

MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of November 2, 2009  
LAFAYETTE LEARNING CENTER

The regular business meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris School District, of Morris County, New Jersey was held in the Lafayette Learning Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 on Monday evening November 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Christine A. Kelly, the Assistant Board Secretary, called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act the Board of Education of the Morris School District in the County of Morris has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted. The notice was mailed to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger, and to those persons or entities requesting notification, filed with the municipal clerks of Morris Plains, Morristown and Morris Township, and posted at the Administration Center, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, New Jersey.

At the Roll Call, the following Board Members were present: Dr. Peter Gallerstein, Mr. Christopher Gardner, Morris Plains Representative, Ms. Lynn Horowitz, Ms. Sandra McNeil, Mrs. Teresa Murphy, Mrs. Ann Rhines, Mrs. Marie Fornaro, Vice-President and Ms. Lisa Pollak President. Mrs. Nancy Bangiola arrived at 6:55 p.m. Dr. Angela Rieck was absent.

At 6:40 p.m. Ms. Pollak moved to go into closed session to discuss legal, negotiation and personnel matters. Mrs. Murphy seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Mrs. Bangiola and Dr. Rieck absent.

Also present were Dr. Thomas Ficarra, Superintendent; Dr. Patricia Camp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Andrew Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Martha Weber, Manager of Human Resources; Dr. Maryann Reilly, Secondary School Redesign Leader; Mrs. Nancy Helterman, Director of Pupil Services and Mrs. Susan Young, Board Secretary.

At 7:30 p.m. Ms. Pollak moved to go into open session. Mrs. Fornaro seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Dr. Rieck absent. Student Representative, Kelsey Brown and Nikhil Shah and approximately 7 members of the public, press and staff were now present.

When the Board reconvened, Ms. Pollak announced that the Board had been meeting in closed session for the purpose of discussing legal, negotiation and personnel matters.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Pollak led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Ficarra reported he had attended the New Jersey School Board Convention

Attended a presentation given by Alan November

Literacy is changing, students must be introduced to digital literacy.

Mr. November will be working with our staff on digital literacy.

## **MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The board discussed the Morristown High School Code of Conduct. (Copy attached)

Ms. Pollak noted that the purpose of this discussion is to give feedback to the administration as to thoughts, observations and concerns they have with this code of conduct. The purpose of the code of conduct is to drive healthy safe behavior.

Most of the discussion this evening focused on questions regarding the penalties for extra curricula activities vs. sports.

Penalties must be fair for everyone. Rules cannot be for the individuals.

Question on student losing credit for a violation.

Should prohibiting smoking be part of this code of conduct.

Who will be required to sign this code of conduct?

Time Frame the code of conduct would cover.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public spoke this evening

## **TESTING**

Dr. Camp reported on the districts testing results (A copy is attached)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Curriculum** met and discussed:

Testing report

Independent Studies

Nutrition

### **Morristown High School**

Kelsey and Nikhil reported:

This week is a short schedule only 2 days of classes

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 12 College Fair

November 17 Science Academy interviews for next year

November 19 Senior Citizen Play Performance

November 20, 21 Play

November 19 Junior Night

November 24 Marching Band Awards dinner

#### **SPORTS**

State Tournaments be held for:

Field Hockey

Boys & Girls Soccer

Volleyball

Football

#### **Past Events**

October 27 Naviance Night (very well attended)

October 28 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum night (over 200 attended)

### **Morris Plains**

Mr. Gardner reported:

Red Ribbon Day Assembly (Anti-Drug)

8<sup>th</sup> Graders from Frelinghuysen attended.

Morris Plains Municipal Alliance I being started

### **RETREAT**

Looking for a date in December.

Will be held at Angela's.

### **VPB AT FRELINGHUYSEN**

Mrs. Rhines reported the VPB has been reading articles and discussing:

Education Initiatives and 21<sup>st</sup>. Century Skills such as:

Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

Information Literacy

Global Awareness

Self Direction, Collaboration, Creativity & Motivation

The focus is where Frelinghuysen is in relation to this.

**BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**Mr. Gardner's vote relate to Central Office and Morristown High School**

**MINUTES**

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve executive minutes from the regular business meeting of:

October 19, 2009

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve minutes from the regular business meeting of:

October 19, 2009

**MINUTES (Motions #1-3)**

Moved by Ms. Horowitz, seconded by Ms. Pollak

AYES: Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Bangiola

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

**EDUCATIONAL MATTERS**

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve the following proposal and new curriculum for the Morris School District for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Grades 9-12 Psychology Curriculum
- Grades 9-12 Sports Nutrition Proposal

**EXPLANATION:**

These were reviewed by Curriculum Council and the Board Curriculum Committee and recommended for Board approval.

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Board Curriculum Committee, the Board of Education approve three students for Independent Study work at the high school for the 2009-2010 school year.

**EXPLANATION:**

One student will be working with Brian Kievning on creating a professional photography portfolio and two students will be working with Jim Boothby on Graphic Designs.

Motion #3 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached list of Field Trips for the 2009-10 school year.

**EDUCATIONAL MATTERS (Motions #1-3)**

Moved by Ms. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Fornaro

AYES: Mrs. Bangiola, Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

**PUPIL SERVICE**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR STUDENTS 2009-2010**

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following disciplinary actions for students at Morristown High School:

<b>Student #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>End Date</b>
611952	Extension of suspension	January 4, 2010
600991	Alternative placement for 45 days	January 7, 2010

**EXPLANATION**

Board hearings were held for students 600991 and 611952 to determine the discipline to be imposed on these students for violation of school policy. Student 600991 will be placed on home instruction for 45 days at this student's alternative placement. If any additional evaluations are required to help determine this student's future placement, they will be administered. Student 611952 will remain suspended until the Winter break in December 2009, with home instruction to be continued until that time, and with a CST evaluation to take place to help determine this student's future placement.

**PUPIL SERVICE (Motion #1)**

Moved by Ms. Horowitz, seconded by Mrs. Fornaro

AYES: Mrs. Bangiola, Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

***RESIGNATION(S)/TERMINATION(S) 2009-2010***

Motion #1 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the resignation(s) and/or termination(s) of the following staff according to the effective date and reason shown:

Moy, Carol Science, FMS	November 5, 2009 * Resignation
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\* Revised date.

***APPOINTMENT(S) 2009-2010***

Motion #2 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following to the position/s stated at the annual salary rates and effective date/s shown, and further that the Board of Education approve the submission to the County Superintendent applications for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18a6-7.1 et seq.; 18:39-17 et seq.; 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

In place of:

Halpern, Deborah * Science, FMS	\$51,928 BA, Step 4	10/30/09-06/30/10	Moy, C. Resigned
Stierch, Denise Art, MHS	\$62,260 BA, Step 9	09/01/09-11/11/09 **	McPeters, S. Medical Leave

\* Pending completion of paperwork.

\*\* Revised date.

***SUBSTITUTE(S) 2009-2010***

Motion #3 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve that the following name(s) be added to the list of substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year, and further that the Board of approve submission to the County Superintendent applications for emergency hiring and each applicant's attestation that s/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18a:6-7.1 et seq., 18A:6-4.13 et seq.:

Teacher, Degreed

Balak, Christine  
Flynn, Matthew  
Gannon, Stefanie

Rodman, Rachel  
Ruggeri, Kristina  
Stierch, Denise

***SUBSTITUTE REAPPOINTMENT(S) 2009-2010***

Motion #4 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the reappointment of the following substitutes effective 9/1/09 through 6/30/10:

Teacher Assistant  
Arakelian, Allison  
Harris, Loretta  
Noonan, Margaret

Price, Ashley ®  
Verma-Arora, Preeti

***LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE 2009-2010***

Motion #5 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve a leave of absence to the following staff under the conditions stated and effective dates shown:

Bonilla, Armida	12/07/09-01/14/10 Maternity *
Teacher Asst, AV	01/15/10-02/28/10 FMLA **
	Corrected dates

DiCataldo, Mary Ellen	01/29/10-02/25/10 Maternity *
School Psychologist, FMS	02/26/10-04/29/10 FMLA **

\* Accumulated sick leave may be used up to a period of eight weeks (four weeks before and four weeks after the birth of the baby) – with pay/with benefits.

\*\* Without pay/with benefits.

