

# Transcript

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all right I have 7:02 p.m so let's get started

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like to call it order the regular meeting in the Moorestown Township Board of Education which has been

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properly noticed in accordance with the open public meetings Act may I please get a moment of silence

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please arise for the pledge

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liberty and justice for all

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did you take roll call please James Mrs R Cara Burns Mrs fellows Macaluso

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Dr Mike Mrs Miller here Mrs Moreno yeah Miss Romano Mr weeks president Mrs mcopoulos

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here Mr Villanueva here thank you thank you and as a routine matter may I please

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get a motion to approve the minutes set forth in the agenda at item 7A

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uh all in favor any nose or abstentions

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from all or anyone no that's fine there's uh several

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different dates so I wasn't sure if you're

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okay

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great

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any other abstentions all right thank you

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well thanks everyone for being here uh it's hard to believe that

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this is our second to last board meeting of of this Academic Year and it's May and uh

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graduation is right around the corner um and while in many respects it's hard to believe that it's already here as I

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was thinking about it earlier today you know where September of 2022 seems like

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eons ago uh to me um not only just sort of in terms of looking at my own kids growth but where

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we are as a district we faced some significant challenges I think

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um and you know with the sudden departure or unexpected departure of our

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prior superintendent I think we had some unforeseen obstacles but I think

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the Community or our school Community from students staff principals Administration

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uh the board I think we have really risen to the occasion as as a school

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Community um and and move things forward notwithstanding the the challenges that

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we face this year so thank you to everyone thank you again to the students teachers Administration

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especially the teachers right it's we're coming off the heels of teacher appreciation week and I know there were a lot of great events last week but uh

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it is worth mentioning uh our the board's appreciation for the staff here

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um and so thank you and you know we have plenty of obstacles ahead and I am

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confident that if we move forward together as a community at all our

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levels we may not agree on every little thing but if we move forward with the common goal of of doing what's best for

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our kids I know that we're going to do great things so I just wanted to note that

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um I'd sent an email out to the community last week regarding our superintendent

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search and um was very very pleased to report that Mr

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ballendorf has agreed to stay on with us for another Academic Year and so we  
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while we do not yet have a contract in place uh he'll be with us through June  
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of 2024 which the board unanimously agreed is is the  
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best thing for our district right now as I've updated in the past we have been  
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engaged in the search for a permanent superintendent we met with many great  
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candidates we reviewed lots of great submissions with  
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having seen Mr ballendorf in really just four short months the things that he had  
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has done have really been incredible um you know oftentimes you'll hear that  
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interim superintendent is there just to keep the seat warm and he's done nothing but the opposite I mean he has grabbed  
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the bull by the horns has really jumped into this District  
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um with his heart and his mind and it was obvious I think to everybody on the board and from everybody that I've  
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spoken to in the district quite frankly so we have not ended our search for a  
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permanent Superintendent at all our timeline is different um  
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but we haven't ended it and we will continue to search for a our permanent  
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and including my personal hope is that the candidates that we've already met with remain  
7:46  
interested in in taking the permanent seat so again  
7:51  
um thank you to Mr ballendorf for agreeing to stay with us for another year I'm thrilled and you know we have a  
7:58  
lot of work ahead and I think that the district is best suited by having you  
8:04  
help guys through that so thank you and that concludes my remarks  
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well um first of all I'm like incredibly humbled by those remarks and and it's much appreciated  
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um you know when you're in my position and you're retired and uh you have lots  
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of other irons in the fire like we just found out that I have a grandchild along the way my first I'm very excited  
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um you know you have the ability to pick and choose and do things that you want  
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to do and and it was my absolute intention to help this district for a short while while they search for a new  
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superintendent but I say to you with all sincerity that uh in the four plus  
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months that I've been here um I've really come to fall in love with the district and the people that work  
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here and the things that are being done naturally there's always obstacles and  
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things that get in the way and there's conversations to be had and sometimes they elevate the debate  
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but the one thing that's been very evident to me is there's a deep sense of caring for kids  
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and that's something that resonates very deeply with me and as long as we're continuing to make decisions that are in  
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the best interest of our kids I'm happy to be a part of that any place anywhere uh so I'm humbled that Morristown feels  
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as though I can continue to provide and to support and to lead in that  
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regard uh and uh I will continue to give all of myself uh during the next 13  
9:42  
months while I'm here there's a lot to be done and I'm very happy and humbled to be a part of it so thank you for your  
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very kind words and I thank you uh and the rest of the board for their confidence in me having said that I have  
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an update um I've been in conversation with the mayor and it would appear we are definitely moving through with the  
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hiring of three slio threes those uh particular uh postings are  
10:06  
going up now with the hopes that the new public safety director upon his arrival in early June will be able to begin the

