

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
William Allen Middle School
January 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order by the Board Secretary

The Reorganization Meeting of the Moorestown Township Board of Education is called to order. This meeting is called in conformance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” with adequate notice provided as follows:

- A. Notice filed with the Courier Post on July 10, 2019
- B. Notice filed with the Burlington County Times on July 10, 2019

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Oath of Office Administered to Members Elect by the Board Secretary

- Sandra Alberti
- Katherine Mullin
- Mark Snyder
- Mark Villanueva

V. Roll Call

Present	Dr. Sandra Alberti
Present	Mr. Jack Fairchild
Present	Mrs. Alexandria Law
Present	Mrs. Katherine Mullin
Present	Ms. Lauren Romano
Present	Mrs. Caryn Shaw
Present	Dr. Mark Snyder
Present	Mr. Mark Villanueva
Present	Mr. David A. Weinstein

Present	Mr. John Comegno, Esq., Solicitor
Present	Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent
Present	Mrs. Joanne D’Angelo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Absent	Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Absent	Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education
Absent	Mrs. Debora Belfield, Director of Personnel
Absent	Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Instructional Technology

VI. Organization of the Board of Education

A. Election of President

The board secretary opened the floor for nominations for the office of President.

Mr. Fairchild nominated Dr. Alberti. Ms. Romano seconded the nomination.

The floor was closed for nominations.

A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Alberti	Alberti
Fairchild	Alberti
Law	Alberti
Mullin	Alberti
Romano	Alberti
Shaw	Alberti
Snyder	Alberti
Villanueva	Abstain
Weinstein	Alberti

B. Election of Vice President

The Board Secretary opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Weinstein nominated Mrs. Shaw. Mr. Villanueva seconded the nomination.

The floor was closed for nominations.

A unanimous roll call vote was taken electing Mrs. Shaw as Vice President. Dr. Sandra Alberti assumed the chair as president.

C. Public Comment

- a. Mick Weeks of 5 Windermere Drive congratulated the board and officers on their election.
- b. Mr. Weinstein expressed appreciation to the board for the opportunity to serve as Vice President and congratulated the new officers.
- c. Mrs. Shaw thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as Vice President.

D. Appointments effective January 7, 2020 through the next reorganization meeting

1. Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent

- Joanne D'Angelo as Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent through 1/31/2020
- James Heiser as Board Secretary as of 2/1/2020

2. Treasurer of School Monies

Thomas Merchel as Treasurer of School Monies

3. Public School Accountant

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Township Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to obtain certain professional services (the "Services") for the operation and efficient administration of the Moorestown Township Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law (“PSCL”) N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., provides that boards of education may negotiate and award a contract for professional services, without engaging in the public advertisement and formal bidding process, to a provider which is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and

WHEREAS, Holman and Frenia, P.C., under the supervision of Michael Holt, C.P.A., P.S.A., is a provider of professional services, as such terms are used in the PSCL, and specifically the Services sought by the Board and is duly qualified and licensed to provide same; and

WHEREAS, Holman and Frenia, P.C. previously submitted a proposal to the Board in response to a formal Request for Proposal in connection with the Services; and

WHEREAS, Holman and Frenia, P.C. has provided Services to the Board for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Board is fully familiar with the Services provided by Holman and Frenia, P.C. and is satisfied that such Services have been performed by Holman and Frenia, P.C. in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, and Holman and Frenia, P.C.’s professional qualifications and experience, the Board is satisfied that Holman and Frenia, P.C. is able to provide the Services required by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. A professional services contract is awarded to Holman and Frenia, P.C. for the Services for the period commencing January 7, 2020 through the twelve month period thereafter;
2. The Business Administrator is authorized to execute a contract with Michael Holt for same;
3. Notice of this award shall be published in the official newspapers of the Board as required by the PSCL; and
4. A copy of the contract with Holman and Frenia, P.C. for the Services shall be maintained at the Board’s offices and available for public inspection.

