

JANUARY 04, 2005

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ONE NORMAN J FIELD WAY
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY 07724-3299

JANUARY 04, 2005
7:45 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING

STATEMENT TO BE READ BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting has been properly provided by the giving of a meeting notice, by mailing same to the Asbury Park Press on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, filing same on Wednesday, May 05, 2004 with the clerk of the Borough of Tinton Falls, Borough of Eatontown and the Township of Shrewsbury, and by prominently posting said notice on the Monmouth Regional High School Internet Web page and the main doors into the High School building in the Administration wing on Wednesday, May 05, 2004.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. with the following members in attendance:

Yvonne H. Bova
Jonathan Cohen
Joseph P. Gaetano
Thomas C. Neff

Steven B. Seavey
Carl E. Sohl
Linda Thatcher
JoEllen L. Wernikowski
Anthony Schaible

James W. Cleary
M. Barger, Esq.

Patrick R. Collum

Stephen Slowinski, student rep

Absent: Stephanie Gottlieb, student rep

FLAG SALUTE

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student of the Month – Karen Hauge, December –Mr. Collum introduced Karen Hauge, our Student of the Month. Mr. Collum complimented her for all the extra curricular programs she involves herself in at MRHS; specifically noting her involvement as the drum majorette for the school band and her performances in school musicals. Mr. Schaible presented her with a plaque.

Winter Recess Athletic Tournaments – Mr. Collum noted that the Girls Basketball Team won the Bayshore Holiday Tournament.

8th Grade Parents Night January 13 – Mr. Collum reminded the Board that we will be hosting 8th Grade Parents Night on January 13th.

Need for Board Members to have Private E-mail Addresses – Mr. Collum requested that Board Members consider having their own private email address so we can send them confidential information and reduce the paper trail. Items like agendas could be sent via email to their home addresses at this private address.

Reminder Board Dinner 1/7 6:30 PM Palumbo's – Reminder – Retirement Dinner for Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Vega is scheduled for Friday evening at Palumbo's in Tinton Falls.

Mr. Collum reported that our school levels and goals have been approved by the County Office.

Hall of Fame – Mr. Collum reported that the inductions for the MRHS Hall of Fame are being scheduled for every other year.

S1701 – Mr. Collum reminded the Board that the PTSO has scheduled a meeting on January 24th on the topic of "S1701".

Mr. Collum reported that Mr. Cleary will be meeting on January 12th with the Business Administrators from Tinton Falls and Eatontown to work on cost savings for the three districts.

Mr. Collum reported that he is requesting from the sending districts input on the 2005/06 school years calendar.

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2. Resignations

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny-Foggin, Special Education Teacher in order to accept a position in another district, effective February 21, 2005

ADDENDUM

Instructional – Substitutes

Recommend the Board approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2004/2005 School Year, at a compensation rate of \$70.00 for the first fifteen (15) days and \$75.00 thereafter. Further recommend the Board approve their emergent hiring during the fingerprint clearance period.

Tindall, Henry 64 Credits Brookdale Community College

Motion: Mr. Gaetano Second: Mr. Sohl

ITEMS A1, A2 + Addendum

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

A) Noninstructional –

Bus Aide

Recommend the Board approve Terraine Johnson as a substitute bus aide at an adjustable rate of \$4.25/per hour to her regular salary when applicable.

Motion: Mr. Gaetano Second: Mr. Sohl

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

OTHER BUSINESS

A) Textbooks

Recommend the Board approve the following textbooks for the 2004/05 School Year, which are available in the Board Office for review:

Math

Book Title: Mathematics w/Business Applications – 5th Edition
Author: Lange Rousos
Publisher: Glencoe
Date of Publication: 2004

B) Second Reading & Adoption

**MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY - PHILOSOPHY -- GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

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MRHS PHILOSOPHY

Monmouth Regional is a comprehensive high school serving the communities of Eatontown, Shrewsbury Township and Tinton Falls. The military facilities of Fort Monmouth and Earle Naval Weapons Station contribute to the creation of a student body that is highly mobile and culturally diverse. We honor this diversity and believe it to be among our intrinsic strengths.

We are committed to the premise that all students have the right to be taught without partiality and with teaching strategies suited to their individual needs. To that end, we provide a curriculum of required and elective courses, including vocational and life skills designed to encourage problem solving, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry. We encourage and support professional growth as integral to this curricular success. We will use current technology in our teaching to prepare students to be technologically literate in society, the workplace, and future academia, and we will strive to continually keep pace with emerging technological developments. Careful guidance of course and career planning and interdisciplinary cooperation are essential to the success of this learning process.

Monmouth Regional High School believes that an extensive co-curricular program is equally essential to the social, physical, and emotional development of all students. In an effort to foster school spirit, promote interpersonal relationships, and challenge students to participate in varied activities, we encourage and support a co-curricular program that reflects student interests.

We recognize the necessity of assisting students to value the importance of honesty, ethics, and integrity in their daily lives, to develop civic responsibility and to respect others, oneself, and the environment. We model as well as teach across the curricula the responsibilities and obligations of citizens in a participatory democracy. We recognize our responsibilities not only to our local, state, and national communities, but also to the global community.

Monmouth Regional High School will provide a safe and nurturing environment in which students and staff can thrive and where positive peer relationships are promoted. It is our obligation to provide the school community with clearly defined rules and regulations and to enforce them with consistency and equity. We believe that parents and school share a mutual obligation to communicate regarding student progress, behavior and school policies.

