/John Flynn		

2024-2025 Substitutes for Board Approval 8/27/24

- Pay Rates - \$105/day - Substitute with 30+ college credits
 \$110/day - Substitute with bachelor's degree (no teacher cert)
 \$115/day - NJ Teacher Certification
 \$16/hour - Paraprofessional Substitute
 \$16/hour - Secretary Substitute
 \$200/day - Nurse Substitute

Sub Name	Certification/Sub Category
AAMIR, RABIA	Substitute with college degree
ALMEIDA, EMILY	Substitute with college credits
ALMEIDA, LILY	Substitute with college credits
BOUDA, ANGELINA	Substitute with college degree
COLBY, MICHAEL	Substitute with teacher cert
CONNORS, CASSIDY	Substitute with college credits
CORRIGAN, JOSEPH	Substitute with college credits
CORRIGAN, RYAN	Substitute with college credits
DAKELMAN, MITCHELL	Substitute with teacher cert
DISERIO, NICOLETTE	Substitute paraprofessional
FACKLER, SUSAN	Substitute nurse
FARKAS, GINA	Substitute with college credits
FESTA, ROSA	Substitute with college credits
FUCCILE, BROOKE	Substitute with college credits
GALEOTA, KIM	Substitute nurse
GRAY, KATHERINE	Substitute with college credits
HALL, LAUREN	Substitute with college degree
HARKNESS, CAL	Substitute with college degree
HEALEY, ANNE MARIE	Substitute with teacher cert
JENEY, AMY	Substitute secretary; Substitute para
KAPLAN, ROBERTA	Substitute with teacher cert
KATOCH, RICHA	Substitute paraprofessional
KIM, ANNIE	Substitute with college degree
KISH, GINA	Substitute with college credits
KLIMERMAN, ANNETTE	Substitute with teacher cert

LABATE, DORA	Substitute with college degree
LOMBARDI, LISA	Substitute with teacher cert
MAC DONALD, LUCY ANN	Substitute secretary; Substitute para
MCCUNNEY, MARYKATE	Substitute with college credits
NAZARETH, MARIA	Substitute with teacher cert
NUNEZ, PILI	Substitute with college degree
OCONNELL, MARIAN	Substitute with teacher cert
PAN CARRO, MARIA	Substitute with college degree
PEARSON, STEVE	Substitute with college degree
PETTY, LAURA	Substitute with teacher cert
PIOVOSO, CHRISTINE	Substitute with teacher cert
POLLACK, MARK	Substitute with college degree
SEIDNER, CAROLINE	Substitute with teacher cert
SONDERGAARD, MARYBETH	Substitute nurse
TOTH, RYAN	Substitute with college degree
ULLAL, SAPNA	Substitute paraprofessional
WAGNER, JOSEPH	Substitute with teacher cert
YERGER, COLIN	Substitute with college credits
YURCH, MERRIL	Substitute with teacher cert


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Final Audit Report


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