4. Medical Inspector

Anthony Bonett of Woodbury Medical Office as Medical Inspector

5. Member to Serve as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association

Lauren Romano as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association

6. Member to Serve as Delegate to the Burlington County School Boards Association

Lauren Romano as Delegate to the Burlington County School Boards Association

7. Attorney

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Township Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to obtain certain professional services (the "Services") for the operation and efficient administration of the Moorestown Township Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law ("PSCL") N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., provides that boards of education may negotiate and award a contract for professional services, without engaging in the public advertisement and formal bidding process, to a provider which is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and

WHEREAS, Comegno Law Group, PC, under the supervision of John Comegno, is a provider of professional services, as such terms are used in the PSCL, and specifically the Services sought by the Board and is duly qualified and licensed to provide same; and

WHEREAS, Comegno Law Group, PC previously submitted a proposal to the Board in response to a formal Request for Proposal in connection with the Services; and

WHEREAS, Comegno Law Group, PC has provided Services to the Board for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Board is fully familiar with the Services provided by Comegno Law Group, PC and is satisfied that such Services have been performed by Comegno Law Group, PC in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, and Comegno Law Group, PC's professional qualifications and experience, the Board is satisfied that Comegno Law Group, PC is able to provide the Services required by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. A professional services contract is awarded to Comegno Law Group, PC for the Services for the period commencing January 7, 2020 through the twelve month period thereafter;
2. The Business Administrator is authorized to execute a contract with Comegno Law Group, PC for same;
3. Notice of this award shall be published in the official newspapers of the Board as required by the PSCL; and
4. A copy of the contract with Comegno Law Group, PC for the Services shall be maintained at the Board's offices and available for public inspection.

8. Public Agency Compliance Officer

James Heiser Public Agency Compliance Officer as of 2/1/2020

9. Psychological Examiner

Psychological Examiner services will be provided by school psychologists on staff.

10. Insurance Broker of Record

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Township Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to obtain certain insurance services (the "Services") in connection with the operation and efficient administration of the Moorestown Township Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law ("PSCL") N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., and specifically N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:5(a)(10), provides that boards of education may negotiate and award a contract at a public meeting, without engaging in the public advertisement and formal bidding process, for insurance services, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, in accordance with the procedure for awarding a contract for extraordinary unspecified services ("EUS"); and

WHEREAS, the Services sought by the Board include, but are not limited to, the provision of health insurance brokerage services; and

WHEREAS, AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance submitted a proposal to the Board in response to a formal Request for Proposal at the rate noted below; and

Vendor Name	Price
AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance	\$190,000 (all fees borne by insurance providers)

WHEREAS, AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance is a duly qualified provider of insurance services, as such terms are used in the PSCL, and specifically the Services sought by the Board; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, and AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance's qualifications and experience, the Board is satisfied that AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance is able to provide the Services required by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. An EUS contract is awarded to AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance for the Services for the period commencing January 7, 2020;
2. The School Business Administrator is authorized to execute a contract with AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance for same;
3. Notice of this award, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, shall be published in the official newspapers of the Board as required by the PSCL; and
4. A copy of the contract with AssuredPartners/AJM Insurance for the Services shall be maintained at the Board's offices and available for public inspection.

11. Insurance Broker

Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund

12. Architect of Record

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the Moorestown Township Board of Education (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to obtain certain professional services (the "Services") for the operation and efficient administration of the Moorestown Township Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public School Contracts Law ("PSCL") N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., provides that boards of education may negotiate and award a contract for professional services, without engaging in the public advertisement and formal bidding process, to a provider which is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which requires knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study; and

WHEREAS, Garrison Architects is a provider of professional services, as such terms are used in the PSCL, and specifically the Services sought by the Board and is duly qualified and licensed to provide same; and

WHEREAS, Garrison Architects submitted a proposal to the Board in response to a formal Request for Proposal in connection with the Services; and

WHEREAS, Garrison Architects has provided Services to the Board for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the Board is fully familiar with the Services provided by Garrison Architects and is satisfied that such Services have been performed by Garrison Architects in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, and Garrison Architects' professional qualifications and experience, the Board is satisfied that Garrison Architects is able to provide the Services required by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. A professional services contract is awarded to Garrison Architects for the Services for the period commencing January 7, 2020 through the twelve month period thereafter;
2. The Business Administrator is authorized to execute a contract with Garrison Architects for same;
3. Notice of this award shall be published in the official newspapers of the Board as required by the PSCL; and
4. A copy of the contract with Garrison Architects for the Services shall be maintained at the Board's offices and available for public inspection.

Approval of Items 1 – 12:

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein

Second: Ms. Romano

Vote: Unanimous

E. Routine Matters for Reorganization

1. Official Newspaper

It is recommended that the Burlington County Times, Courier Post, and the Moorestown Sun be designated official newspapers for the school district until the next reorganization meeting.

