

MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA
CONFERENCE/ACTION MEETING
March 21, 2011

1. Opening Statement

The Conference/Action Meeting of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education will be called to order at 7:30 PM on March 21, 2011, by Board President Mary Jo Walilko. Adequate notice of the date and time for this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record on May 5, 2010, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Caryn Battaglia		Denise Jiménez-Arias	
Jill Del Rio		Bridget Mauro	
Patricia Hernandez		Mary Jo Walilko	
Steve Hoh			

4. Consider accepting the **Closed Session minutes** of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2011.

Motion _____ Seconded _____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

5. Consider accepting the **minutes** of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2011.

Motion _____ Seconded _____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

6. Correspondence

- Letter from the Mine Hill Teachers Association that was sent to High School seniors.

- Letter to Mary Jo Walilko

7. Superintendent's Report

8. Board Discussion/Reports

- Discipline Report for February 2011
- Census as of March 15, 2011

9. Presentations

10. Business Administrator's Report

- 2011-2012 Budget

11. Public Discussion

12. FINANCE Steve Hoh, Patricia Hernandez

- a. Consider approving the **payment of bills from the General Operating Account**, in the amount of \$212,062.14. (Attachment 1)
- b. Consider approving the **2009-2010 C.A.F.R.** and list of no recommendations. (Attachment 2)
- c. Consider approving the following resolution regarding the **maximum expenditure amount for travel:**

WHEREAS, the school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the Mine Hill Board of Education shall establish in its annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-2011 school year,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mine Hill School District allots \$8,000 for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2010-2011 school year.

- d. Consider approving the following resolution to **continue membership in the Morris Essex Insurance Group:**

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Morris County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective February 10, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Mine Hill Township has determined that membership in the MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP is in the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Mine Hill Township does hereby agree to renew membership in the MORRIS ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Pool's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

- e. Consider approving the following **workshop travel request:**

Name of Participant	Activity	Date	Location	Cost	Mileage (.31 per mile)	Total Cost to District
Gregory Hobbaugh	Changing Student Behaviors Workshop	April 7, 2011	Newark, NJ	\$199	66 miles	\$219.46
Nancee Seidel	Working Successfully with Difficult Students	March 21, 2011	East Hanover, NJ	\$199	44 miles	\$212.64
Margaret Nunermacker	AR Workshop	March 31, 2011	Newark, NJ	n/a	n/a (carpooling)	n/a
Jill Ramacciotti	AR Workshop	March 31, 2011	Newark, NJ	n/a	70 miles plus \$10 for parking	\$31.70

Gina Naclerio	RTI Workshop	March 30, 2011	Newark, NJ	n/a	70 miles	\$22.00
Dorothy Quinn	Math Strategies for Improving NJ ASK Scores	March 24, 2011	Woodbridge, NJ	\$199	46 miles	\$213.26

f. Consider approving the following resolution regarding the **elimination of a public vote on School Budgets**:

WHEREAS, school districts across the State of New Jersey are facing an unprecedented financial crisis which has led to the loss of a significant amount of State aid funds, public defeats of school budgets, and numerous other lost revenues, resulting in reductions in student spending, reductions in force of school staff, and other drastic cost saving measures, all of which have the potential to negatively impact the quality of education in Mine Hill and other school districts; and

WHEREAS, under current law, upon a public defeat of the proposed school budget, the budget is submitted to the municipal governing body, who then reviews the budget and makes recommendations for reduced expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Governor Christie has recently signed into law a bill requiring school district budgets to contain a tax levy growth limitation of no more than two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, the Mine Hill Township Board of Education believes that if the public were to vote on proposed school district budgets that are within the cap, (i.e., less than or equal to 2%), and those budgets were to be defeated, the potential loss of the District's ability to provide a thorough and efficient education for all students while at the same time severely limiting other District operations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mine Hill Township Board of Education hereby expresses its view that the public should not be asked to vote on approving or disapproving school district budgets that are within the statutory tax levy growth limitation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mine Hill Township Board of Education urges other New Jersey school districts and municipal governments to adopt a similar resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary shall forward a copy of this Resolution to our State Representatives and Congressional Delegation, the New Jersey School Boards Association, Governor Christie, the

Commissioner of Education, as well as local municipal leaders and our County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion_____Seconded_____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

13. CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES Denise Jiménez-Arias, Jill Del Rio

- a. Consider approving the following **request for services**:

Student ID	Services Requested	Provider	Date(s)	Cost
5408027980	OT and PT Evals	ESC	TBD	\$335.00 each

- b. Consider approving the **out of district placement for the 2010-2011 school year** for Student 9207489571, in the Shepard Academy, Morristown, NJ, at a per diem rate of \$252.43, including transportation through the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, effective March 14, 2011.

Motion_____Seconded_____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

14. OPERATIONS Jill Del Rio, Mary Jo Walilko

- None

15. PERSONNEL Patricia Hernandez, Steve Hoh

New personnel employment appointments are contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks in accordance with N.J.S.A. 116, P.L. 1986

And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board submit to the County Superintendent, as required, applications for emergency hiring and the applicant’s attestations that they have not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.18A:6-7.1 et.seq.,N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq.,or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et.seq., on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, consider approving the **STEP mentors for the 2010-2011 school year** as per the attached list that is made part of this resolution by reference. (Attachment 3)

- b. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, consider **rescinding the previous approval and reapproving the NCLB Grant writing payment for Gregory Hobaugh**, in the amount of \$3,905.00.

Motion_____Seconded_____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

16. COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS Caryn Battaglia, Denise Jiménez-Arias

- None

17. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Bridget Mauro, Caryn Battaglia

- a. Consider approving the **use of facilities** for the following:

Name of Organization	Purpose	Rooms(s) Requested	Date(s)
Girl Scouts	Daisy Troop Meetings	Room 110	Alternating Tuesdays to begin in April 4:00-5:30 pm

Sixth Grade Class	Practice for Staff vs. Student Basketball Game	Gym	March 24 and 29, 2011
CAS Staff	Practice for Staff vs. Student Basketball Game	Gym	March 23 and 28, 2011
Wharton Police Dept	D.A.R.E. Graduation	Gym	May 17, 2011 6:30 to 8:30

Motion_____Seconded_____

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

18. Dover Report Bridget Mauro

19. MHEF Report Caryn Battaglia

20. Old Business

21. New Business

22. CLOSED SESSION

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ PM, the Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss: (select one or more)

- 1) *a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law*
- 2) *a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds*

- 3) *material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy*
- 4) ***a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it***
- 5) *a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds*
- 6) *protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law*
- 7) *pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege*
- 8) *specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session*
- 9) *deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Note: This closed session will include items in category 4. It may be adjourned while business is conducted in public then reconvened after public business has been completed.

23. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____ at _____ PM, the Board returns to the regular session meeting.

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko

24. Public Discussion

25. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of _____ seconded by _____, the Board adjourns the meeting at _____ PM.

Roll Call Vote	Caryn Battaglia	Jill Del Rio	Patricia Hernandez	Steve Hoh	Denise Jiménez-Arias	Bridget Mauro	Mary Jo Walilko