

Transcript of 6-20-23 BOE Meeting

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Mrs arcara Burns present Mrs fowles Macaluso here Dr Mike

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Mrs Miller here Mrs Murano Miss Romano Mr weeks president

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Mrs mccoppless here yeah Mr Golden wave here thank you all right thank you everyone uh we have

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a crowded room tonight it's great to see everybody it's a it's a exciting time as

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we wrap up the school year and have all the end of your activities and particularly for our seniors I know it's

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it's an exciting time uh to be wrapping up your experience in Moorestown so I

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will be brief because we've got a very loaded agenda this evening um but I did want to note a couple of

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things that uh are particularly important uh to us as a board and one of

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those is we've been talking about for a long time now the creation of an

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assistant superintendent position we currently do not have one and

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um we have as I said been been talking about this for quite some time and we

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are pleased to have on our agenda this evening the creation of an assistant

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superintendent position specifically an assistant superintendent for curriculum instruction and innovation

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and assuming that the board approves this position we are also very happy to

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announce that Dr Karen Benton will be assuming that role and so we'll save the Applause until

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after it's formally approved I'm sure it will go through smoothly but we did want to note that we're very excited about

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that so congratulations Dr Benson [Applause]

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Mr ballendorf is also going to go through some of the retirees that we

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have which is always always Bittersweet but I also did want to specially note that the principal in this building Mr

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Matt Keith will be leaving us effective as of the end of this Academic Year and

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we're sad to see him go but best of luck we know that you are off uh further

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south for greater adventures and we thank you thank you for all of the time and commitment that you've given to our

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school so thank you Matt

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and we're also very happy to say that we have found Matt's replacement which will

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be a familiar name to those that are familiar with the middle school and Cheri caravano will be moving from the

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assistant principal position up to Mr Keith's vacated positions so

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congratulations [Applause]

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so with that I'm going to turn it over to the student representatives and let's

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hear from them Lucas

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ladies and gentlemen my name is Lucas McGill and it is my genuine pleasure tonight to give you my final speech as a board of ed liaison

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tonight I have two exciting topics to talk about those being end of year activities and Project Graduation

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as finals close out the year for underclassmen the seniors have a week of fun activities planned to close out our high school careers yesterday we had the

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senior picnic where there were a bunch of long games set up and food provided by senior parents it lasted for around

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two hours and everybody had a blast today and tomorrow we have graduation practice where we we practice walking

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and work out the order in which we do so and tomorrow we have a senior memories breakfast in which parents have put

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together a slideshow of pictures from our time here in the Morristown Public School District I and everybody else are so excited to end this chapter of Our

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Lives of the bang and move on to our next one on Thursday after our long-awaited

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commencement ceremony we have what a lot of graduates have been looking forward to for weeks since its announcement in our school cafeteria and that's Project

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Graduation we'll get changed after the ceremony and load onto buses for a set for pre-planned undisclosed locations

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we'll drive down Main Street where the towns people can send us off by waving to the buses as they go by the fun will

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go on all night long moving to two or three more locations throughout the night ending at around six or seven in the morning we're in for a very long but

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very fun night and I've had a spectacular time I've had a spectacular time at Marston high

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school and warriors cannot express how thankful I am for all the amazing teachers coaches and mentors I've been able to lean on for my last few

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Scholastic years uh one in particular I don't think she is here tonight but uh Mr penny I've

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known Mr penny for my entire High School experience as the head student council advisor but only really got to know her when she became my coach when I played

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the part of the school mascot since then she's had an incredible influence on me not only in high school but on my future as well in fact I was

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just recruited to be a D1 cheerleader at the University of Delaware so I can't thank her enough for introducing me to that world in the first place something

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I never would have thought to pursue so thank you very much Mr penny for everything you've done for me that closes out my final Board of Ed speech

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ever thank you very much for listening to me all these months for the past few years and I'll hand it off to my sophomore class

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[Applause]

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uh good evening everyone if you don't know my name already I'm Amin cosm and I'm the sophomore bro liaison

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it's been a pleasure speaking on behalf of my class that's my first year of being a liaison at these meetings and

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the fact that it could be my last meeting although I hope to return next year if I get elected that it's it's just

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doesn't feel like it's the end of the year it feels like we're still in October with that we're gonna I'm gonna recap

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um basically me and the rest of my classes sophomore year right off the bat we had I think most of the students

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favorite part it's spirit week with the homecoming dance which I thought was done really well this year and pep rally

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my personal favorite I know they never announced the winners of that but I think the reason they did

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that is because the sophomores beat the seniors and they didn't want to say it but don't tell them I said that

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coming up after that we had the Love Fair which to be honest I thought we would have I knew I thought it would be

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a success it was like the volunteer opportunities educational opportunities I probably maybe have 50 people show up

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if we're lucky when I showed up there like 10 minutes late I think there's at least

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maybe 100 200 like it was packed and I thought that was a real success of the

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advisors that set it up and the student Representatives that set it up after that we had our midterms which

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less fun but I think for us sophomores after like already having some experiences a little better than maybe

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it was for the freshmen and then of course although it wasn't actually a sophomore event we had prom

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down at lucian's which I was I had the privilege of going to and I thought it was really well done this year and I

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know it's going to the aquarium next year and I hope they can do I'm sure they'll do well with that as well

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and now up to where we are now on Thursday we're giving the tours to the

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upcoming freshmen which some of them were going to be over there probably and now for us sophomores we have junior

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year coming up which means like SATs acts all those tests harder classes most

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important class of year of the high school you could say and but I'm sure we'll all be okay and we'll manage

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and with that I'm going to pass it off to the Freshman liaison Dom and thank you all for being great for the year

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[Applause]

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hello everyone I'm Domin freshman class liaison it's been a pleasure being here all year talking with you guys this year

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has been super memorable as it is our first year in high school with my class the high school has had many different

