

1. MEETING OPENING

At 6:06 PM, Mrs. Werner, in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, that Mullica Township Board of Education has called notice of this meeting to have been published by having the date, time and location thereof, filed with the Township Clerk and the Atlantic County Superintendent of Schools, as well as, posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and in the news media.

Present: Mrs. Brownhill, Mrs. Jacobo, Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. Maione, Mrs. Quattrone, Mr. Roehnert, Mrs. Werner, Mr. Winterbottom and Mrs. Wyld

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Weber, Superintendent; Ms. Gfroehrer, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mrs. Amy Elco, Solicitor

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Mrs. Werner led the flag salute.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND STAFF ON GENERAL TOPICS

Mrs. Barbara Rheault, stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Atlantic County Council of Educational Associates. She stated her concern with the school reopening plans. The community must be kept safe and it is unsafe to reopen school. The district spent time to open the school halfway instead of spending time preparing for virtual learning. Mrs. Rheault further stated that the problem is that the virus cannot be contained. If we cannot eat in a restaurant or work out in a gym, then we cannot open school. She asked the Board if they are comfortable with a hasty decision to open the school. She urged the board to consider starting school with virtual learning and start with a staged opening using the proposed reopening plan.

Ms. Jennifer Sheldon expressed her concerns with going back to school for both the teachers and the students. She thanked the community for donations to Tiffany Auger and those that donated time to develop the school reopening plan. She further stated that she appreciated the efforts of the administration, staff and particularly, the custodial staff for their efforts to reopen the school. Mrs. Sheldon further stated that there was great communication with the administration, staff and community.

Mr. Weber commented that the reopening plan is a fluid plan that will be updated as the COVID situation changes.

Mr. Steve Szabo thanked Mrs. Rheault and questioned the fresh-air exchanges, ventilation and filtrations being used in the school. He also stated that guidance should come from the Department of Health and not from the Department of Education.

Mr. Weber thanked Mr. Szabo for his assistance is planning for the restart of school. The district is working to provide the safest building possible.

Ms. Theresa Schlue thanked everyone for all of the work put in to the back to school plan.

Mr. Weber thanked those who worked on the back to school plan. All districts have been charged with a plan to reopen schools and assured everyone that the district is doing everything to provide a safe environment for staff and students.

Ms. Beth Schroeder stated that she was speaking as a parent of two students. She thanked Mr. Weber and the Board of Education with the utmost respect for their efforts to open the school. She respectfully believes that it will not take long until there is a positive case that will shut the school down. It is time to pivot to an all-virtual, predictable learning model.

4. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-PERSONNEL**A. Vote to Approve Section 4 - Recommendation of the Superintendent - Personnel**

Motion by Mr. Roehnert and seconded by Mrs. Brownhill;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve item 4B-4D.

B. Retirement of Staff

ACCEPT the retirement notification for the following staff members:

Ms. Nanci Truax, Aide, effective July 21, 2020
 Mr. Bernie Fackler, Gym Teacher, effective December 1, 2020

C. Resignation of Staff

ACCEPT the resignation notification for the following staff member:
 Christopher Rabush, Part-Time Custodian, effective August 12, 2020
 Donna Husta, Aide, effective July 20, 2020
 Mariam Hussein, 8th Grade Math Teacher, effective August 19, 2020
 Brigid Sullivan, 3rd Grade Teacher, effective August 15, 2020

D. 2020 Summer ACES Staff

RESOLVED, the Mullica Township Board of Education approve the following staff for the 21st CCLC Grant (ACES) summer school program. Any part-time employee that is approved for the ACES program is limited to a total of 29 hours per week combined with their contract at the following rates:

Name	Position	Hourly Rate
Brigid Sullivan	Teacher	\$33.00

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - CURRICULUM/STUDENT MATTERS

A. Vote to Approve Section 5- Recommendation of the Superintendent - Curriculum/Students Matters

Motion by Mrs. Brownhill and seconded by Mrs. Maione;
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve items 5B.

B. Re-Opening Plan

APPROVE the Restart and Recovery reopening schools plan.
 (The plan is subject to change based upon ECS review and NJDOE updates.)

Motion approved by roll call vote with Ms. Quattrone and Mr. Roehnert voting no.

6. RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

A. Vote to Approve Section 6 - Recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Motion by Mrs. Brownhill and seconded by Mr. Roehnert;
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator, approve items 6B-6C.

B. Technology Purchases

APPROVE the following technology purchases for the 2020-2021 school year:

Item	Vendor	Cost	State/Cooperative Contract
Paging System	RFP Solutions	\$9,950	ECNJ, NASPO, CCEC

C. State Aid Reduction

APPROVE the decrease in the general fund appropriation accounts 11-000-270-513-FT (field trips) and 11-000-270-513-SP (sporting events) during the 2020-2021 budget year in the amount of \$19,634 due to the decrease of state aid.

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, BOARD AND STAFF ON GENERAL TOPICS - None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

9. INFORMATIONAL

A. Next Board Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for executive session. Public session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Roehnert and seconded by Mrs. Brownhill to adjourn the meeting

Motion approved unanimously.
TIME: 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Gfroehrer
Business Administrator