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interview process and with the start of next school year we would hope to Triple the size of our police coverage and our  
10:20  
buildings so I'm very excited and happy to report that to the community uh just a reminder that Memorial Day  
10:26  
weekend I can't say this enough because I don't want somebody showing up and we're not here that the district is  
10:32  
closed on Friday May 26th Monday May 29th and Tuesday May 30th so I hope you  
10:39  
all have an opportunity to enjoy a very long and and happy Memorial Day weekend  
10:45  
graduation has been measured again scheduled for June 22nd that's a rain or  
10:50  
shine event so that's definitely going to happen and then the last thing I want to talk about is it was mentioned at our  
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last board meeting I want to follow up with regards to the development and Redevelopment of the Dei committee it  
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may take on a very different look I don't really know what it looked like before and who was involved but the  
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vision is to create a committee that would be really diverse would involve staff members administrators students  
11:18  
community members Community leaders all in an effort to ensure that we  
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continue to move in a positive direction that every child that attends this District every staff member that works  
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in this District feels belonging feels like they belong feels like they're appreciated and has a voice in this  
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community and as an educational institution I very very much resonates  
11:43  
and I have a very deep belief that when schools or happy places places where  
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kids feel comfortable going where teachers look forward to come to work every single day great things happen  
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that's something that I deeply believe in with all my heart and I think every  
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good District Works towards that goal uh to create an environment where we can  
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flourish because we recognize it in the giving of Education creating an environment where kids feel a part of  
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and teachers feel a part of and feel welcome and part of the community enhances the product enhances the work  
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of the education so that committee will be committed to helping us Foster and  
12:26  
create that on a wider platform so I'm happy to engage that work Carol Butler  
12:31  
will be leading that charge and I know information will be coming out over the course of the summer inviting community  
12:37  
members to send their interest in wanting to be a part of that committee  
12:43  
so with that I turn things over to our student Representatives  
12:49  
thank you  
12:57  
good evening ladies and gentlemen my name is Lucas McGill and I'm your senior class Board of Ed liaison tonight I have  
13:02  
some information for you about graduation the 50th class for Union tours and a little bit about this weekend's prom or last begins prom sorry  
13:08  
we're right on track to graduate on June 22nd at this point everyone's committed to their respective schools and ready to  
13:13  
continue on their own individual paths classes are either winding down after AP tests or gearing up for finals and Mr  
13:19  
Seibel has some senior activities planned for us for the week of graduation on the Monday before we have the senior picnic on that Tuesday  
we  
13:26  
have a graduation rehearsal the next day on Wednesday we have the senior memories breakfast and another graduation rehearsal and then  
on Thursday we have  
13:32  
the actual graduation commencement ceremony as for prom the dance was from 6 30 to  
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11 last Friday night at lucian's Manor so far we've received nothing but glowing reviews the food venue and music  
13:44  
were all fantastic and made for an amazing evening finally the tour for the graduates of  
13:49  
the class of 73. um the student council has been putting together a short video featuring all the  
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decades since the class of 73. it'll be 54 graduates who will celebrate their anniversary that day and after watching  
14:00  
a short video student council Representatives would take them around in the school in four groups to show them what's changed since their  
years  
14:05  
here some of the stops would include the new library the new Mac gym the new science swing and the additions to the front of  
14:12  
the school I guess we'll also be able to see updated copies of the blueprint to the school and all of its reasons  
14:17  
changes we'll be there from 9 to 10 a.m and I know the Class of 73 graduates and their committee are very excited for what we  
14:23  
have in store thank you very much I'd like to pass it off to our junior class liaison  
14:39  
hello everyone I'm pavika the junior class liaison and I'm here to talk about AP exams in prom so the months of April  
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and May for high schoolers have been very very busy among finding the right dress shoes jewelry and outfits for prom  
14:53  
weekend we had been very busy studying for AP exams these exams took place over  
14:59  
two weeks with AP U.S government and politics kicking off AP exam season on  
15:04  
May 1st and AP Latin and physics 2 closing it off on May 12th this year was  
15:11  
also College board's first year administering digital exams and the tests that were available digitally for  
15:17  
MHS were computer science principles language and composition literature and  
15:22  
composition European history and U.S history I was glad to have taken the  
15:28  
Lang exam digitally our test has a multiple choice section and three essays while I was nervous to take the multiple  
15:35  
choice part digitally because I know I'm a big annotator and I love writing all over the page the exam format was very  
15:42  
user friendly and I could highlight text and add notes in the margin I was also very glad to have written the exams by  
15:49  
typing and I'm sure the AP graders are as well because I know some of my classmates handwriting is all full  
15:54  
having done lots of peer review but um we could go back change sentences  
16:00  
delete text copy and paste our text that was very very helpful and I'm glad that the laying exam was digital  
16:07  
um as for prom after the two stressful weeks our Juniors and seniors were able  
16:13  
to slip into their best outfits and get ready for prom this was my first prom and it was certainly memorable the event  
16:19  
venue was lucian's in Berlin and it was very luxurious in Grand and it had lots  
16:25  
of spots for photos which is a must for any High School Dance I also love the DJ we had he played some  
16:31  
Bollywood music so you'll know I was a very big fan of the DJ between dancing eating and taking photos  
16:37  
I have no idea where the time went and I honestly couldn't have asked for a better first dance I would just like to  
16:43  
thank MHS administrators and student council advisors for supervising the dance and setting everything up I'm very  
16:50  
grateful for all of their efforts consideration and dedication this is also my last board meeting for this year  
16:56  
because Jack will take on the June one and I would just like to say I'm very happy to have met all of you and I'll be  
17:02  
back next year as a senior ready with more speeches bye I like to pass it off  
17:07  
to our sophomore class liaison  
17:24  
good evening board members um like she said before I'm Amin cosmi you're a sophomore for liaison  
17:31  
today I have updates for our previous Brandywine visits for those who don't know on April 18th and 27th we visited  
17:39  
Brandywine like it was an old folks home and many of our council members hung out  
17:44  
with the old folks there and telling the stories coloring playing cards and just  
17:49  
getting the known better to give them a good experience you know what our youth is doing nowadays which I'm sure many  
17:54  
are curious of what's Happening this is one of our ways to say thank you to one of the organizations Brandywine that  
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came to our love Fair earlier in this this year if you remember and we'll actually be going back to  
18:06  
Brandywine this Thursday the 18th and we're Gathering many students to go many student council members will go and many  
18:12  
office student accounts will come as well just our normal student body it's open to everyone and that's really all I have today and  
18:18  
thank you and I'll pass it off to my professional liaison  
18:33  
good afternoon everyone I'm Dom Grumman freshman class liaison as we approach the end of the school year almost a  
18:39  
month away students and staff are getting ready for summer but more importantly finals as we review and  
18:45  
prepare and practice things we've learned throughout the year not just the end of the school years approaching but the end of our athletic  
18:52  
year is coming to an end here is a recap of the Sports Seasons this year or the  
18:57  
spring Sports Seasons our baseball team is eight and nine and are ranked number 10 in the Olympic  
19:03  
conference with just three more games before playoffs boys golf has done great with a 14-2 record and just won the  
19:10  
South Central group free state championship boys lacrosse team is eight and seven in  
19:15  
our ranked number three in South Jersey group three and have four more games before playoffs boys volleyball is  
19:21  
awesome so a good start with Nine and Nine record and a four more game for playoffs Boys Tennis is 12 and 6 and are  
19:28  
ranked number eight in group three I have six more matches before playoffs boys track is five and two with three  
19:34  
meets left before playoffs girls golf is 9-3 and they're ranked number two in South Central group three  
19:41  
girls lacrosse is 12-2 and a number four in all of New Jersey they have four more  
19:46  
games before playoffs girls tracking six and one and have only have three meets left before the end of their season  
19:51  
softball is off to a hot start at a 15-3 record and ranked number two in the Olympic conference  
19:58  
we were special luck in all of these team Seasons thank you for having me here tonight have a great rest of your  
20:03  
night  
20:12  
thank you as always free to go enjoy the nice weather out there and and we'll see some of you next month but vavika thank  
20:19  
you for for your updates we won't see you next month but look forward to seeing you next year  
20:24  
bye okay uh next up are board committee  
20:31  
reports um I'll start off with the ad hoc committee on new housing developments  
20:39  
because I mentioned last month the board has created an ad hoc committee  
20:45  
tasked with looking at new housing that's coming to town and the impact  
20:50  
it's going to have on our schools and enrollment and the like and so this was our first meeting as a committee and the  
20:58  
committee comprises of uh Danielle Miller Mick weeks  
21:04  
and Brooke may it mayat I'll get it one of these days we  
21:11  
met last Friday uh sort of as a kickoff meeting um we have been over the course of the last  
21:19  
few months Mr ballendorf and I have a meeting with the township to talk uh generally about  
21:25  
um the financial Arrangements that are attached to the various developments  
21:32  
that are coming to town I believe there's a total of seven don't don't quote me on that but we um we've been  
21:38  
engaged in some conversations about you know what type of Revenue stream the district could receive from these  
21:44  
various locations and uh we are continuing to do our due diligence on that we have a copy of the of the  
21:51  
arrangement with the developers of the Moorestown mall and we're sort of trying to digest that and understand that so  
21:58  
the committee talked about that quite a bit um it was mostly a brainstorming session  
22:03  
you know it's what we think we need to do in the very near term to make sure that we are well positioned financially