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events and activities some key events throughout year is Spirit Week pep rally homecoming attending different events

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like sports and fairs as ameen mentioned and our freshman hosted a freshman movie

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night which is another fun thing we did at the end of the year to really celebrate our first year in high school with all the fun things we enjoyed we

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had to get through our academics as well considering this week is finals seemed a little uh scary at first but like after

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making taking midterms that was a good way to really study and like understand how finals would be and this Recaps the

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end of our year as finals is our last thing ending tomorrow with only math thanks for having me here tonight and

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throughout the year I hope everyone has a great summer

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as always thank you for coming and speaking to us and letting us know what's going on in the schools it's always great to hear from you

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um be free to stay and say you can go home and study but it doesn't sound like except for Dom there's a ton left going

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on but uh feel free to take off um so thank you all

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and I have to Circle back I I skipped a routine matter on the agenda can I get a

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motion for approval of the minutes for May 16th both executive and regular

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session any comments or questions

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all in favor aye aye noser abstentions thank you

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Mr ballendorf

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thank you Mark um we are going to begin tonight we have a bunch of recognitions that we have in

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store for everyone here this evening and we're going to start off by turning the meeting over to Carol Butler who's going

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to recognize our retirees

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all right ready to rock and roll

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this is a time where we'd like to thank uh and honor our staff who've been here for a long time I'd like to highlight a

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few of them tonight as they are retiring with us from us today uh or soon to be

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on Tuesday a Thursday on Tuesday today um and they they would like to come up

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they're here tonight we have a certificate and a uh coveted pen Moorestown pen that we will leave you

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with we finally get one Cynthia Allen you're first come on up at the high school

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Cynthia Allen is completing her 22nd year here in Morristown she's teaching Latin at the high school Cynthia led the

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Latin and The Italian Club supporting students for many years she found ways to make language Lively both in and out

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of the classroom and she also is a Morristown graduate congratulations

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thanks for the chance to be an aura tour this evening you may not know this but I grew up in

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Morristown I went to the zelly school for kindergarten do any of you know where that school was

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it's now the zelly park it's not there anymore then I went to South Valley whams and

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MHS I had such amazing and inspiring teachers and coaches in Morristown Mrs

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Brown Mrs Alice Mrs fine especially Dave Brody my Latin magistraire at MHS he was

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so great that I decided to become a Latin teacher myself and thanks to rhodius as I was gone I

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was offered to come back to teach at my alma mater did you catch the Latin
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after teaching at other schools for 18 years I want to thank my teachers and my
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colleagues and the mea especially the leadership of the Mei who truly cares
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about this District for their invaluable help and support during my 22 years at MHS especially
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during difficult times when my father Dr Richard Eberly was
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president of the Morristown School Board his message was the teachers and staff
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of this District are what make a difference and what make this District great
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he always said that teachers and staff need to be respected valued well-paid and appreciated
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his Mantra was true then and it's still true today all the educational research shows that
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the teacher is the most important factor in learning in Morristown the dedication diligence
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and experience of the staff and the consistency of good administrators who stay and are dedicated EG Carol Butler
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and Drew Seibel keep the district great finally I would like to thank my just
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skip away my wonderful students whom I've truly enjoyed teaching due to their
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labor their labor and Studio which is Zeal or enthusiasm I hope that my
13:52
father's Mantra mtps and the Latin curriculum will live on semper always
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and forever thank you
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and for those of you who say that Latin doesn't exist could you count up how many words were Latin
14:10
at least 17.
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great is Susan been in here tonight and Susan but I don't think I saw her
14:23
I'm just going to read real quickly she is finishing her 29th year here in Morristown she teaches the CAD program
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at the high school she was a class advisor and Robotics advisor for several years student was the webpage editor and
14:36
served on the web team she led the Habitat for Humanity and Magic clubs Susan was a mentor teacher to new
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teachers and she's been a strong female role model to students in a predominantly male-led Technology field
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we want to thank her for her time [Applause]
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Annette Burke and that's okay Annette Burke is
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completing her 17th year here at Morristown she teaches orchestra at both the whams and the high school she has
15:09
done a tremendous job in enhancing our Orchestra program because she taught students in grades 7 through 12 she
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developed very strong relationships with her students growing the program and maintaining a high retention rate for
15:21
the Orchestra program and that helped prepare many students to be selected to participate in the all South Jersey
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Orchestra and Allstate programs she herself continues to be an avid violin
15:32
player with the Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey we want to thank her for her time as well [Applause]
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I think I'm striking out here owls out here
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all right I was completing his 29th year here at Morristown he currently teaches physics and chemistry during his time
15:54
here at MHS he's taught all the science disciplines throughout his career I thought so I just learned that tonight I
15:59
didn't know that uh he was the mea treasurer for many years Al has helped out in the discipline and Saturday
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detention Monitor and he taught in our summer enrichment program we do want to thank Al for his time here with us
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[Music] Allison Longmire whams
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Allison is finishing her 25th year as a math teacher here at lamb she was a seventh grade team leader for many years
16:30
she led the math counts and homework club as a co-advisor she manages the business side of the school yearbook for

