

Transcript – 11.21.23 BOE Meeting

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all right welcome everyone to about 7

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o'clock uh welcome to the November 2023 meeting of the Moorestown Township Board of

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Education uh this meeting was properly noticed as set forth in the agenda may I please get a moment of silence

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Amer if you take roll please Mr Heiser Mrs arera Burns present Mrs FS

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maaloa here Dr ma here Mrs Miller here Mrs

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Morano here miss Romano here Mr weeks Mrs mopis here Mr vill NOA here thank

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you thank you and may I please get a motion for the approval of the minutes

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from the executive session a regular meeting from our uh October 17th 2023

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Meeting those minutes uh were amended as discussed and executive so can I get a motion so moved

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second any comments or questions all in favor NOS or abstentions I'm abstaining

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I wasn't there all right thank you all right moving on uh thank you for

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those that showed up on a wet Tuesday Tuesday cold night um wanted to give a

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couple of updates um as I think most people know the board uh and

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Administration has been uh looking very closely at issues related to new housing and the

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potential population increase that uh we expect will happen as the new housing

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projects uh come to fruition I think if you drive by the mortown mall you can

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see that uh that that project is well underway I think I saw a parking garage there the other day and U my

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understanding is that uh the developer expects that apartment complex I believe it's

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called it's going to be called The Pearl um will be finished construction by the

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fall of 2024 of course there's uh there may be some slippage but that's the the

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the best estimate at the moment um that's going to be a 375 unit uh complex with a mix of

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bedrooms between one bedroom up to three bedrooms so we're hoping to uh continue

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uh to get more information about that project as well as there there are seven others uh that are in various phases of

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planning in mortown um and so we have uh are trying to get a better sense as to

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the projected number of students that may reside in those complexes so that we

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can make sure that we are prepared uh to to bring those into our

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school district and so you've heard us now for uh at least a number of months

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if not a couple of years talk about um how to address uh this issue among other

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things and uh We've we've set up a ad hoc committee to examine and the impact

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of of these new housing uh developments and we've been talking generally about

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you know a potential referendum to improve or I don't want to say improve

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but to expand our facility footprint to ensure that we have enough space um to

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to address this potential influx of students that we think is pretty clear clearly going to happen um and so we are

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still in the analysis phase and I but when I say we I'm talking about

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Administration Mr bandorf James and his team have been taking a much deeper dive into this and Consulting with the board

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as uh more clarity comes as to what might be uh potential um Capital

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Improvements to address these issues and um but I do think we are starting to get

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some clarity again not we don't know the board doesn't know exactly what would be

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the right capital referendum project but I do think it's fair to say that if there is going to be

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a capital referendum that it would be in the fall or winter of next year so fall

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or winter of 2024 um again a lot more information to

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come on that because we we're just not in a position yet to give a whole lot of detail about it because we don't know

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ourselves but another issue that we've also been talking about is uh finding a

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a permanent superintendent and we've been very fortunate to have Joe bandorf here as

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our interim superintendent and his current contract

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is set to expire in at the end of June of 2024 and so as as some of you have know

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may know you know we've been talking the board has been talking about how to move forward with our superintendent search

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whether we wanted to use uh a search firm to help us in that process and various Alternatives um and various ways

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in which we were intending to move forward with the search for a permanent superintendent um after thinking about

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it long and hard um we came to realize that you know one of the things that we

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were looking for in a permanent superintendent was one that could quickly understand the history of of

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moristown particularly as it pertains to this new housing issue and and uh potential increase in population and

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one that could help us with the referendum and as it became clearer to

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us that this refer the timing of a referendum would likely happen in the fall or winter of 2024 uh we didn't think it would um set

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a new superintendent up for success to bring that person in in July and expect

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that superintendent to get up to speed on all these complex issues issues and then go out into the community to um

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advocate for for a referendum uh we didn't think that would set this person

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up for success and we um we thought we would be better suited

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to have consistency in the leadership role as we go through the referendum

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process so to that end um we've been talking with Mr bandorf about his

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interest in remaining with us um and he has graciously and kindly agreed to do

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so um so we will be our our intent is to extend Mr balor's contract um through

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the end of 2024 um our hope is that you know if

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there's going to be a referendum it will happen while he is still here and uh we're we are excited that he has agreed

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to do that he has um well he's only been here for uh about a year a little less

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than a year he's really leaned in and accomplished so much and um has led our

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district in a in a really meaningful and helpful way uh that we I think we've all