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and um structurally to handle a potential influx of students now one of  
22:16  
the things that I think there's an agreement on is that we should hire a  
22:22  
demographer to give us a sort of a population study and the potential impact of these various new developments  
22:28  
and that will help us inform our decision making going forward so that's something that we intend to do in the  
22:34  
near term is to hire a demographer to assist us and inform our decision  
22:41  
um so again it was really just a a general brainstorming session that I think many of you on the board are  
22:47  
familiar with the subjects that we've been kicking around so unless there's any other questions or comments I'll  
22:54  
move along okay let's go with Communications Jill  
23:01  
yeah so this is a quick one we didn't meet this past month due to scheduling conflicts and as you can see we had a  
23:08  
long list of extra and special meetings so we are scheduled to meet on May 24th  
23:15  
thank you curriculum Lauren sure uh we met on May 11th Dr Benton uh Dr Hassell Jeff Erie  
23:24  
mcweeks Cheryl mccopless Daniel Miller and myself we reviewed the field trips  
23:32  
um there was a total of three these again are day trips um that was informational only we then  
23:39  
discussed um Dr Benton is in the process of creating a um  
23:45  
request for reconsideration of instructional or Library materials procedure  
23:52  
um Dr Benton updated the procedure we discussed gave some input with specific  
23:58  
attention to number eight I included the proposal in the minutes um so you can  
24:03  
refer to that or ask any questions of Dr Benton she will have office hours for that  
24:09  
um there is continued working of it so it will again come into the June  
24:15  
curriculum meeting for continued review and discussion um and then we heard from Dr Hassell  
24:24  
about the ues summer reading discussion um the committee she explained was  
24:29  
comprised of teachers the media Specialists Ela supervisor and building administrator they selected for the ues  
24:36  
um one book was going to be a graphic novel this year marshmallow and Jordan by Alina Chao the novel was selected  
24:44  
based on the criteria of its themes that the school wanted to develop and take a  
24:50  
look at and weave into the curriculum activities throughout the school year next year  
24:55  
um I thought what was really great was that the uas was also going to be rolling out a parent's guide for  
25:01  
assisting their children with the summer reading and students that are in the esy program will receive support with  
25:08  
reading the novel Williams is being pushed back to present  
25:13  
to curriculum until the June meeting because their selection process was a  
25:19  
little bit delayed because of the implementation of the new SLE program they wanted to have that in place before  
25:25  
they selected the novel so that should be coming to the committee next month and that was it  
25:31  
any questions I just have one question um just to clarify for whams  
25:37  
it I will it be more than one novel for the children to choose from or is it  
25:42  
just one novel at the administration  
25:48  
so they are in the process of uh deciding um the committee is scheduled to meet  
25:54  
again their purpose in looking at it this year is that they're going to be bringing on both a new Ela program as  
26:01  
well as the new SEL program and so they're trying to understand when they return to school how they can use  
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whether it's going to be one book or whether it's going to be a list of books how they're going to utilize the theme  
26:14  
is what they're really focused on to connect the literacy and the SEL programming especially because they're  
26:21  
launching both of those so we'll have a full update in June  
26:28  
any other questions and then just to confirm I I think you said this but 9130 is coming back to committee next month  
26:35  
the procedure okay perfect thank you okay  
26:42  
Mr weeks could you give us an update on finance and operations certainly happy too so among the action  
26:49  
items up first of all I'm just jumping right in I'm eager uh we met on May 2nd  
26:54  
uh in attendance besides my uh besides me uh Cheryl mccopless Danielle Miller  
27:00  
uh and uh Claudia Moreno were there and then uh on the staff side Joe  
27:06  
ballendorf uh James Heiser Jeff Harry and Carol Butler so action items that we  
27:12  
discussed uh we approved or recommended that the board approved the girls basketball trip  
27:18  
a award for grounds uh the the current  
27:23  
vendor was the low bidder and it was within budget so I believe that's on tonight  
27:29  
um we also talked about another resolution that's that's on the agenda tonight  
27:35  
around uh commercial driver's licenses and and making it easier hopefully for  
27:41  
us to get bus drivers and then another uh item that's on the agenda tonight the  
27:49  
paraprofessional codisol um so those are the things that the the  
27:54  
the committee recommended uh favorable action by the board on all of those items  
28:00  
then things for discussion we talked about the rewriting of the job descriptions  
28:05  
and Carol is working on that and is going to work with Joe uh and then share  
28:12  
that with the committee uh targeting August to get through the 50 plus descriptions that need to be  
28:18  
completed we looked at the rod Branch Rod was regular operating District  
28:25  
correct right look at that pay attention uh regular operating Grant operating  
28:31  
District Grant submission um we talked about the status of that the  
28:36  
[Music] um as we recently discussed talked about um  
28:42  
the auditor contract they had a discussion about the RFP we expect to put a bid out for our the district's  
28:50  
auditor we talked about an article that actually I came across but brought to the whole  
28:56  
committee for conversation about school Chromebooks creating a huge amount of  
29:02  
electronic waste um so we talked about the district's use of technology and specifically focusing  
29:10  
though on total cost of ownership and uh Mr Harry Mr Heiser we're going to  
29:16  
collect more data about the total cost of ownership we have with our devices and and looking at how we use other  
29:23  
devices as well and come back and make recommendations from that standpoint and certainly we'll consult with the  
29:29  
curriculum committee about the most appropriate technology and so combining those things was  
29:36  
one of the the outcomes of that conversation is Mr  
29:42  
Villanueva referenced we talked about uh looking into getting a demographer to  
29:47  
help us as we look at the housing that's being developed here in town and then  
29:54  
um talking about enrollment projections uh and that we're already reaching a cap with some  
30:02  
grades and looking at how to allocate our teacher resources and where student where the where the spot the slots may