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many years Allison made many contributions to several building level committees she provided insight and
16:42
shared her logical mind to create and support scheduling changes
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I was abroad of that many times Carol that doesn't work up mathematically
16:53
uh but she helped out for academic testing and for the fun days throughout the the year so I want to thank Allison
17:00
personally for your time thank you
17:06
all right it's really hard to follow our lead there and I don't have a big speech for you as a math teacher we keep our
17:11
words very limited so I just want to say thank you to everybody to the board to the community to some of my students
17:17
back there uh who just happened to be here tonight so thank you everybody thank you Carol
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[Applause] thank you
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Sean pickle
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Sean is finishing her 31st year here at Wham she started her career as a social studies teacher until the day I
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approached her and asked her if she'd be interested in becoming a digital media teacher she was worried because she thought it
would only last for a year or
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two well it actually lasted a lot more than two years
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maybe 15 years her contributions are displayed uh throughout the building and the district
18:03
from photos of students on the walls to the end of year videos for the 8th graders even the fun Follies with the
18:09
staff leading and also participating she was a um she's been a great leader on
18:15
our Tech committee for the district helping the district move forward with technology for many years and her contributions are great
18:21
Sean wanted to share some of these reflections over the last three years since she's getting she loved getting to work and learn
from from some of the
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best Educators in the country being a part of the technology committee and helping develop and Implement our
18:33
District's technology initiatives having the opportunity to create teach grow at the Williams video production program
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teaching classes like psychology sociology parts of the Old Eighth Grade Pacific's curriculum the alternative
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classroom education program for at-risk students and the current video production class which has allowed her
18:51
to really get to know her students some of the most important things that she's learned as an educator have been taught
18:56
by her students in these classes we want to thank you for your time here
19:04
I'm not a big speech person so I just want to say thank you I am the person I am the teacher that I've become because
19:10
of my students because of this community and because of the staff thank you
19:19
as mentioned earlier Mr Matt Keith
19:28
Matt is completing his 12th year here in Morristown he started out as an assistant principal at the high school when I moved over to
the administration
19:36
building Matt put his hand up and said I'll come over to Williams and became the wham's principal he has been
19:42
instrumental in making changes to the way I'm scheduled beautifying the school inside now Matt has the desire to
19:48
support students recently taking his building through several training opportunities to bring social emotional learning to whams which
will be
19:55
implemented next school year he leads us to continue his work with middle school students in South Carolina we want to
20:01
wish him all the best
20:08
I just want to quickly mention one thing that wasn't mentioned the two ladies leaving whams they were behind the
20:15
scenes on a lot of what we did both of them were on all the Committees and when Carol mentioned that Allison was the
20:22
business mind she was the business mind behind just about everything that ran in this building so I want to give her
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credit for that and then the everything you see is social media our videos our pictures anything that we do Sean's on
20:34
the other side of that so these two ladies who are leaving really between the organization of the building
20:40
and how we promote that organization these two that are stepping out so fortunately Sherry can do both
20:46
so we're excited for that so thank you
20:55
I know Marcia clock is not here tonight but she's completing her 34th year in Morristown she began her career as a
21:01
student teacher at whams she teaches computers at the ues but is also taught fifth grade in the challenge classes she
21:08
led the students in the handball Club she was the musical and business director for the Williams musicals she
21:14
also coached wham's intramural softball and she led the environmental Natures Club Marcia wanted to share for the last
21:20
34 years she has dedicated her career to education and students and families here at Morristown in many ways however she
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feels that she has has an extended member of the family all of her life her mother Jane Stellar was the vocal music
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teacher at the high school when she was born in the early 60s until retirement in the 80s at that time the magical
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group she formed was strictly an extracurricular Club rehearsals were after school in the evenings many times
21:45
at our home group fundraising events for the summer trips to Europe and Asia and Community performances took place on the
21:51
weekends as a result most of my early years were spent with my mother in the meds gaining many additional big
21:57
brothers and sisters and their families in the deal although I don't leave a legacy like the magical singers to the
22:03
mtps family she's very fortunate to have had the opportunity to possibly positively impact thousands of
22:09
Morristown students over the years as well as collaborate and work with such talented and dedicated staff throughout
22:14
her tenure here at Morristown her heart is full and together Marcia said between her and her mother they have supported
22:21
the Morristown students for over 60 years we want to thank her for her time
22:30
Marissa paglione did I see her uh she is finishing her 34th year here
22:37
at Morristown she started her career at Roberts Elementary teaching music transferring over to the ues to continue
22:43
to teach choir and general music she was the choral and music directors for the ues musicals we want to thank her for
22:49
her time [Applause]
22:54
Cara Wiggins come on up
23:01
Carol began her career here at whams as a resource teacher then moving over to ues to continue supporting students with
23:07
special needs she is completing her 23rd year here in Morristown
23:14
I just want to say thank you um I've been reading some IEPs of my special ed
23:20
students and when you see the name of a student you had in your class as having
23:25
written the IEP it's time to go so thank you very much it's Bennett gray a great
23:31
run thank you
23:36
[Music] there's an Educator's joke for you
23:41
all right Miss Trish Moore come on up
23:50
she's completing her 26th year here in Morristown she started the middle school as a long-term substitute for Sean
23:56
pickle he was already retired who's retiring that we already mentioned in she taught
24:02
seventh eighth graders at the multi-disciplinary as a multi-disciplinary teacher and then she moved to ues where she taught fourth
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grade fifth grade sixth grade challenge oh math math
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oh that mess she led the math counts for several years
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[Applause]
24:31
um education was not my first career I worked at Lockheed Martin for seven years before I became a teacher but I

