

1. MEETING OPENING

At 6:30 PM, Mrs. Brownhill, 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, Mr. Roehnert, Mr. Silva, Mr. Winterbottom, and Mrs. Wyld

Absent: Mrs. Maione, Mrs. Werner

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**A. Resolution for Executive Session**

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

RESOLVED, that Mullica Township Board of Education shall meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing **Attorney/Client communication**.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of such subject matters in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been resolved, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

Motion approved unanimously.

TIME: 6:30 PM

B. Resume Public Portion of Meeting

Motion by Mr. Roehnert and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to resume the public portion of the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

TIME: 7:00 PM

Flag Salute - Mrs. Brownhill led the flag salute.

3. Presentations

Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District Superintendent Mr. James Reina made a presentation regarding the upcoming bond referendum.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Weber read the following statement:

The NJ State Board of Education passed the updated New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education in 2020 which requires districts to implement the changes beginning this school year. The NJSLS are not subject to change and we are obligated to meet the standards. However, local Boards of Education are not required to use a specific curriculum, text book, or lesson plans. Some districts have made decisions to purchase materials and take the new curriculum standards to the extreme. This is NOT what we are doing in Mullica.

To be clear, the district has the flexibility to decide how and when those standards are taught. We are using our discretion to make sure that we are teaching what is appropriate for Mullica and when it is appropriate to teach it during the school year.

It is our goal to provide continuing communication to our Mullica School Community as to how and when students will receive health instruction during the school year and what the curriculum will look like. On that note, the proposed curriculum is available on the Board agenda for review.

Parents will receive more information about opt out procedures and an informational session planned for September in the coming days.

Mr. Stollenwerk inquired as to why there is an increase in preschool enrollment

Mr. Weber explained that an additional classroom has been added.

Mrs. Szabo asked if the school is using Prodigy for math.

Mr. Weber confirmed that the school is using Prodigy.

Ms. Erin Szabo commented that she removed her children from the district due to the curriculum.

Mr. Weber asked Ms. Szabo to meet with him at a later time.

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

A. Old Business - None

B. New Business - None

C. Committee Reports

Curriculum/Policy – Scott Sarraiocco presented a power point on curriculum, discussed the Nurture Hearts Program, the Code of Conduct: students should not miss recess as discipline, the change to the grading system to match the high school and giving breaks throughout the day.

Finance/Operations – Mr. Roehnert spoke about the substitute pay increase, potential referendum work, the RVE change order, updated the board on the LEAP grant feasibility study with Port Republic, the elimination of one (1) transportation route, the Washington Township Preschool application, and the PreK wait list.

Personnel/Negotiations – Mrs. Brownhill stated that the committee discussed the organizational chart and personnel matters.

D. Correspondence - None

E. District Goals Approval

Motion by Mr. Roehnert and seconded by Mrs. Kurtz to approve the District Goals.

Motion approved unanimously.

F. Update - None

6. MINUTES

A. Regular and Executive Session Minutes

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

APPROVE the June 30, 2022 Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes and the July 20, 2022 Goal Setting meeting minutes.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Monthly Reports

1. ACES Report
2. Curriculum & Data Report
3. Elementary School Principal Report
4. Facilities Report
5. Middle School Principal Report
6. Superintendent Report
7. Technology Report

8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - PERSONNEL

A. Vote to Approve Section 8 - Recommendation of the Superintendent - Personnel

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

RESOLVED, the Mullica Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve items 8B-8Q.

B. 2022-2023 New Hires

APPROVE the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.

Name	Position/Grade	Step/Salary	Account Number	PCR Number
Cailyn Radke	Preschool Teacher	Step 1 BA \$57,191.00	20-218-100-101-020	TCH.PM.TCHR.PS.06
Courtney Heist	Preschool Teacher	Step 1 BA \$57,191.00	20-218-100-101-020	20-218-100-101-020

Brooke Weinczyk	Interventionist/ES Special Education	Step 1 BA \$57,191.00	20-483-100-101-020 11-213-100-101-020	TCH.PM.INTVSP.FL.01
Michael Senese	Math Teacher	Step 9 MA \$70,951.00	11-130-100-101-025	TCH.MD.MATH.MS.01
Stephen Moore Jr.	Long-Term Social Studies Substitute Teacher (9/1/2022 - 10/14/2022)	*Step 1 BA \$57,191.00	11-130-100-101-025	TCH.MD.SOCST.MS.01
Nicholas Walters	Aide PT	Step 1 Aide \$19.57 per hour	11-213-100-106-020	11-213-100-106-020

*Prorated

C. Resignation

ACCEPT the resignation of Natasa Coughlin, Math Teacher.