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been very impressed by so um thank you Joe for agreeing to to stay on with us

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um we won't be taking formal action on that until TW until the beginning of next

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year so um there was a recent election a new our new board with one new member

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Jackie Barnes who is here hi Jackie congrat congratulations

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um we will be um taking formal action on this extension at some point in uh early

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2024 so um with that I just wanted to give that brief update um as I'd

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mentioned there was a a recent School Board election um congratulations Jackie

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will be joining us as as a new board member and Brooke and Mick congratulations they will also be uh

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retaining their seats and I just wanted to also thank Marissa Cohen and Dave Hoffman who also ran and were willing to

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um to to step up and and help try to help our schools and so I always have a

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lot of respect and appreciate those that are interested in in serving on the board of education so thank you to

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everybody that uh was involved involved in that process so uh the last thing I

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wanted to mention was um to congratulate

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Joe and his family he has a new granddaughter uh Lucy Caitlyn bandorf

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that uh joined his family last week I believe and so congratulations to Joe

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and his growing family I know it's his first granddaughter and must be very excited so with that I'll pass the microphone over to pop bandor

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I I do like the way that sounds um it wasn't a difficult decision

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and I want to thank the board and and also the community who's been very supportive if to actually hear that um

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my presence can be beneficial to this town as a whole and to help you accomplish some specific goals that are

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laid out some challenges that are in front of this community I'm flattered and excited to continue that work and

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help to make that happen um there are so many aspects of this and and one of the

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major aspects is the maint maintenance of the incredibly strong academic

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programming that you provide and as we look at facilities and spacing um

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maintaining that balance and being able to provide the necessary space to be able to keep your classroom sizes at a

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manageable level all those things that go involved in programming for you to increase the type of programming that

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you're already engaged in in special uh needs uh for supports for our students

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and other programming um space even without the addition of uh the pilot

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programming is at a premium uh at this particular moment because of the things that you've done so in order for this

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community to continue to move forward it's uh really vitally important that we Embrace as a community um those things

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that are necessary to maintain and continue that fine programming and the history that you have here in mortown as

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being one of the finest school districts in the whole state of New Jersey um that takes planning it takes time it takes

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cooperation and coordination so we intend to engage the community and engage our staff uh in that process so

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that when we step forward we're stepping forward collectively and we're stepping forward in a very positive way that's

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going to be meaningful and going to help take most town into the future um so it's really important work that needs to

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be done I'm happy to be a part of it um I have some experience in it and uh I've

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just really enjoyed being here and learning about most towning becoming a bigger part of who this community is um

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on the on the heels of that I'm in retirement technically and now I have my first grandchild and that's an exciting

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thing um I I know there may be other grandparents here in the uh in in in the in the audience or at home watching on

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TV but it's uh certainly a very different uh kind of emotion that you

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get to experience in that realm so I'm looking forward to be able to be that pop pop and to spend time um but I'm

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also very dedicated to the work at hand and what needs to be done and we've can

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we're starting this work and I'm happy that I'll be given an opportunity to be here to help finish it so once

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again I I thank the board and thank the community for your ongoing support I want to wish Happy Thanksgiving to

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everybody um I have a little note going out to the community tomorrow on that that account um but the the school Year

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is off to a fine start um I want to thank Lisa and the mea and the work that they do collectively with the grouping

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that we have because there is a concerted effort here to communicate and work with one another to accomplish

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things that need to get done uh and so it's a supportive environment that uh I think is beneficial for the one and most

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important thing uh our kids that's the reason we're here that's the work that needs to be done and the reason why we

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do it and working with a group of people who get that and understand that is not only refreshing uh but it's the reason

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why you are who you are so uh I want to thank everybody once again and I'm anxious to hear our kids I'm going to

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hold your graduation report off because this is always my favorite part of the meeting and so if we can turn it over to

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our ambassadors uh from the high school for their reports it would be greatly appreciated at this time thank you

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hello everybody I'm Bava the senior class liaison and we've had some exciting events happening in the senior

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class over the last month so firstly last meeting I talked and I asked all of

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you to keep seniors in your thoughts because of the infamous November 1st deadline and pray that the trifect of

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college board comep and navian didn't crash and I I'm glad to report that they didn't so great feat for us seniors we

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were all able to submit our early applications um the decisions for these are starting to roll out but most of

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them will come out in December the regular deadlines are scattered from December through January but most of

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them are due the first week of January and some are also due on January 1st so that's a great kickoff to