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feel very blessed that I found this career because I felt rewarded every
24:43
single day thank you
24:50
George stronger come on up
24:58
my Eagles buddy another one he's finishing his 26th year here in Morristown he started at Roberts as a
25:04
self-contained fourth grade teacher he led the character building club and an assistant wrestling coach he was a
25:11
safety patrol advisor and bus Duty monitor he was an advisor for the yearbook at ues and he's worked closely
25:17
with Gavin Quinn our science supervisor to coordinate for many years the Morristown science fair so we want to thank you for all
that you've done for
25:23
us thank you oh there since no one else has cried
25:29
prior to this I am not going to speak long because I'm not going to be the first to shed a tear I am humbled and
25:34
honored thank you very much [Applause]
25:43
Judy Meyer is she here tonight did I see her do not no okay Judy Myers completing
25:49
her 35th year here in Morristown she begins her career as a student teacher before getting a teaching position at Roberts
Elementary in the perceptually
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impaired class supporting our neediest children Judy has taught our students at Baker and now currently at South Valley
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she has served as MBA president for one year when Lisa was on sabbatical we want to thank her for her time working with
26:08
our students
26:15
Denise simpsonfelter come on up
26:24
give your morsel hat on everything I'm not aware no disrespect how to represent
26:30
Morristown today you represented your whole career do you know that your whole career
26:36
she's been putting her 27th year here in Morristown at South Valley in third grade your entire time in third grade
26:44
she started as a long-term substitute and we want to thank her for all your time here thank you
26:51
um no speech just I'm grateful I'm grateful to the Board of Education the administration the mea and my South
26:59
Valley Family for um 27 years here so thank you [Applause]
27:06
but
27:11
Brian writes come on up [Applause]
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no pry no crying no crying no crying all right he is finishing his 23rd year hit
27:31
Morristown as their school resource officer 25 years with the Morristown Police Department he ran the suds Club
27:37
at the high school which is students United for driving safe he delivered holiday meals to support our families
27:43
throughout town for Thanksgiving and Christmas Brian volunteered and coached for the Morristown High School boys
27:48
lacrosse teams this past season Brian was voted by his peer coaches as Man of
27:54
the Year Ryan is the voice of the Quakers when he's in the Press Box announcing all the
28:01
home games he is one of eight staff members who has personally raised money to support the high school uh weight
28:06
room when we did the referendum at that time the weights were not included in the referendum so uh you got would you
28:12
guys bike would you do we begged you begged begged for money to get the weights in the room so we
28:18
appreciate his commitment and time to our services here [Applause]
28:26
um I'm definitely going to be brief else I will cry
28:31
um I started out um here after Columbine so it was to keep everybody safe and that morphed
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into doing traffic Duty waving at the kids and parents making sure they knew that I was around and and then they
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started calling me a co-worker so it was amazing I was a police officer but then I became their co-worker and then I
28:51
looked around and I became their friend and now I'm ending and everybody's my
28:57
family so I'm grateful thank you thank you very
29:03
much
29:13
thank you that's it for tonight
29:43
so we are definitely not done with the Fanfare we have a lot of uh young people in the audience tonight for a good
29:49
reason so at this time I'm going to turn things over to principal Matt Keith and vice principal soon to be principal
29:54
Sherry caravano we're going to uh talk a little bit about our Middle School wrestling team
30:01
all right thank you for your patience voice that's the best I've seen you guys behave in a very long time
30:08
you guys deserve Around the Clock um now this is I was saying to them uh
30:14
yesterday when we unveiled the banner that's going to hang up in the um gymnasium that this is in the 10
30:20
years I've been here this is just the second Banner that any sports team has won here at whams and the first was
30:27
baseball those kids are graduating this year and now these kids when they look back in four years hopefully you guys
30:33
will take a look with some pride congratulations on winning your first league title
30:47
I just want to quickly thank their coaches first Clark
30:52
and Stu Lynch I don't know if Stu's here I'm going to turn over to Sherry real quick
31:00
I'm going to announce the names of everyone on the list so I know not everyone is here but when you hear your
31:05
name we have certificates for you we put them over here on the table for you to take before you leave they are in
31:11
alphabetical order I am not going to read in alphabetical order Michael Angelini Enzo Brock Ethan Brooks
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Paul caparelli Jackson cardi DeLorean D Felice Noelle Dugas London Egan Patrick
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Frye Leo Higgins Lucas Horner Jeremy Zhang Jack Lance Cole Langan Jake Lees
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Sean Martin Liam Massey William menarchik Thomas O'Connor Benjamin
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olchin Tripp Park Hill Tommy rapicci Maxton Smith Anderson Spell Brian spell
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Liam sudam Alex waldhauser Dalton Wiley
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Nolan Wiley Declan Williams Liam Williams Michaela Zell Vincenzo balsamo
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James blong Jacob Flanders Matthew Amelia Amaya Egan and our two managers
32:05
Eliana Albert and Lily Boardman
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foreign
32:28
I just wanted to say again to you guys congratulations um I've been coaching wrestling here
32:33
since 2003 and this is the first year that we've been able to win it all we've been close a couple years very close but
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this was a great group of kids they worked hard they didn't miss practice they put everything out there and we had
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a little bit of adversity going into playoffs and they overcame it we had an awesome championship match down 32-9 and
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they battled back and we ended up stealing it on the last match and it was an awesome Victory and they really deserved this and
this banner and you
33:01
guys congratulations and enjoy this because you get to always come back and look at it
33:12
all right with that you guys can go home you've done a great job
33:17
if you want you can stay and watch if you really want to congratulations and thank you
33:26
and uh continuing with the Hit Parade um I just do want to acknowledge all of
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our seniors who received Awards recognition scholarships last uh week
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during the senior Awards I want to particularly thank the community uh the
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support that you give the dollars that you give in scholarship dollars to our kids is truly appreciated
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um the home of school council senior breakfast the various things that you do to make our kids feel special is
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incredibly important and Incredibly appreciated so thank you and a couple
34:02
last shout outs I want to congratulate our girls varsity softball team who in their many many year history and
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membership in the Olympic conference actually won their first ever divisional
34:13
championship this past school year so they'll be hanging a banner as well
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and lastly in Moorestown we uh we do have a club uh for rowing a crew club and we have some great National
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recognition for both boys and girls our uh eight person under 16 year old boys
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boat has recently been ranked 13th in the nation and our uh female vote is now
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ranked 12th in the nation after they attended their uh the youth Nationals held in Florida so congratulations a
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great accomplishment from some really young people in the skies to limit as they continue their uh their their work
34:51
in the rowing world and with that I will uh turn things over back to uh Mr
34:57
Villanueva thank you oh well the general update I just gave
35:04
and I will turn things over right now to Sherry caravano who's going to do the ssds presentation and the Hib
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self-assessment presentation
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thank you I'll start before the screen comes up so
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twice a year we are required to report certain incidents to the state as well
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as programs and trainings that we have implemented at all levels to address harassment intimidation and bullying
35:36
so what I'm going to report for you now is everything from September to December and then in the fall we will report
35:43
everything from January to June at the end of the presentation you will also see our self-assessment and the report
35:49
card grade in the fall we are required to grade ourselves at every building on
35:54
how we are doing following the state's HIV policy the a report is submitted to
36:01
the state of New Jersey and in April they give our school district a grade I actually did display our self-assessment
36:08
scores in the fall when I presented last year's ssds but you will see that information up again tonight with our
36:15
report card grade from the state of New Jersey I can just speak about it if the
36:22
projector is not working that's okay
36:30
here I am thanks Colleen
37:04
all right so like I mentioned before there are certain things that we need to report on
37:10
annual um twice a year our trainings and programs that we put into place district-wide to address harassment
37:16
intimidation and bullying the incidents that we have to report include alleged and confirmed hives also any suspension
37:24
and there are certain criteria of other incidents such as vandalism fighting Etc
37:30
this is the total incidence for September to December for all buildings
37:36
we have the hibs alleged and confirmed broken out and all the incidents leading to removal
37:52
you could just bump to the next one more thank you our elementary schools submit their
37:57
programming as you can see here much of what you see was done in the fall because this is the September December
38:03
reporting period something you will see common across all buildings would be the week of respect but at the lower
38:09
elementary levels they do have some unique programs that they utilize such as the Buddy bench and also counselor
38:16
check-ins with the students all of these programs and trainings are meant to be preventative for harassment intimidation