30:10  
be for students where we may have to create slots for students as they come into the district but  
30:17  
um just making sure we were aware of of what's going on there so those are the  
30:23  
main uh discussion points during that during that meeting so any questions  
30:29  
comments did I leave anything out okay great thank you  
30:36  
could you give an update on policy please uh we met on May 9th it was myself  
30:42  
um Melissa or Carol Burns and Jill fowles Macaluso Mr bolendorf and Dr Benton uh we only we do not have any  
30:49  
policies on first reading we only have two regulations and two policies on second reading that we went over last  
30:55  
time um two regulations are mandatory that we don't have in place that we're putting  
31:02  
in place I have to do with a compensatory special education as well as lead testing of water in schools the  
31:09  
two policies are also mandatory from the state mostly terminology changes that  
31:14  
we're already complying with and also uh board member orientation training that I  
31:21  
think we all realized we need to kind of have a lot of stuff up front that we haven't been getting and need to have a  
31:26  
plan in place so this is helpful so there was two major items for discussion one more Global and one very  
31:32  
specific we've been talking about Community organizations boosters and parent organizations and we're very very close to having a draft uh  
policy and um  
31:40  
to be proposed reverse reading I'm hoping for the next board meeting um and the other issue is more Global  
31:47  
about we're making changes to policies we're adopting policies and regulations Karen does a great job at Distributing  
31:54  
it to the Administration staff that are in charge of those areas and those subject matter areas I think we can do a  
32:00  
better job um taking a more you know we're aligned to take a more structured approach to  
32:06  
operationalizing new or amended policies and I think Joe has been really good at saying that we you know can look at that  
32:12  
process to make sure those policies are filtering down to those people implementing it and do a better job  
32:18  
communicating or the shared vision and reason why we made some changes to certain policies making sure there's  
32:24  
execution accountability and you know there's there's no reason to have all these policies of not keeping them up to  
32:30  
date reviewing them and making sure when they are approved that they're actually being followed and if they need to be  
32:36  
tweaked hearing back from the administration that they need to be tweaked any questions  
32:44  
great thank you very much next up does anybody have any off board committee update  
32:55  
nope all right moving on we will move to our first public comment section on  
33:01  
agenda items ground rules are set forth in the agenda The Cliffs notes version  
33:07  
is please keep your comment to three minutes and state your name before making the comment in this section  
33:12  
pertains only to items that are on tonight's agenda  
33:18  
may I have a motion to open public comment so moved  
33:24  
favor aye anybody has a public comment on agenda items please approach the microphone  
33:35  
seeing none may I get a motion to close public comment all in favor  
33:44  
okay moving on to reports to the board may I please get a motion to approve  
33:51  
items one through four a set forth in section seven of the agenda  
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eight I'm sorry  
34:03  
all in favor aye any nose or abstentions  
34:10  
okay item 10 recommendations of the