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2024 but that's what's happening outside of school I'll also be reading a brief report on behalf of Kyle summerson our

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Junior class Leon who is unable to be here tonight but he was going to talk about the diversity committee that was

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just started so last week the diversity inclusion and culture leads to equity committee otherwise known as the dice

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committee met for the first time in this committee led by Mrs Butler which consisted of board members

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administrators teachers parents and students at the high school we discussed previous efforts to combat hate and

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racism in our schools we started by laying out the purpose of the committee which is to formulate an action plan to

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promote equity for all in the district whether staff students or parents we also looked at previous studies into Dei

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efforts in our schools we discussed the fact that the pro we discussed the projects that were previously done and

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the fact that many were not aware of the actions we took and we ended the meeting by discussing our dates for our next

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meeting which will be in about 3 weeks we will also likely break into subcommittees to address certain aspects

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of the plan currently the members of the committee are reviewing action plans of other districts and the demographic of

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our district to come up with a plan that will fit our district well and lead to a more Equitable future for our district

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I'm also a member of the of the dice committee and I'm very excited to bring my perspective and hear everybody else's

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perspective and really make change that's all I have for my report and now i' would like to pass it off into Angelo

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I hope everybody has wonderful holiday season and Thanksgiving thank

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you

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good evening teachers parents and the Board of Education my name is Angelo bajti one of the sophomore class liaison

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and I would like to provide an update on our fall Sports playoffs at morisan high school firstly I would like to

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congratulate our girls varsity tennis team for winning the group three sectional championship and becoming

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Olympic conference champion and the boys varsity soccer team for securing the Olympic conference

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divisional championship our girls volleyball team Advanced up to the group three sectional finals and the girls

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field hockey team made it to the round two of the njsa playoffs Although our football team

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competed fiercely in the njsiaa round one they faced a tough loss

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let's continue to support our amazing athletes of course we cannot thank enough all of our our coaches that work

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tirelessly to support all of these wonderful programs without them our successes would not be possible as we

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reflect on these achievements it's evident that the spirit of Excellence runs deep in our Athletic program at

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Morristown High School our team showcase not only skill on the field but also resilience teamwork and the true essence

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of sportsmanship thank you and I hope you all have a wonderful

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Thanksgiving

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good evening EV good evening everyone my name is Lily tragus and I'm the freshman
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class liaison we've had quite an eventful few months over at the high school including the Thanksgiving
food
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drive the fall play and the Veterans Day assembly the fall play Puffs was a hit
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not only did the actors on stage have fun but the audience got in got to join in on all that fun several of my
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classmates who participated in the fall play told me that it was a great experience many even decided to
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participate in the spring musical because they love the play so much as far as the audience goes I've
heard only
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good things I know all of the Harry Potter fans out there enjoyed all of their references and Niche jokes
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our spring musical auditions underway I can tell it's going to be just as good another thing that's
happened over the
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past month is our annual Thanksgiving food drive we've collected enough food to Fe to feed many
families across
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mortown I know that all have a happier Thanksgiving knowing that our school has helped provide meals
for other families
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across mown and I'm looking forward to having an even bigger and better drive next
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year another event that happened recently was the Veterans Day assembly it ran very smoothly all of the
students
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were very respectful and we heard some great speeches hearing all of the veteran story gave me a new
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appreciation for the holiday of Veterans Day and the veterans themselves to a lot of young people serving
in the armed
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forces seems kind of far off meeting all of these veterans and hearing their stories firsthand gave us all A
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Perspective and appreciation of veterans which is why the Veterans Day assembly is so important in
addition to the
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students I know all of the veterans greatly enjoyed being honored thank you and have a wonderful holiday
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season I uh really do appreciate that the uh District goes to the extent that it does to honor our veterans I
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it's really very critical I think it's great that we are able to uh exemplify and to honor them in front of
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our kids so that you have a better understanding of the sacrifices that they and their families continue to
make
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for our country and it motivates and inspires some of our kids to uh fill
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those ranks moving forward we certainly need that so I appreciate that and I did see the play and my daughter's a huge

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Harry Potter fan and she's 32 years old and uh we all came and and we just thought it was fabulous it was really

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well done so I appreciate you bringing that up so thank you you guys do a great job uh if you want to escape Now's the

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Time and uh I'm going to turn it over to Dr Benton who's going to do our graduation

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report good evening so our annual graduation report will be brief tonight

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it really is an add-on to the uh state of the district presentation that I gave last year if you do remember this uh