38:21
and bullying at the ues again you will see some common themes across all buildings but
38:28
you also see stuff like the Golden Paw program they also did a Thanksgiving food drive and a holiday gift Drive in
38:34
their building as as well as October which was an initiative at the ues in the fall
38:41
here at WAMS we had a kindness assembly in the fall and from that initiated a new club our kindness crew which began
38:48
meeting periodically throughout the rest of the school year we have Quaker Spotlight recognition where we recognize
38:54
our students regularly for the great things that they do in our building and we also had inclusivity week activities
39:00
for the students in December
39:07
at the high school you will see again week of respect activities as well as monthly Chillin chats which were created
39:13
previously and were run again this year there are also some new clubs initiated in the fall of this year for the
39:19
students and at the district level this is an example of some of the professional
39:25
development that was provided in the fall for our staff
39:35
and on the last slide this is our self-assessment the addition from the fall is the official District grade at
39:41
the top this is what we will utilize after we self-assess ourself in the fall this is what every building utilizes to
39:48
gauge what we need to work on for our HIV
39:53
initiative so each building has their self-assessment broken out and this is what we utilize as anti-bullying
39:59
Specialists throughout the year to make improvements in our building
40:05
any questions
40:11
okay thanks
40:18
okay moving on in our agenda we are up to board committee reports and I'll kick
40:24
it off uh with respect to the ad hoc committee on Housing and Development as I mentioned in Prior meetings we've the
40:31
board has put together an ad hoc committee committee to examine uh the impact of the new housing that's going
40:37
to be coming to town we didn't meet in the last 30 days or since our last board meeting but it is a continuous
40:44
conversation I think in in various committees and certainly among board members as to sort of
40:51
what's happening um in the near term and long term and how we are going to address it so this
40:56
committee will be meeting uh over the summer uh a handful of times and uh
41:02
we'll really we're going to hit the ground running uh next year when we return and and we'll have some concrete
41:09
items to report back on so the next committee is Communications
41:14
Jill yep we didn't meet this past 30 days either we're meeting next week as a
41:19
committee okay thank you and Lauren curriculum please
41:26
sure uh we met June 8th an attendance Karen Benton Dr uh Joe bullendorf uh
41:32
Julie Colby rosette Rodriguez MC weeks Danielle Miller uh Cheryl mccopless and
41:37
myself um there was an informational update from Julie Kobe Colby in which you presented um the grade K-8 math pilot um
41:45
gave an overview for the tech selection and the rollout for the pilot process
41:52
um there actually was a discussion between piloting two
41:57
different textbooks so they're going to go with the Savas Envision September through December and kind of assess at
42:05
that point whether they want to switch uh the pilot to the um HMI HS
42:11
hmm or continue um with the current pilot under y so we'll get an update in the curriculum
42:18
committee um in the winter as far as what the decision is for that um informational updates Baker School
42:25