34:15  
superintendent nine these Roman numerals are  
34:21  
my uh Mr Brody would be embarrassed um  
34:28  
Roman nine may I please get a motion to approve the policies on for second  
34:33  
reading so much  
34:39  
uh any comments or questions all in favor  
34:44  
aye he knows her abstentions letter b  
34:50  
educational program may I please get a motion for approval of items one through four under letter b  
35:01  
so second any comments or questions  
35:08  
all in favor all right those are abstentions thank you  
35:14  
finance and business  
35:19  
there are 12 items set forth under the financing business section of the agenda  
35:25  
may I please get a motion for approval of items one to twelve  
35:31  
any comments or questions I just like to extend a thank you to the  
35:37  
to the folks that are listed uh in the donations section of the agenda that  
35:43  
that donated um amounts of money to both the boys and  
35:48  
girls golf programs thank you very much uh all in favor  
35:54  
aye noser abstentions thank you  
35:59  
employee relations may please get a motion to approve items one to fifteen  
36:06  
in the employee relation section any comments or questions  
36:14  
this is this is a roll call vote  
36:24  
Mrs arcara Burns yeah Mrs fowles Macaluso Dr Mike  
36:30  
Mrs Miller yes Mrs Morano yes Miss Romano Mr weeks yes Mrs mcopoulos yeah  
36:37  
Mr Villanueva yes thank you  
36:43  
ah thank you for pointing that out uh as part of our Personnel section uh we have  
36:51  
appointed the appointment uh approved the appointment of Sean Kennard who is  
36:57  
currently our athletic director to the position of assistant principal at the high school when I see Sean is here so  
37:04  
we can give him a round of applause and congratulations  
37:10  
very well deserved and thanks for for taking a break from the fields to come join us so congratulations Sean  
37:20  
um okay next Roman 10 includes suspensions which is just for  
37:27  
informational only uh Item B is the superintendent's Hib report which  
37:33  
reflects the Hib cases that we discussed in executive session last month  
37:39  
um may I please get a motion uh for the approval of item 10B  
37:47  
second any comments or questions  
37:53  
all in favor aye noser abstentions  
37:59  
okay thank you item 11 is our enrollment information  
38:06  
item 12 is old business is there any old business  
38:13  
any new Biz well I know there is some new business um as we discussed in executive and that  
38:21