ACCEPT the resignation of Mary Hodgins, Interventionist.

ACCEPT the resignation of Falyn Logan, Aide.

D. Staff Lateral Move

APPROVE lateral move of the following staff effective September 1, 2022 pending documentation:

Name	Current Step	Current Salary	New Step	New Salary
Maryann Nowlan	Step 4 MA	\$60,341.00	Step 4 MA+30	\$61,141.00

E. Leave of Absence

APPROVE unpaid leave for Danielle Rescigno, on or about September 6, 2022, with anticipated return date of October 17, 2022, in accordance with Federal Family Leave Act, and Mullica Policy #3431.1.

F. Substitute Rates for 2022-2023 School Year

APPROVE the updated substitute rates for 2022-2023 school year.

Category	Rate of Pay (Daily)
Substitute Certification	\$125.00
Certified Teacher	\$150.00

G. Stipend Positions/Compensation

APPROVE the following Stipend Positions/Compensations for the 2022-2023 school year.

Activity (# of positions)	# of Positions	Anticipated Compensation	Staff
Clubs			
SAVE Club	2	\$1,485.00 (shared)	Loretta Becker, William Maher
Drama - Middle	2	\$1,697.00 (shared)	Michael Hannel, Atira Alexander
Activities			
I&RS Coordinator - Middle School	2	\$1,400.00 (shared)	Christina McClaren, Christina Rivera

H. Middle School Play Production

APPROVE the following staff and sidebar agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Activity (# of positions)	Anticipated Compensation	Staff
Middle School Play Production	\$4,000.00 total (shared)	Atira Alexander, Michael Hannel

I. Extended School Year Program

APPROVE the half-day special education extended school year (ESY) program:

Name	Position	Compensation	Anticipated
Jennie Fiamingo	Speech Therapist	\$33/hr.	Additional 5.25 hours over 30 hours

J. Child Study Team Summer Hours

APPROVE the Child Study Team Summer Hours for the purpose of assessing students to determine eligibility for special education services.

Name	Position	Compensation	Anticipated Hours
Lauren Smith	General Education Teacher	\$40/hr.	Additional .75 hours over 5 hours
Krystal Hutton	Special Education Teacher	\$40/hr.	Additional .25 hours over 5 hours

K. Nurse Summer Hours

APPROVE Rhonda Goodrich for 2022 summer hours not to exceed 10 hours at \$40.00/hr. as per the MTEA negotiated agreement.

L. Home Bound Instruction Teachers

APPROVE the following certificated staff for home bound instruction at \$40.00/hr. per the MTEA negotiated agreement on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year:

Lynette Massaro	Kristen Holte
Nellie Aponte-Rivera	Lauren Krawiec

M. 2022-2023 ACES Staff

APPROVE the following staff for the 21st CCLC Grant (ACES) after 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: \$15.00 per hour/data clerk.

N. Revised District Organizational Chart

APPROVE the revised Organizational Chart

O. 2022-2023 Substitutes

APPROVE the following substitute personnel for the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.

Name	Type of Substitute Category
Nicole James	Aide
Hailey Witczak	Aide

P. Treasurer's Contract

APPROVE correction to Treasurer's 2022-2023 salary as follows:

\$3,993.00 - Mullica Township Board of Education (11-000-230-100-00)

\$1,132.00 - Washington Township Board of Education Stipend (63-000-200-100-00)

\$5,125.00 - Total Salary

Q. Criteria for Independent Evaluations

RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.A.C. the Mullica Township School District requires all Independent Evaluations to adhere to New Jersey Regulations (6A:14-3) regarding professional license and certifications issued by the New Jersey Department of Education and (6A:14-2.5) with respect to protections in the evaluation procedures.