will participate in an early childhood longitudinal study looking at really
42:30
post-pandemic learning and the connection uh with universal Pre-K uh information will go out to parents at
42:37
Baker school for that also an informational update Jackie provided the
42:42
grade six through eight Ela pilot update and share that the district will be moving forward with this adoption the
42:48
pilot went really well um and also then they'll be summer
42:53
writing curriculum for grade 6 seven seven honors eight and eight honors Ela
42:59
and they'll continue with fall PD um again the focus for this is uh
43:05
improving writing scores um and increasing the rigor in the curriculum for Eli there was also an
43:12
informational update for Jackie sharing the wham's reading selections I know that went out to parents for seventh
43:17
grade it will be a graphic novel new kid which will focus on building SEL and classroom community and for eighth grade
43:24
it will be I will always write back which will focus on Memoir writing and diversity
43:29
uh informational update Jackie shared a high school wanted to Pilot free lunch
43:34
um a novel for levels one and two freshmen moving forward and lastly there
43:39
was informational update um rosette gave about the high school World language test textbook adoptions these were
43:46
actually scheduled to be implemented pre-pandemic and then they were put on
43:52
pause during the pandemics or now moving forward with that she kind of went over the process for the selection and and
43:58
how they'll be moving forward and again there'll be summer uh curriculum writing for that by the new staff because there
44:05
was a lot of information share in that meeting we did table um from maze meeting we were looking at
44:12
the process for reconsideration of instructional materials and Library materials and the adoption of textbooks
44:18
that process will be continue to be discussed in our September meeting we
44:25
also talked to or I talked to Karen we're going to take a look in September number about how the district is meeting
44:30
the needs through SLE and curriculum of our marginalized students so we'll take
44:36
a more in-depth look at that kind of following up with how we're meeting the
44:41
needs of all of our students thank you Lauren any comments or questions for Lauren
44:49
okay moving on to finance and operations Mick any updates sure the finance and operations
44:56
committee met last week the committee members myself Claudine Danielle Cheryl we were all there and
45:04
James um Carol Jeff Dave Joe just put first names down uh everybody uh they were all
45:11
there from the administrative side so we had a pretty media agenda so I'll try to
45:16
go through these things quickly and I apologize the uh minutes were in committee review
45:21
so they didn't go out to the full board yet but make sure they go out to the full board so we started off with uh
45:28
with good news during an unclaimed property search we found some money or more specifically James found some money
45:35
for us so that's always a good thing and then also continuing the good news uh no changes were recommended this year for
45:42
the summer enrichment programs so that's good we talked about the capital maintenance Reserve there's a resolution
45:49
on the agenda tonight to approve an up-to amount that amount will be
45:54
determined once our audit is closed out we talked about renewing our nutraserve contract
46:00
and an adjustment we had to make to the pricing we actually have to increase our pricing to meet Federal pricing
46:07
requirements over the next three years the good news about that is that it'll help take care of the increased food
46:12
costs we expect that we've all been seeing so we
46:17
discussed and talked about the contract for ESF we're still in negotiations with

46:23
them for using our facility actually this building here and the surrounding grounds for their program this summer we
46:30
provide technology Services as the board knows to Delanco School District I.T
46:36
Services we're talking about renewing uh that current agreement and looking at a possible new agreement
46:42
to cover some technology services that are not covered in the existing agreement we also are doing transportation services for them
and
46:49
anticipate continuing that we will be voting tonight on a bid that
46:54
we talked about an executive for transportation for for filling some additional routes and there was a
47:03
uh we put in there's also a resolution in tonight's agenda about renewing uh
47:08
our contract for lease purchase so that we can acquire some of the higher ticket items and pay for that over multiple
47:14
years we also are seeking to have a board
47:20
authorization for participating in the Camden County Educational Services Commission agreement for 2324 and that
47:27
will give us the opportunity to have the flexibility to make use of shared services through that organization
47:32
things like finding additional bus routes for special needs populations and so forth
47:38
we talked about uh some of the things actually that were already mentioned so reorganization
47:43
items namely creating the assistant superintendent position so that's on the agenda tonight for a vote to replace the
47:51
director director of curriculum Innovation position placing the Middle School principal uh
47:57
replacing our law enforcement officer with special law enforcement officers and actually expanding that coverage
48:05
and also uh finding a backfill for our EDC program coordinator
48:12
so those are all the action items and the committee recommended moving
48:17
forward on all of those in discussion we talked about the New Jersey Cash management fund
48:25
opening up a line I guess a connection with them to take advantage of higher
48:30
interest rates that they may provide for us nothing concrete yet but just looking having that option there to move some
48:37
cash reserves in to help generate some more income again great job James
48:42
talking about the survey we are looking at getting a demographer as we've talked
48:49
about in the committee that Mr Villanueva mentioned earlier to help with our changing population so we did a
48:57
survey with districts around the state responding getting ideas from them and
49:02
suggestions about organizations looking to help us with that and then had a
49:08
conversation about Transportation issues as it pertains to the last few days of school and making
49:13
sure that we have coverage and are doing that in the most cost effective way coming up under miscellaneous business
49:19
and future items we'll be talking about uh on the potentially on the August
49:24
agenda of bids for transportation for fall Sports and RFP to get Cyber
49:30
Security Solutions and services for the district and then also uh an RFP for
49:35
financial software so that was I know that seemed like long
49:41
but trust me the meeting was longer all right any questions or comments
49:49
all right here you go okay I didn't know if you're prepping a question or just getting ready for the next report okay
49:55
thanks thanks Mick sure um Claudia could you give us an update from policy please
50:00
uh policy committee met on June 13th it was uh Mr Carol Burns mark Villanueva Jill
50:06
fellows Macaluso myself Mr bondoff and Dr Benton there are no policies on first
50:12
or second reading tonight on our agenda we did have several items for discussion but primarily we're still focusing on a