was handed out to the board there is a resolution uh authorizing the business  
38:27  
administrator slash board secretary to advertise and create a competitive Contracting RFP as set forth in the um  
38:37  
the accompanying memo that we received in executive so may I please get a motion for approval of that resolution  
38:47  
any comments or questions all in favor I mean those are abstentions  
38:54  
okay is there any other new business  
38:59  
all right thank you we'll now move on to our second public comment section this is  
39:05  
for public comment related to items both on or off the agenda and the ground  
39:10  
rules are set forth in the agenda itself and please get a motion to open public comment  
39:16  
so moved all in favor aye if you'd like to make a public comment  
39:22  
please approach the microphone  
39:29  
hello I'm Erin kitley and I work at Baker School I would like to commend and  
39:35  
thank the beaker staff for a couple of really fun things the first graders at Baker School had a spring concert on May  
39:42  
5th under the direction of music teacher Kristen zoranen the students did a wonderful job singing songs while  
39:48  
performing choreography in Sign Language the concert touched the hearts of the audience members because the songs were  
39:53  
about celebrating the love support and guidance of their families and friends  
39:58  
second for National Library week Mrs Dunn from the Morristown Public Library visited the baker kindergartners  
40:04  
students enjoyed listening to several stories and making a reading Banner to hang in their homes students were  
40:10  
encouraged to visit the library during the summer and participate in their reading program and summer activities  
40:16  
The Kindergartners at Baker School have been learning about different occupations And discussing what they  
40:21  
want to be when they grow up officer Wright and the Morristown Police Department visited each kindergarten class to discuss his profession  
and to  
40:29  
answer questions from students regarding his responsibilities here in Mrs yaris's class we've been on  
40:34  
a Spring Fling reading and learning about everything that comes with the season life cycles plants insects water  
40:41  
cycles rainbows and clouds among other things we are mastering new vocabulary words such as arachnid pollen nectar  
40:48  
metamorphosis pollywog condensation and evaporation we also learned some Spanish  
40:53  
words surrounding Cinco de Mayo we learned words related to friends families and colors and some of us are  
40:59  
using our AAC devices to talk about these interesting topics  
41:08  
hello I'm Trish kamerhoff I work at Roberts and first I need to apologize for my snack stand baseball attire  
41:16  
um but I would like to thank the Robert staffer on their Arbor Day performance the children sang You're a brand new  
41:22  
flag a World War One error song to honor the veterans uh whom remembrance park is  
41:28  
dedicated the children's also performed dos orgitas a song from the movie  
41:34  
Encanto about caterpillars transforming into butterflies but also the importance  
41:40  
of love trust and optimism some students danced as the caterpillars and butterflies for the song The Children  
41:46  
ended with the circle of life from The Lion King and they handed out homemade poppies to the audience members  
41:54  
um during the song to connect with the community as they gathered the students we teach are the future and the circle  
42:00  
continues thank you  
42:06  
hello my name is Linda kapostis and I work at wamps I'd like to commend the  
42:12  
way I'm staff because on Friday May 5th wam staff worked with members of the  
42:17