***VOLUNTEER(S) 2009-2010***

Motion #6 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following volunteer(s) as listed for the 2009-2010 school year:

Athletics – MHS  
Flynn, Matthew - Wrestling

***ATHLETIC SITE MANAGER 2009-2010***

Motion #7 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following employee to the Athletic Site Manager position for the winter season:

McNally, Barbara – Science Teacher, MHS

**EXPLANATION:** This is a previously approved annual stipend position. The stipend for this position is \$2,333 per season.

**REVISED SALARIES FOR BUS DRIVERS & BUS AIDES 2009-2010**

Motion #8 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following revised salaries for bus drivers and bus aides:

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b># Hours Daily</b>	<b>09-10 Hourly Wage</b>	<b>09-10 Base Salary</b>	<b>Longevity</b>	<b>09-10 Total Salary</b>
<b>Bus Drivers</b>					
Fortier, Mary Heather	5.50	\$31.78	\$31,462	\$648	\$32,110
Haith, Silas	5.25	\$25.88	\$24,457	\$263	\$24,720
Irving, Margo	5.50	\$31.78	\$31,462	\$648	\$32,110
Jackson, Keith	6.50	\$22.81	\$26,688		\$26,688
Lee, Shirley	6.25	\$28.03	\$31,534	\$263	\$31,797
Martin, Robert	5.25	\$28.44	\$26,876	\$263	\$27,139
McKay, Betty	7.50	\$32.99	\$44,537	\$925	\$45,462
McKay, Eugene	5.00	\$30.55	\$27,495	\$263	\$27,758
Sandelli, Barbara	5.50	\$31.78	\$31,462	\$648	\$32,110
Smith, Charles	6.25	\$24.87	\$27,979	\$263	\$28,242
Toro, Rosemary	5.25	\$29.01	\$27,414	\$490	\$27,904
Wood, George	5.50	\$20.90	\$20,691		\$20,691
<b>Bus Aides</b>					
Bell, Dorothy	6.00	\$16.16	\$17,453	\$263	\$17,716
Cullim, Colleen	6.00	\$12.54	\$13,543		\$13,543
Gabowsky, JoAnn	5.25	\$24.23	\$22,897	\$648	\$23,545
Irving, Samuel	6.25	\$16.82	\$18,923	\$263	\$19,186

**CHANGE(S) OF ASSIGNMENT AND/OR SALARY 2009-2010**

Motion #9 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the change(s) of assignment and/or salary for the following staff:

<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Former Assignment</u>		<u>In Place Of:</u>
Bender, Deborah Teacher Assistant, FMS \$30,616 (Column B, Step 16 + \$375 longevity)	Salary Correction	09/01/09-06/30/10	N/A
Toro, Omar * Custodian-Night Foreperson, FMS \$37,201 (\$35,050 + \$375 longevity + \$888 boiler license stipend + \$888 night foreperson stipend)	Custodian, FMS	10/26/09-06/30/10	Henderson, R. Reassigned

\* Pending completion of 90-day probation.

***EXTRA PAY REVISIONS 2009-2010***

Motion #10 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the revisions to the following extra-pay positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>STAFF MEMBER</b>	<b>YRS SVC</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>INCR</b>	<b>TOTAL SALARY</b>
<b>CO-CURRICULAR- FMS</b>						
7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Student Council House Co-Adv.	Burdge, Jeffrey	6	2	\$847	2	\$1,093
7 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Student Council House Co-Adv.	Bozza, Amy	3	2	\$847	1	\$970
8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Student Council House Co-Adv.	Burdge, Jeffrey	3	4	\$1,693	1	\$1,939
8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Student Council House Co-Adv.	Bozza, Amy	3	4	\$1,693	1	\$1,939

\* Salaries based upon 2009-2010 Extra Pay salary guide.