50:21
review of our policies related to community organizations boosters parent organizations and other Affiliated type
50:29
of organizations under our existing policies we have some drafts in the
50:34
process that we're reviewing and we're going to look at some of the existing clubs that are in place and entities and
50:40
see where they fit best before we kind of move forward with a proposal more for
50:45
information I think we we did a review of a proposed change to a uas handbook and then overall in general we continue
50:52
to focus on on emphasizing our need to improve districts Communications related
50:59
to the implementation and accountability under our policies in place
51:04
that's it okay thanks Claudine
51:11
does anybody have any off-board committee updates
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technically prob probably not a committee update but I just wanted to share on June 14th last week I had the
51:25
pleasure along with a bunch of other board members to attend the unified banquet at the linola fire station
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and it really was the highlight of my week I think probably most of us can say
51:38
that the Friendship camaraderie and respect that all of these students have
51:43
for one another was completely unmatched and it made me so proud of our community
51:49
I'd be remiss if I didn't share that the Philly fanatic was there as a special guest and he was certainly a fun
51:57
addition to the event but the genuine enthusiasm friendship and respect all
52:03
these students showed for each other was really what was most meaningful about the event so I just wanted to thank the
52:12
parents the students everyone involved it was an amazing event I was glad to be a part of it Dr Tate thank you for
52:19
everything you do um related to our special needs population
52:24
as well as everything with unified it truly was very moving and I just wanted to share that with everyone
52:33
great thank you does anybody else have an off-board committee update okay we're now up to the public comment
52:42
section of our agenda this first public comment section this is the first of two uh this one relates only to items that
52:49
are on the board agenda the ground rules are set forth in the agenda itself may I
52:55
please get a motion to open public comment all in favor
53:02
okay if anybody has a public comment on agenda items Now's the Time to please step up to the microphone and take up to
53:09
three minutes okay seeing nobody approaching the
53:17
microphobia I get a motion to close public comment all in favor
53:23
aye thank you
53:28
moving on to our business may I please get a motion to approve the
53:35
reports to the board contained in article eight of the agenda items one
53:40
through five any comments or questions
53:48
all in favor aye any nose or abstentions thank you
53:54
article 9 recommendations of the superintendent may I please get a motion
54:00
for the approval of item a the remote learning plan
54:06
any comments or questions all in favor aye noser abstentions
54:12
thank you letter B educational programming I please get a motion for approval of
54:18
items one through six in that section of the agenda please
54:25
any comments or questions all in favor those are abstentions
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any further abstentions thank you letter C finance and business
54:48
may I please get a motion for the approval of items 1 to 23.
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and I would note however that item 20 is as amended as discussed in executive
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with respect to the transportation bid may I please get a motion so moved
55:08
any comments or questions all in favor aye noser abstentions
55:15
thank you employee relations letter d
55:22
may I please get a motion for the approval of items one through Thirty
55:28
Four and again item 20 is as amended as discussed in executive session please
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second all in favor roll call oh I'm sorry I'm sorry thank you thank you it's a roll
55:42
call vote Mrs R Cara Burns yes Mrs fowles Macaluso
55:50
yeah Dr Maya Mrs Miller yes Mrs Murano yes Miss Romano
55:58
Mr weeks yes Mrs mcpoulos yes Mr Villanueva yes thank you
56:06
thank you good sure just with that motion passing I want to
56:12
congratulate Sherry carvano who is now the formal next principal at WAMS
56:17
congratulations [Applause]
56:24
formally recognized and show appreciation for Dr Karen Benton who is
56:30
now the assistant superintendent of curriculum instruction and Innovation for the Morristown schools
56:46
thank you Mr ballendorf next uh is uh the superintendent's Hib
56:53
report in article 10 letter B may I please get a motion
56:59
for uh the approval of those items uh under the superintendency report please
57:09
any comments or questions all in favor any nose or abstentions
57:16
thank you enrollment information is listed in article 11. is there any old business
57:26
hearing none there is new business and under Article 13 of the agenda and I'll
57:34
just read it into the record because it's I'll Bumble it if I don't um this this is a resolution that the Board of
57:40
Education authorizes the superintendent of schools and consultation with board leadership to fill vacancies and
57:46
existing job classifications during the months of June July and August 2023 if no board meetings are scheduled
57:52
and it's further resolved that the Board of Education gives final approval of all hiring at the next regular board meeting
57:58
may I please get a motion to approve that resolution
58:05
any comments or questions all in favor aye any nose or abstentions
58:13
thank you we're now up to our second public comment section this is the section
58:21
where we will take public comment on uh items either on or off the board agenda
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the rules again are set forth in writing in the agenda itself and we would kindly
58:33
ask that you please abide by those in a nutshell um the time limitation is is three
58:39
minutes uh and every all the other ground rules are set forth in the agenda so may I please get a motion to open
58:46
public comment second all in favor aye
58:52
thank you if you have a public comment please approach the microphone and to lead off state your name and uh the
59:01
address to the extent you're comfortable stating it George stronger ues teacher
59:07
um you're gonna appreciate my brevity earlier on because I'm going to read about the baker bears and what they've been up to for
the last few weeks and
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this is not brief snuggle in hi I'm George and I teach at the ues and I would like to commend the baker bear
59:20
staff for the following the children presented officer Wright with a special book and card that they made in
59:25
celebration of his retirement the children enjoyed a visit from another police officer and his dog salts from
59:30
the Morristown canine unit the children were fascinated by salts following commands and showing obedience to his
59:36
officers kindergarten classes have learned all about various careers through parents who volunteered to present their
59:42
occupations Mother Goose joined us for another year of magic of nursery rhymes and reinforced reinforced being kind to
59:48
others Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge came to visit Baker with some special nocturnal animals to connect with our interbreeding
59:56
animal unit and in June the children will have a special Baker bear Keepsake when they were able to stuff in remembrance of
1:00:03
their year in kindergarten during kindergarten registration the preschool children were able to visit
1:00:08
all four kindergartens meet teachers and explore the classroom the children were able to plant various
1:00:14
seeds and observe how the roots and plants grow and then take them home to make a garden with their families
1:00:20
first grade students at Baker took a field trip to the zoo in Philadelphia the first graders had been learning about animals during
science throughout
1:00:27
the entire school year and they were able to see these animals up close in their habitats during their field trip
1:00:32
it was a hugely wonderful day for all who attended at Baker miss spot Nelly second graders made mobiles mobiles
1:00:39
describing how their own describing their own character traits how great to see positive words about themselves
1:00:45
hanging in their own bedrooms Baker third grade students had some awesome end of the year experience last week as
1:00:51
well on Tuesday the students joined together with their third grade students from Robertson South Valley for an
1:00:57
orientation at the ues and I saw that firsthand that was very great that was great to see those guys coming up
1:01:03
Additionally the students went to The Community House where they were celebrated for becoming one whole class
1:01:08
of 2032. at The Community House students joined together with their pen pals to get to know them face to face and
1:01:14
another third grade student from a different Elementary School following the time of The Community House the baker third grade
students returned to
1:01:21
school to begin decorating their reusable grocery bags that they then filled with the food that they collected
1:01:27
from their community service project which was the food drive for the Food Pantry located at Bethel AME Church on
1:01:34
Thursday the baker third grade students walked in classes over to the food pantry to deliver the food and learn a
1:01:40
little bit more about how they were able to help their community and finally the third graders performed to their last
1:01:45
third graders performed their last concert as Baker Bears the concert was themed around friendship and family they
1:01:53
sang songs and included choreography in Sign Language several students did a routine using colorful fans and the
1:01:59
audience was dazzled with the use of confetti the concert end it's a beautiful song about friendship and
1:02:06
with the slideshow of the third graders as they said farewell to Baker great job Baker bears
1:02:17
hello I'm Nicole Pitts and I work at Baker and I would like to commend the Wham staff for during NJ SLA testing in
1:02:25
May Wham staff organized and ran a field day on Thursday afternoon that allowed all students to participate in 12
1:02:31
different events while competing against 7th and 8th graders in June staff worked together to create
1:02:36
a seventh grade end-of-year project to complement the 8th grade one this was our first year of implementation and a
1:02:41
lot of time and energy was invested to make sure it was a success thank you
1:02:54
Nicole Dancy 16 East close I have been treasurer of Home in school
1:02:59
for the last two years and I'm excited to announce that I will be the president come this coming September
1:03:06
foreign consists of Trustees seven executive
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members and six school chairs representing each School our team consists of dedicated volunteer parents

