

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township  
Moorestown, New Jersey  
MINUTES  
William Allen Middle School  
April 18, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order – 7:08 p.m.**

The Special 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:

1. Notice filed with the Courier Post on April 3, 2018
2. Notice filed with the Burlington County Times on April 1, 2018

**2. Moment of Silence**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

X Mr. Jack Fairchild  
X Mrs. Tinamarie Nicolo-Dorfner  
X Mr. Brandon Pugh  
X Ms. Lauren Romano  
A Mr. Dimitri Schneiberg  
X Mr. Mark Villanueva  
X Mr. Maurice Weeks

A Mr. David A. Weinstein, Vice President  
X Dr. Sandra Alberti, President

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

**5. Community Engagement Series – Forum on Safety & Security**

In addition to the board members, there were approximately 20 individuals in attendance. The group was comprised of parents and representatives of the following: Sandy Hook Promise, Moorestown Home & School Association, Moorestown Education Association, local clergy, the Moorestown Police Department, the press and administration.

Dr. Alberti opened the forum by welcoming all in attendance and introduced Communications Committee chairperson, Mr. Weeks. Mr. Weeks described the Board’s goal in sponsoring the Community Engagement Series.

All Board members and forum attendees introduced themselves.

Dr. McCartney addressed the group and described areas the district has considered or addressed with regard to safety and security including Social Emotional Learning, administrative discussions, professional development with staff, collecting feedback from staff, facility upgrades, and emergency drills.

The following topics were discussed and suggestions made to enhance safety and security during the forum:

- Communication devices
- Panic buttons or apps
- Locking mechanisms
- Tools/procedures to use at the front door
- Educating parent volunteers on safety plans
- Character education programs
- An app called “Sit With Us”
- Additional personnel to address student needs - .5 school nurse and .5 psychologist
- Differing educational levels can cause communication difficulty
- Opportunities for students to share topics of interest at lunch tables
- “Mix it up Fridays” - sit with other students in other classes during lunch
- Classroom practice of asking “How are you feeling?”
- Unified soccer, basketball, bowling, track programs enhance inclusion
- High School students visit elementary schools to engage with them
- School Messenger communication for students
- Monitoring student behavior changes
- Increased communication with parents regarding activities and mental health providers available
- Has bullying changed in schools over the years?
- Are we considering using the *I Love You Guys* - program?
- Are we identifying students who are isolating themselves?
- *Sandy Hook Promise* - Encompasses many of the things that have been suggested and focuses on what students can do, teaching strategies to reduce isolation and identifying students at risk.

Dr. McCartney and Dr. Alberti thanked the attendees and talked about plans to share what was learned at this forum and asked for suggestions for future forum meetings.

**6. Adjournment – 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Joanne P. D’Angelo  
Board Secretary