WHEREAS, in addition, The Mullica Township School District has established reasonable cost criteria as allowable in a memorandum from the Office of Special Education dated 03/10/2015, the following motion is being presented:

Motion to approve maximum fees for the Child Study Team and related evaluations as follows:

SERVICE	Maximum Fee
Assistive Technology Evaluation	\$1,200.00
Audiological Evaluation	\$400.00
Central Auditory Processing Evaluation	\$550.00
Fitness for Duty Evaluation	\$1,250.00
Functional Behavioral Assessment	\$625.00
LDT-C Evaluation	\$325.00

Neurological Evaluation	\$550.00
Neuropsychiatric/Neurodevelopmental	\$650.00
Neuropsychological Evaluation	\$2,500.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$325.00
Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$325.00
Psychiatric Evaluation	\$650.00
Psychological Evaluation	\$325.00

Exceptions to this fee schedule will be granted based on the unique needs of the student who may require the examiner to have specific expertise in order to evaluate the student.

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - CURRICULUM/STUDENT MATTERS

A. Vote to Approve Section 9 - Recommendation of the Superintendent - Curriculum/Students Matters

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

RESOLVED, the Mullica Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve items 9B-9D.

B. Curriculum Guides

APPROVE the following updated curriculum guides:

English Language Arts	Mathematics
Social Studies	Science
Visual and Performing Arts	World Language
Comprehensive Health/Physical Education (Moved to September)	

C. Student Safety Data System

APPROVE the submission of the SSDS report for reporting period 1, December 31, 2021, to June 30, 2022, submitted to the NJDOE on August 9, 2021.

D. District PDP and Mentoring Plan SOA

APPROVE the submission of the District Professional Development Plan and Mentoring Plan Statements of Assurance for the 2022-2023 school year.

E. Professional Development

Name	Location	Date	Cost	Travel	Meals & Lodging	Events
Andrew Weber	Mays Landing	9/19/2022, 10/11/2022, 11/14/2022, 12/12/2022, 01/17/2023, 02/13/2023, 03/06/2023, 04/17/2023, 05/08/2023, 06/05/2023	\$0	TBD	\$0	ACASA Executive Meeting
Andrew Weber	Mays Landing	09/23/2022, 10/14/2022, 11/18/2022, 12/9/2022, 01/20/2023, 02/17/2023, 03/10/2023, 04/21/2023, 05/12/2023, 06/09/2023	\$0	TBD	\$0	Superintendent's Roundtable Meeting
Karen Gfroehrer	Varies	08/18/2022, 09/16/2022, 10/7/2022, 11/4/2022, 12/2/2022, 01/13/2023, 02/24/2023, 04/2023, 05/12/2023, 06/7/2023	\$0	TBD	\$0	ACASBO Roundtable Meetings
Karen Gfroehrer	Mt. Laurel	10/18/2022	\$125	\$28.30	\$0	School Security: Threat Assessment and Disaster Preparedness

Karen Gfroehrer	Mt. Laurel	11/15/2022	\$125	\$28.30	\$0	Fiscal Procurement and ESSER Funds Monitoring Findings
Karen Gfroehrer	Mt. Laurel	12/14/2022	\$125	\$28.30	\$0	Pension Update
Karen Gfroehrer	Mt. Laurel	01/24/2022	\$125	\$28.30	\$0	Employment Issues
Karen Gfroehrer	Mt. Laurel	04/20/2022	\$125	\$28.30	\$0	Audit Review
Karen Gfroehrer	EHT	09/21/2022, 11/16/2022, 01/18/2023, 03/15/2023 (Virtual), 05/17/2023	\$0	\$17.40/meeting	\$0	ACCASBO JIF Insurance Meeting
Karen Gfroehrer	Cape May	09/28/2022-09/30/2022	\$0	\$0	\$0	SPELL JIF Joint Retreat

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - BOARD POLICY

A. Vote to Approve Section 10 - Recommendation of the Superintendent - Board Policy

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

RESOLVED, the Mullica Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve item 10B.