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that merge their skills and their passion to enrich the lives of every student in our district our motto is
1:03:26
working together for our kids at the beginning of each school year each school has allotted funds to use for
1:03:33
enrichment of students and to make improvements throughout the school we work with the principals to see how we
1:03:40
can best support the schools some of the things we've accomplished this year for the baker school a project
1:03:46
excuse me projector screen and motor for Robert's six pieces of furniture for the
1:03:52
media center in their library South Valley we replaced the basketball hoops ues author day whams IROC 2 assembly and
1:04:02
for the high school staff appreciation senior breakfast and Senior picnic we
1:04:08
also help and volunteer to run the Boosterthon as well as Book Fairs some
1:04:14
of the things that we do on a district level with home and school is we donate to Project Graduation we provide five
1:04:21
one thousand dollar scholarships for graduating seniors we also for kerosolus
1:04:27
to mental health we um donated for the pilot some things we look forward to for
1:04:32
next school year are the Harlem Wizards event in October and starting next
1:04:37
spring we will be on a district level paying for the third grade dance also we
1:04:44
decided to add additional funds to each school for field trips or as they see
1:04:51
fit and I want to thank the on behalf of Holman school I want to thank the
1:04:56
principals for their willingness to continually collaborate with us as well as the many parent volunteers for your
1:05:02
continued time and financial support it truly takes a village thank you [Applause]
1:05:14
good evening my name is Kayla Johnson I am the choral director at MHS and tonight I would just like to commend all
1:05:20
of Robert's staff Mrs deshong orchestrated another fantastic third grade performance all third graders were
1:05:27
involved in singing dancing gymnastics and playing instruments the show highlighted Musical songs from popular
1:05:32
movies such as Encanto Frozen Moana and The Lion King The Wonderful World of
1:05:38
Disney shows was a huge success despite the weather Roberts field day was a big hit we thank Mrs catrum sorry and the
1:05:47
many volunteers both parents and Roberts alumni that made the day Fun For All thank you
1:05:59
hello I'm Tara courtman I teach here at whams and I'd like to amend the high
1:06:04
school staff for their participation in Pride day at the high school on June 2nd staff were supportive of the lgbtq
1:06:11
community which includes staff and student in our building the staff appreciates the support of the high
1:06:17
school administration I would also like to thank all the staff involved for preparing and facilitating
1:06:22
a wonderful senior Awards night on June 13th all of the graduation preparation going on right now takes tremendous
1:06:29
preparation and dedication from all of the support staff the secretaries custodians and paraprofessionals at the
1:06:36
high school who make excuse me who work to make this event a very special day for our seniors
1:06:41
thank you [Applause]
1:06:50
good evening my name is Leslie Clem and I work here at whams but today I'm here to shout out some really really awesome
1:06:57
teachers at the uas who are working really really hard to give a great big
1:07:03
send-off to their sixth graders before they come up here to be with us at whams
1:07:09
um they are doing many different activities to really send the sixth grade students off in style but we
1:07:16
particularly want to come in what they've recently done for the sixth grade talent show Nikki shullins and
1:07:22
Melissa O'Donnell have facilitated the talent show at the sixth grade level and
1:07:29
they have overseen kids as they were singing dancing playing instruments
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solving Rubik's Cubes baton twirling and there was even a lightsaber challenge so
1:07:40
all the talent that was displayed there was amazing we can't wait to have them here at whams with us and we just want
1:07:47
to shout out all those sixth grade teachers who are really giving their all to make sure that those kids know that
1:07:52
although we're going to be fabulously happy to have them here at whams they're going to miss them at the ues too thanks
1:08:04
hello everyone my name is Michelle Lanny Ruiz and I also work here at whams I'd
1:08:09
like to thank and commend the staff South Valley staff our third grade final project in our Moorestown unit
1:08:16
um this is Devers and Mrs semifelter's classes read there why I am proud of my community essays to Mayor Gillespie and
1:08:22
Deputy Mayor law they love them so much that the classes were invited to read them at the Town council meeting on June
1:08:28
12th and the other council members and community members were there to also enjoy what the third graders presented
1:08:34
thank you
1:08:44
thank you any other public comment okay see none can I get a motion to
1:08:51
close public comment all in favor
1:08:57
thank you very much anything for the good of the order
1:09:02
all right well we uh we the board does not have a meeting in July so our next regularly scheduled meeting will be
1:09:09
August congrats to the graduates we will see everybody on Thursday let's hope the
1:09:17
weather holds and we can have it Outdoors so may I please get a motion to
1:09:22
adjourn second all in favor thanks