community to set up two separate engaging experiences for our students in  
42:22  
seventh grade we worked with parents and other members of the community to come up with our classrooms and into our  
42:29  
classrooms and present for stem career day students were able to rotate through  
42:34  
three different presentations of different careers in eighth grade students were paired with experts in  
42:41  
their chosen topics for the end-of-year project in order to engage in a question and answer that allowed them to gather  
42:47  
information for the action plan a huge thank you to Lindsey Passey for  
42:53  
her work organizing the parents reviewing the presentations creating the schedule and making sure it was a great  
43:00  
experience for all students for stem day and to the entire end of year committee for organizing the eighth grade  
43:06  
experience it really was lovely I was in the front end greeting everyone everyone  
43:12  
was um very engaged and it was a very a lovely  
43:19  
event for both 7th and 8th grade  
43:25  
good evening I'm Kim Martin and I teach here at WAMS and I would like to commend and thank the ues music directors the  
43:33  
fourth fifth and sixth grade orchestra band and core students under the direction of their orchestra band and  
43:38  
course teachers are preparing to during during preparing during special rehearsals for  
43:44  
the upcoming spring concerts that are this weekend next good luck to them  
43:51  
hi my name is Tom Castle just South Valley school I would like to come in in  
43:57  
South Valley for the following South Valley has worked with the First Baptist Food Pantry in various ways this year  
44:03  
not only do we participate in the district-wide food for all Friday program which conducts a food drive the  
44:09  
first Friday of every month but also run the no food left behind program  
44:14  
Windsor said out during the daily launch and packed um packed food items such as cheese sticks and yogurts are collected  
44:22  
and stored as special refrigerator which was donated by former South Valley Family  
44:27  
one so once we've parent volunteers collect the donations and bring them to the First Baptist food pantry  
44:33  
families are very appreciative to have these snacks available to them for the for the third grade service project  
44:39  
students creative flyers and collected hundreds of items to keep Moorestown pantries stock throughout the summer  
44:46  
uh the third grade classes at South Valley have been studying the history of Morristown as we finish our unit we are  
44:53  
up we have many reasons of why we are proud of our community Mrs Deborah's  
44:58  
class will welcome mayor Gillespie next Wednesday so we can share many reasons with her in person  
45:04  
she even has her own paper doll out of bulletin board entitled famous people in  
45:09  
Morrison thank you hi I am uh Steely Coleman I'm at 215  
45:17  
East Main Street um I just had a follow-up question for the board regarding  
45:23  
um I guess it was a survey with Lori perlow um it was reviewing results of a  
45:30  
stakeholder survey it had um we're supposed to look at underutilized resources and  
45:38  
I think the wording was something like there's a higher level goals with an action plan pending  
45:44  
um I think that was back in February or March I was just wondering if there was any uh follow-up to that if we've seen an action plan or  
what's going to be um  
45:51  
we can look forward to moving forward thanks  
45:58  
good evening my name is Emory kirwan I teach at Moorestown high school and I'd like to commend and thank the high  
46:04  
school staff for facilitating a glorious prom at Solutions the student enjoyed the beautiful venue the food and the DJ  
46:11

a special thank you to the class advisors especially and for long and  
46:16  
Barb young who did much work behind the scenes to ensure a wonderful night for 675 students also a thank you to all of  
46:23  
the AP teachers who prepared their students for the AP exams taking during school hours during the first two weeks  
46:30  
in May and also to provide a follow-up for students from the work based learning program that we're working at  
46:36  
the airport they partnered with Travelers Aid a National Organization that provides navigational assistance to  
46:43  
Travelers at American airports for the last few weeks students and job coaches have viewed TSA safety and Hamilton  
46:49  
protocol videos taken TSA online tests and finally cleared through security to  
46:55  
work at the Philadelphia International Airport students went through intensive but lots  
47:01  
of fun on the job training while learning how to navigate the airport yesterday students were charged with  
47:07  
Manning the visitors desk in terminal C as job coaches stood side by side with  
47:12  
their students equipped with iPads they answered questions from weary Travelers one was from a woman needing to retrieve  
47:18  
her license at TSA often they gave directions to baggage claim also where  
47:23  
the nearest Starbucks was and if someone could exchange pesos two dollars the  
47:29  
answer is you cannot at the airport you need to go directly to a bank and also they assisted special needs Travelers  
47:36  
our students displayed confidence friendliness and empathy they listened intently and when not sure what was  
47:42  
needed asked appropriate questions of The Travelers they engaged in friendly conversation with other workers at the  
47:47  
airport as a thank you The Travelers Aid company gave each student a 10 gift card they activated their cards ordered and  
47:54  
bought their lunches on their own we continue working through that site to June 12.  
48:00  
thank you good evening my name is Bill Kelly I  
48:07  
work at Morristown High School in recognition of May as mental health  
48:14  
awareness month we all would like to recognize the work of our K-12 counselors  
48:19  
and the k-3 schools counselors Carry Out The mtps Curriculum by develop by  
48:25  
delivering lessons for social emotional growth to students via the classroom and by organizing whole school events  
48:32  
counselors teach students emotional regulation strategies celebrate random acts of kindness week and week of  
48:39  
respect as examples the ues counselors are instrumental in supporting classroom work with the  
48:45  
character strong program in homeroom and implementation of the Mt mtps curriculum  
48:50  
via classroom lessons the counselor's plan and host school-wide programming to support the  
48:56  
well-being and success of all uas students wham's counselors have served on the  
49:01  
social emotional learning committee and the student Behavior committee to select programming and make implementation  
49:06  
decisions for the upcoming school year these counselors work closely with classroom teachers and administration to  
49:13  
support student needs through service in the classroom counseling offices and after school programs  
49:19  
at MHS counselors work closely with students in the 9 to 12 Continuum from program planning each year enter and  
49:26  
intra personal skills post High School planning and social emotional Wellness via small group and one-on-one meetings  
49:33  
with students this year three counselors are spearheading a grant provided by the  
49:38  
ngdoe by implementing six sessions of Teen Mental Health First Aid training in  
49:43  
the 11th grade physical education classes approximately 30 staff members have been trained in Teen Mental Health  
49:50  
First Aid and more real estate training over the next school year furthermore all students in the district  
49:56  
are also supported in small groups and with individual counseling we thank our counselors for taking care of the mental