B. Second Reading

APPROVE the following policy (P) and regulation (R) items as a second reading:

R2330 Homework

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

A. Vote to Approve Section 11 - Recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

RESOLVED, the Mullica Township Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator, approve items 11B - 11H;

B. Secretary and Treasurer Reports

RESOLVED, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-11(c)4 the Board certifies that according to the Board Secretary's Certification as of **June 2022**, after review of the Secretary's Budget Report for **June 2022** as submitted, to the best of their knowledge:

- no major account or fund has been over-expended
- no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-11(b) and N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)3&4 and
- that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year

RESOLVED, that Board members are in receipt of the following Financial Reports and hereby accept Board Secretary's Certifications:

- Treasurer's and Board Secretary's Report for 06/30/2022

Pursuant to Administrative code, N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(3) I, Karen Gfroehrer, Board Secretary, certify that as of **06/30/2022**, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Mullica Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A23-2.11(2), it is certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month of **June 2022**.

C. Transfers

APPROVE the June 2022 account transfers #000251 through #000299.

D. Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

APPROVE the withdrawal from maintenance reserve in the amount of \$85,000.00 pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-14.2d.

E. Approval of Expenditures

APPROVE the payroll expense for:

June 15, 2022: \$471,286.28	June 22, 2022: \$309,378.76
June 30, 2022: \$85,335.99	July 15, 2022: \$83,630.41
July 30, 2022: \$96,194.36	

APPROVE the June 30, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$298,571.01

Fund 10 General Expense	\$221,338.67
Fund 20 Special Revenues	\$36,756.72
Fund 30 Construction Funds	\$00.00
Fund 40 Debt Service	\$00.00
Total General Fund	\$258,095.39
Fund 62 Cafeteria	\$37,527.43
Fund 63 Washington Twp	\$00.00
Fund 95 Student Activities	\$2,948.19
Total All Funds	\$298,571.01

APPROVE the July 20, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$1,132,837.84

Fund 10 General Expense	\$651,596.72
Fund 20 Special Revenues	\$200,494.19
Fund 30 Construction Funds	\$0.00
Fund 40 Debt Service	\$248,815.00
Total General Fund	\$1,100,905.91
Fund 62 Cafeteria	\$31,931.93
Fund 63 Washington Twp	\$0.00
Fund 95 Student Activities	\$0.00
Total All Funds	\$1,132,837.84

APPROVE the August 24, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$105,655.33

Fund 10 General Expense	\$79,339.15
Fund 20 Special Revenues	\$13,547.64
Fund 30 Construction Funds	\$0.00
Fund 40 Debt Service	\$0.00
Total General Fund	\$92,886.79
Fund 62 Cafeteria	\$12,768.54
Fund 63 Washington Twp	\$0.00
Fund 95 Student Activities	\$0.00
Total All Funds	\$105,655.33

F. Contracts

APPROVE the agreement with Atlantic County Special Services for the 2022-2023 ESY program for two (2) at a cost to the district of \$4,600.00.

G. Grants

ACCEPT the 2022-2023 IDEA Grant as follows:

Basic: \$196,217.00

Preschool: \$5,218.00

APPLY for the 2022-2023 21st Century CCLC Supplemental Competitive Grant in the amount of \$35,000.

ACCEPT the 2020-2024 ARP ESSER III Grant as follows:

ARP ESSER III: \$1,395,198.00

Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant: \$59,417.00
 Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant: \$40,000.00
 Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant: \$40,000.00
 NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant: \$45,000.00

APPLY for and **ACCEPT** the 2021-2023 ARP Homeless II Grant in the amount of \$7,041.00

H. Facilities Use

APPROVE the following Facilities Use Applications items:

Date	Time	Organization	Location	Fee
11/22/2022, 12/27/2022	6:30pm-9:30pm	Township of Mullica	Cafeteria/Meeting Room	\$0

Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, BOARD AND STAFF ON GENERAL TOPICS

Ms. Ford expressed concern regarding bused PreK students in car seats.

Mr. Weber responded that, going forward, parents may buckle their own child in a car seat. Information will be sent to parents regarding this in the next day or so.

Ms. Eccleston commented on the car seat situation.

Ms. Silipina stated she recently moved to Mullica and doesn't expect the school to teach her children inappropriate curriculum and asked the Board of Education to pass a resolution to oppose the new curriculum.

13. INFORMATIONAL

A. Next Board Meeting Date

The next board meeting is scheduled for **September 28, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 p.m. for public session.

B. PTA – Mrs. Brownhill reminded everyone to renew their membership. The cost is \$5.00.

C. MTEF – Mr. Weber reported that the MTEF is planning to get back to normal fundraising.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion approved unanimously.

TIME: 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Gfroehrer
 Business Administrator