The vision of Monmouth Regional is to recognize the worth and dignity of each individual and to provide a quality education to ensure that all students acquire the requisite skills to function successfully as contributing members of a global society.

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- I. To provide students with a program and staff that meet their diverse needs by:
 - A. providing a wide variety of courses;
 - B. structuring the curricula to accommodate individual differences;
 - C. providing a professional staff with the background and experience to use teaching methods and strategies appropriate to various learning styles;
 - D. encouraging staff participation in a variety of professional programs both within the school and by attending outside educational activities;
 - E. making available counseling services;
 - F. fostering use of community resources.

- II. To equip students with literacy and skills to function in a rapidly changing technological society by:
 - A. incorporating problem solving skills, the ability to think critically and perform critical analysis;
 - B. developing the confidence to use and apply newly emerging technologies effectively;
 - C. developing the ability to communicate effectively;
 - D. promoting an awareness and appreciation of our environment and the necessity for ecological management;
 - E. developing the ability to use life skills effectively.

- III. To assist students in course and career planning by:
 - A. encouraging communication among parents, students, teachers and counselors;
 - B. offering the opportunity to develop a proposed four year plan of studies;
 - C. assisting them in developing career goals;
 - D. ensuring that they are aware of the opportunities for post-graduate studies;
 - E. maintaining an effective Guidance Department for all students.

- IV. To provide students with the opportunity to develop leisure time activities and new interests by:
 - A. offering a wide variety of co-curricular activities;
 - B. sponsoring student centered assemblies and programs;
 - C. encouraging students to appreciate the importance of recreational activities;
 - D. encouraging positive interpersonal relationships.

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- V. To help students understand democratic principles by:
 - A. demonstrating the importance of the worth and dignity of each person;
 - B. encouraging students to understand ethical and moral principles and their values in a democratic society;
 - C. emphasizing the necessity for individual responsibility;
 - D. encouraging participation in the making and administering of school policies.

- VI. To provide students with an environment conducive to learning by:
 - A. maintaining a clean, attractive and functioning physical plant;
 - B. encouraging extensive use of the Media Center;
 - C. fostering relationships between administration, teachers and support staff based on mutual trust, respect and open communications;
 - D. ensuring a safe educational atmosphere with clearly stated policies which are equitably and consistently enforced;
 - E. promoting school spirit;
 - F. providing the opportunity for creativity.

- VII. To evaluate the effectiveness of the Monmouth Regional High School program pertaining to these goals and objectives by establishing evaluative procedures that include:
 - A. follow-up studies of graduates;
 - B. internal evaluation;
 - C. utilization of other educational research.

Adopted: April 1985
September 1985
April 1986
September 1986
April 1987
September 1987
April 1988
September 1988

Revised
In Committee: October 29, 1997
First Reading November 4, 1997
Second Reading November 18, 1997
Adopted: November 18, 1997

First Reading: December 21, 2004
Second Reading: January 4, 2005
Adoption January 4, 2005

Motion: Mr. Cohen Second: Ms. Bova
ITEMS A, B
Roll Call Vote: All in favor

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stephen Slowinski reported on the success of our girl's basketball team during the Holiday Tournament. He also reported on boy's bowling and the two upcoming events for the swim team scheduled in the next two weeks.

Mr. Neff reported on the 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Policy Committee noting that the policies on Honor Code and Memorials were discussed.

Mr. Seavey raised a concern about the tragedy in S.E. Asia asking if any of the MRHS community was affected and also inquired if the school is taking any official action towards the relief. Mr. Collum noted that no information has been provided to us and to the best of our knowledge, no family has been directly affected. He also noted that he will keep the Board apprised on any actions taken by individual clubs or groups in the building pertaining to relief or donations.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER PRIVATE SESSION

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of Public Laws of 1975 authorize a public body to meet in Private Session under certain limited circumstances and

WHEREAS, said law requires a public body to take resolution at a Public Meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth Regional Board of Education that it does hereby determine it is necessary to meet in Private Session on January 04, 2005 for discussion of student matters

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these matters will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required

Motion: Mr. Gaetano

Second: Ms. Bova

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

RECESS: 8:27 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Neff

Second: Mr. Cohen

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

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REOPEN PUBLIC SESSION: 9:35 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Gaetano

Second: Mr. Sohl

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

ROLL CALL:

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P.P.

Recommend the Board continue suspension for P.P. for the remainder of the second marking period and provide Home Instruction during that time.

Further, recommend that the administration set probationary terms that will include a zero tolerance for discipline meetings, improvement of grades prior to his return February 01, 2005, strong suggestion that the family consider anger management counseling and refrain from any contact with H.T. for the remainder of the school year.

Motion: Mr. Gaetano

Second: Mr. Sohl

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Mrs. Wernikowski requested that the Board look into reviewing our self evaluation and possibly schedule a retreat. A request was made to call Kathy Weber and try to have her schedule a visit to review with us our board goals.

Board of Education discussed how we were progressing on the study of a paperless Board meeting. Mr. Cleary noted that we are still trying to schedule a visit to Lumberton school district to look at their operation and evaluate the cost.

It was suggested that we ask Kathy Weber to schedule a retreat for sometime in early May.

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ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 P.M.

Motion: Mr. Sohl

Second: Mr. Cohen

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

James W. Cleary
Assistant Superintendent for Business
Board Secretary

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