50:02 health of our students families and us thank you  
50:14 I have a couple questions and comments um Mr Villanueva did you say you  
50:19 authorized the ba to negotiate the contract for Joe or Mr boundorf who was the authorization to  
50:26 negotiate a contract at the end I'm not sure what your question is but  
50:32 this isn't a question and answer session okay well I just want to I didn't hear what you said it's not a question about  
50:39 I'll address it and after we close public College okay so you repeat what you said then so we  
50:45 could okay all right because I didn't hear it it's not a question about it I just didn't hear it understood okay and  
50:50 then then if you can answer in the next thing the question about the TLC the grounds  
50:57 crew if that is a renewal is that the same company I believe it is but if you can answer that as well  
51:03 and then the demographic study just a comment that the last time we did a  
51:10 demographic study it was grossly in error about how many students they  
51:16 protect predicted we were going to have and to that end  
51:22 you know a lot of mistakes were made so I would just caution looking maybe to the one we already did  
51:28 I don't know I'm not sure the name of the company I'm sure I could find it um way back when the hunt was built  
51:35 before all of that happened so just as a no of caution that I don't necessarily  
51:40 think that the demographic studies always yield what what is actually going to happen because we were told that the  
51:47 Laurel Creek was going to be filled with empty nesters um and every unit basically had two to  
51:56 three students in it so this is my comment about demographic studies and lastly just remember we offered to help  
52:03 serve on the committee for the housing so just let me know if you know you're  
52:09 interested and then we have a couple people I know Bridget reached out to you as well thanks  
52:18 any further comment see no one approaching uh can I get a  
52:24 motion to close public comment all in favor  
52:31 aye all right and we'll move on for anything for the good of the order and I will  
52:41 yeah I was getting that thank you um  
52:48 James if if you don't mind providing a little more meat on the bones with  
52:53 respect to the RFP I absolutely can uh thank you so the RFP  
53:01 is to ultimately give me the authority to advertise and create uh competitive  
53:10 contract requests for proposal for the purpose of ultimately evaluating  
53:15 replacement options for our accounting software and package so pursuant to  
53:21 public contracts law uh the Board needs to approve that Authority for me to  
53:27 advertise such proposals so right now the authority is solely to put together that RFP to advertise it to be compliant  
53:35 with public contracts law happy to answer any questions I appreciate it  
53:41 um does anybody on the board have any questions about that okay thank you  
53:46 um and Mr Connie thank you I appreciate your uh your offer to assist in the  
53:53 uh with our new committee examining new housing issues uh and yes Miss Potts  
54:00 reached out to me and we certainly are going to seek input and feedback from various stakeholders including the mea  
54:06 so very much appreciate your your willingness to put some time into that effort and then with respect to the um  
54:15

grounds uh bid I candidly I don't know if it's if it's the same company that  
54:21  
we've been using it is better okay  
54:27  
all right um  
54:36  
so with regards to the survey that was conducted I was obviously gone under the previous superintendent and quite  
54:42  
frankly it wasn't for Jill you know hounding after through our Communications committee getting that  
54:47  
information from Mrs perlow obviously a survey and the information it provides is always going to be utilized in  
54:54  
helping us to make decisions moving forward with you know whatever it is we're trying to do and right now with the amount of potential  
change because  
55:01  
of the influx of Housing and the things that need to be done as it relates to that the survey can be helpful in that  
55:06  
regard as it relates to specific things that we're doing obviously taking stock of what's there and I don't think I'm  
55:12  
probably answering your specific question but I'm very happy to understand a little bit more what you're seeking afterwards I'll be happy to  
talk  
55:19  
to you so thanks and if I could just chip in there a little bit too because I didn't have a comprehensive  
55:24  
Communications committee update because we didn't meet but two meetings ago I  
55:30  
did share just to clarify that the survey by Lori Parlow the communications consultant that that we engaged for a  
55:37  
two-year term under a shared services agreement with other neighboring districts she sought feedback from  
55:44  
various stakeholder groups including parents staff members and the community  
55:49  
at large about communication preferences and opportunities to use some  
55:56  
underutilized resources when it comes to communicating so for example enhanced  
56:01  
Communications coming top down from the mtps Facebook page and I saw some of  
56:07  
those this month myself and then you know using other underutilized platforms  
56:12  
maybe even updating or refreshing our website so we as a committee have that Communications action plan draft it's  
56:19  
really pretty simple it's the types of things you would think about about how we can leverage some of those underutilized resources to  
communicate  
56:26  
more effectively in a more modern and Progressive Way so that's what we'll be doing at the May 25th meeting reviewing  
56:32  
that draft plan so I hope that provides clarity yeah thank you  
56:38  
anything else for the good of the order okay at this time the board is going to  
56:46  
reconvene its executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential Personnel matters we expect to be an  
56:53  
executive for about 30 minutes or so but we do not intend to take any action  
56:59  
afterwards so with that could I get a motion to go back into executive  
57:04  
all in favor thank you  
1:45:46  
all right can I get a motion to go back into public  
1:45:53  
all in favor can I now get a motion to close to adjourn  
1:45:59  
All second all in favor aye thank you