***SWIM TEAM RENTALS SITE MANAGERS AND LIFEGUARDS 2009-2010***

Motion #11 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following names as site managers and lifeguards for the swim team rentals:

Site Managers:

Anderson, Megan  
DeSalvo, Diane  
Gelegonya, Donna

Soracco, Corlee  
Sparano, Robert

Lifeguards:

Bacas, Constantinos  
Barnard, Brielle  
Barnard, Christian  
Bryne, Bridget  
Cromie, Kelsey  
Diller, Ryan

Kostyak, Kathleen (until 3/8/10)  
Mataj, Krisula  
O’Kane, Mary  
Reilly, Meghan (until 3/10/10)  
Thompson, Sean

**ELLI GRANT PAYROLL 2009-2010**

Motion #12 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following ELLI monies and employees:

**EARLY LAUNCH TO LEARNING INITIATIVE**

<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>SALARY ALLOCATED</b>
20-218-100-101-19-00	Bass Singleton, Robin	\$15,000
	DiDomenico, Sherry	\$15,000
	Eddey, Ilene	\$15,000
	Graddy, Sharon	\$22,700
	Rosenberger, Kitty	\$15,000
20-218-100-106-19-00	Viscarra, Carmen	\$2100
	Capote, Alice	\$1500
	Koba, Migdonia	\$1500
	Rome, Gail	\$1500
	<b>TOTAL FOR ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$89,300</b>

**EXPLANATION:** The ELLI grant supports a portion of the salaries for the teachers and assistants working in these rooms by paying tuition for each income-eligible four year old student enrolled in the program during the school year.

**EXTRA SERVICES 2009-2010**

Motion #13 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following employees for “Tools of the Mind” training to be held in Hamilton, New Jersey on 10/19/09, 1/11/10, and 4/2/10:

<b>Certificated Staff</b>	<b>Teacher Assistants</b>
Graddy, Sharon	Pennimpede, Rosa
Ruberto, Christine - TOD	Viscarra, Carmen
Brown, Sheryl - OTR	
Stoffel, Lindsay - SLP	

**EXPLANATION:** As part of the Early Launch to Literacy Initiative (ELLI) grant, all teachers need to be trained in research-based preschool curriculum. Funding for Tools of the Mind curriculum training is provided within the ELLI grant.

**TEACHER TRAINING 2009-2010**

Motion #14 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation to the following teacher for attending the Tools of the Mind training August 17 & 18, 2009:

Graddy, Sharon – Preschool Teacher, LLC

**TEACHER TRAINING 2009-2010**

**EXPLANATION:** As part of the Early Launch to Literacy Initiative (ELLI) grant, all teachers need to be trained in research-based preschool curriculum. Upon submission of approved timesheets, the teacher will be compensated at a rate of \$25 per hour for the Tools of the Mind curriculum training. Funding for teacher training is provided within the ELLI grant.

**TENURE TRACK SUPPORT REVISION 2009-2010**

Motion #15 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following additions (**in bold**) to the First Year Tenure Track staff for training in portfolio construction and peer support for the 2009-2010 school year:

Program:	First, Second & Third Year Tenure Track
Description:	The tenure track teachers will write portfolios and will receive ongoing support from their mentor
Dates:	September 2009 – June 2010
Participating Staff:	First year tenure track teachers for up to 10 hours each Second & Third year tenure track teachers for up to 5 hours each
Funding Source:	Local
Rate of Payment:	\$25/hour

First Year Tenure Track Teachers

Ackerman, Eleonora	Middleton, Sarah
Balestra, Maurizio *	Mihalik, Monica
Beck, Amanda	Moy, Carol
Begley, Timothy	Ruberto, Christine
<b>Bratspies, Jaime</b>	Salas, Diego
Brown, Sheryl	Stoffel, Lindsey
Cryan, Ashley	Testa, Gina
Gelber, David	VanDerhoef, Jessica
Grill, Alison	
<b>Halpern, Deborah</b>	
Harris, Sara	
Hill, Joanne	
Hornig, Kathryn *	
Jones, Robert	
Joo, Sharlene	
Kolker, Mariel	
LaVigna, A. Francesca	
Lieberman, Lance	
Little, Stephanie	
Loscalzo, Lisa	
MacKinnon, Jocelyn	
Mehring, Barbra	
Mejias, Madeline *	
Michel, Hailee	

\* Leave Replacement

**EXPLANATION:** Portfolio development and teacher support are part of the District's new evaluation and tenure process.

***PSAT TESTING 2009-2010***

Motion #16 that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve compensation to the following individuals for services provided for PSAT Testing:

Test Center Supervisor:

Traetto, Michael - \$388

Associate Supervisors (Examiners):

Gibson, Sandra - \$98

Joest, Linda - \$98

Kwong, Lilly - \$98

Associate Supervisors (Examiners – non standard admin):

Allen, Tracy - \$149

Grill, Alison - \$149

Proctors:

Hernandez, Judy - \$80

Meza, Ingris - \$80

Meza, Luz - \$80

Thomas, Ellenkarla - \$80

**EXPLANATION:** The monies to cover these costs are being paid from the MHS PSAT student activity account.

**HUMAN RESOURCES (Motions #1-16)**

Moved by Ms. Horowitz, seconded by Dr. Gallerstein

AYES: Mrs. Bangiola, Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines

NOES: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

***FINANCIAL REPORTS***

***HELD PURCHASE ORDER CHECKS***

Motion #1 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve checks totaling **\$ 204.20** as per the attached for expenses incurred as per policy #3320.

***BUDGET TRANSFERS (09-10)***

Motion #2 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve Budget Transfers for the 2009-2010 budget through **November 2, 2009.**

***DONATION***

Motion #3 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accept a donation of 60 month JMP Student Edition license to Medical Science Academy and Morristown High School. This license covers unlimited use within the high school by faculty and students for teaching & research. This donation is being made by JMP Statistical Discovery Software and SAS Institute. A parent of a student in the Medical Science Academy was instrumental in this donation being made. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the SAS Institute, Inc. for their generosity to the students of the Morris School District.

***BIDS***

**Field Rehabilitation @ MHS**

Motion #4 that bids for Field Rehabilitation @ MHS, #09-025, having been duly advertised and received on August 13, 2009, and readvertised and received on September 24, 2009, #09-025A, due to revision of specifications, the award be made to Dakota Excavating, Hackensack, NJ, in the amount of \$449,200.00.

<u>BASE BID</u>		<u>AWARD</u>
\$ 449,200.00	Dakota Excavating, Hackensack, NJ	\$449,200.00
\$ 606,000.00	The Fredco Group, Passaic, NJ	---
\$ 580,573.00	Tomco Construction, Mt. Arlington, NJ	---
\$ 577,261.00	Flanagan's Contracting Group, Hillsborough, NJ	---
\$ 506,443.00	JC Landscape, Pequannock, NJ	---
\$ 513,820.00	The LandTek Group, Amityville, NY	---
\$ 552,125.00	Applied Landscape Technology, Montville, NJ	---
\$ 498,000.00	*Rochelle Contracting, Landing, NJ	---
\$ 606,300.00	Atlantic Lining, Lawrenceville, NJ	---
\$1,023,601.00	Andy-Matt Inc., Mine Hill, NJ	---
\$ 625,000.00	Turco Golf, Suffern, NY	---
\$ 753,806.00	Sprinturf, Wayne, PA	---

\*Withdrew bid



Motion #10 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BINDING THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS**

**WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and**

WHEREAS, the **MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Motion #11 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

**WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and**

WHEREAS, the **MORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

***TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT***

Motion #12 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, employees are attending conferences, conventions, staff training seminars or workshops as depicted on attachment A: and

WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions was previously approved by the chief school administrator as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions was approved as critical to the instructional needs of the school district or furthering the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are in compliance with the state travel payment guidelines established by the Department of Treasury and with guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; be it

RESOLVED, that the board approves the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions.

***BILLS LIST (09-10)***

Motion #13 that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approve the attached 2009-2010 bills list for the period ending

**October 24, 2009 (Payroll)**

**November 2, 2009**

***BUSINESS MATTERS (Motions #1-13)***

Moved by Ms. Horowitz, seconded by Ms. McNeil

AYES: Mrs. Bangiola, Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

***ADJOURNMENT (9:40 p.m.)***

Moved by Ms. Pollak, seconded by Ms. Horowitz

AYES: Mrs. Bangiola, Mrs. Fornaro, Dr. Gallerstein, Mr. Gardner Ms. Horowitz, Ms. McNeil, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Pollak, Mrs. Rhines,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Dr. Rieck

Respectfully Submitted

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Assistant Business Administrator/  
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