2. Depositories

It is recommended that Investors Bank be designated official bank depository for the following board accounts:

Food Service	Summer Reserve
General	Unemployment Trust
Payroll – Agency	Petty Cash
Payroll – Salary	Bond and Coupon
Student Funds	Capital Projects Checking
Capital Projects Escrow	Senior Class
Student Payments	Health Savings Account

and that the following financial institutions and investment providers be approved as depositories for Board funds for investment purposes until the next reorganization meeting and contingent upon notification, where applicable, of eligibility under the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act:

Republic Bank
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund

3. Bank Signatories

Approval of 2020 Bank Account Signatories as per the attached Exhibit #20-151.

4. Ratification of Past Board Action/Bargaining Group Reorganization

It is recommended that the Board of Education ratify all past Board of Education actions and recognize all bargaining groups.

5. Re-adoption of District Curriculum, Textbooks and Board Policies

It is recommended that the Board of Education readopt all district curriculum, courses of study, handbooks, textbooks and Board of Education policies and regulations.

6. Recognize Board of Education Standing Committees

- Communications
- Curriculum
- Finance and Operations
- Leadership
- Policy

7. Chart of Accounts

The State requires the Board approval of the accounting Chart of Accounts, attached as Exhibit #20-152.

8. Cooperative Purchases

It has been our practice for many years to maximize shared services; therefore, the district participates in Educational Data Services Inc., Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, Camden County Educational Services Commission and NJEDge.Net, Inc. cooperative purchasing agreements. It is recommended that the Board approve these cooperative purchases.

9. Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Agencies (State Contract)

It is recommended that the Board approve the procurement of Goods and Services through State Agencies via State Contract.

10. Set Quote Threshold and Qualified Purchasing Agent to Award Contracts up to Bid Threshold:

It is recommended the Board approve the district bid limit at \$40,000 and the quotation limit at \$6,000. The Qualified Purchasing Agent is authorized to award bids up to the bid threshold.

11. Approve Payment of Bills Between Board Meetings

It is recommended that the Board approve the payment of bills between Board meetings until the next reorganization meeting.

12. Designation of Superintendent

It is recommended by N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 amended, the Superintendent or designee, be designated to approve such line item budget transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings, and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

Moved by: Ms. Romano

Second: Mr. Fairchild

Vote: Unanimous

F. New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics

The School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members has been received and discussed; and that the Policies and Procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members has been adopted; and that each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and has become familiar with Code of Ethics.

MOTION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve and sign the Code of Ethics form attached as Exhibit #20-153.

Moved by: Mrs. Law

Second: Ms. Romano

Vote: Unanimous

G. Establishment of Petty Cash Funds

It is recommended that the following petty cash funds be established until the next reorganization meeting.

Location	Responsible Person	Amount
Central Administration	James Heiser	\$1,000
High School	Andrew Seibel	\$150
Middle School	Matthew Keith	\$150
Upper Elementary School	Susan Powell	\$150
Baker School	Michelle Rowe	\$100
Roberts School	Brian Carter	\$100
South Valley School	Heather Hackl	\$100
Transportation	Gregory Cohen	\$200
High School (Vocational Transition Program)	Cynthia Moskalow	\$200

Moved by: Mr. Fairchild

Second: Mrs. Shaw

Vote: Unanimous

VII. 2018-2019 Financial Audit

Copies of the annual financial audit for the period ended June 30, 2019 are enclosed. A synopsis of the Audit Report is attached as Exhibit #20-154 and copies have been made available to the public.

The Finance and Operations Committee has reviewed the audit and discussed the Audit Report with representatives David McNally and Michael Holt of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., the District auditors.

MOTION:

WHEREAS, the 2018-2019 financial audit of the Moorestown Township Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 as prepared by Michael Holt of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. has been received by the Board, and

WHEREAS, copies of the synopsis of the Audit Report have been made available to the public,

WHEREAS, no comments or recommendations are contained therein,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Education that the 2018-2019 Financial Audit be hereby accepted.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein

Second: Mr. Fairchild

Vote: Unanimous

VIII. Employee Relations

1. Appointments

Subject to background checks as required by P.L. 1986 c116, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Administrative Staff

- a. Victoria LaSalle, as an Assistant School Business Administrator for the District. Ms. LaSalle has a BS from Rutgers University. Her annual salary will be \$86,750.00 prorated, effective on or about January 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Professional Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Support Staff

No actions recommended at this time.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Ms. Romano Roll Call Vote: 9 - 0

IX. Adjournment – 7:22 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Ms. Romano Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne P. D'Angelo
Board Secretary