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this report deals with our class of 2023 graduates um from uh the spring and if

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you remember uh that class was the last class that was exempt from all of their graduation assessment requirements um

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but they were still held accountable for all of their course and attendance requirements that are required by the

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school and the district so in that report we had a total of 312 students that were in the class um the state

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requires that report how many students graduate using using the three different Pathways uh pathway one was the NJ GPA

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pathway two is the uh alternative assessment such as the SAT and pathway 3

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is the graduation portfolio because all students were exempt from all three of those requirements there's no uh data to

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report for that uh the report also includes um how many students received the state endorsed high school diploma

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as a result of meeting alternative requirements for graduation um as specified in the IEP we had one student

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who graduated under those um uh requirements and the total number of students that were denied graduation um

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from the 12th grade class was two and again that was not for assessment reasons but for um reasons of course

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requirement or um uh attendance that's

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it all right thank you very much any questions for Dr Benton okay great well thank you Karen

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um next up are the board committee reports starting with the ad hoc

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committee on Housing Development we did not have a formal meeting this month so uh nothing to report at least in terms

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of a formal committee meeting so moving on to Communications

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Jill so the communications committee met on November 15th last week it was Brooke

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mayatt Mark V NOA Melissa Aro Burns myself Joe endorf and Dave Tate um we

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realigned around our strategic goal of increasing awareness about District initiatives and student achievements

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through more strategic Communications we talked about the progress that's been made by Karen me

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over the past couple of months really leveraging social media to enhance Communications on behalf of the district

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we're proud of her efforts we aligned around our next priority of improving the website both the functional

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it and the relevant content we talked about two approaches some quick fixes

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and enhancements to ensure we're leveraging the existing design to the fullest extent and uh Joe is going to

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pull that through with the technology department but also we talked about um obtaining vendor proposals for redesign

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to be considered for the next budget cycle and Joe is taking that as an action item and lastly we talked about

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several other ideas and agreed to further explore um a bunch of them creative things some old some new um and

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thinking not just about communicating with the district but the broader moristown community at large so more to

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come on that and we meet again December 6th

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questions all right Lauren if you could give us an update on curriculum please sure the curriculum committee met uh

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yesterday November 20th um in attendance was uh Karen uh Mick Danielle Cheryl and

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myself um Mick shared that um he and Trish row toward the string theory

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school and Mick will provide a more detailed overview of um some of the things that they uh gain from that visit

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at a later date um we discussed the curriculum that originally was um on the agenda for uh today's approval um we

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realized that some information hadn't gone out to the full board so um that was sent out uh late yesterday so

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everyone should have time to review it and we will vote on the new curriculum in um

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December's uh meeting and if you have any questions or concerns you can um ask

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for um office hours with uh Karen to kind of go over that um this is

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curriculum though that already is you know in process we we the staff wrote it over the summer um was voted on uh for

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uh writing last uh budget season so it's it's just a really routine matter at

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this point and um but needs a vote for the December meeting um Karen um

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overviewed the 2023 Ela and math standard update um for

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ELA um she provided a summary of the njsla um Ela changes um that that are um

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required now um brief overview of that is a revision of the K through five

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standards for foundational skills in Reading language um there's added 5

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through K standards for foundational skills in uh in the writing language and other reading and writing standard

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domains um are K through 12 um the NG NJ

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doe is just starting a technical assistance training and provision of implementation guidance for the

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documents and provided a crosswalk so we're kind of still just sorting through to make sure that the new curriculum

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that was under um for adoption provides and meets all the needs um of the

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revisions um similarly for math There's a summary that was provided for the njsla math changes um several standards

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within Algebra 2 are now optional so again uh Karen provided a more detailed

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overview but that's a general um General overview um there also was a

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point with the um standards that climate change opportunities um was promoted um

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which just gave indicators throughout both math and Ela standards where climate change topics could be

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integrated it wasn't mandatory though and the district is awaiting additional ngoa guidance on the implementation

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requirements of that um we looked at the field trip um overview um on the agenda

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is the Anti-Defamation youth conference trip um information about that was shared um we discussed briefly about qac

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this year we are under qac review and just you know kind of touched base that on Monday uh the the 20th Karen did

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submit all the materials for the state to review um and um they're planning an

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in-person visit for March um for the district um also for December the reason

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we moved up the December board meeting is because a self assessment um for the district um is due um and that will be

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voted on the December board meeting as well um and then Karen um reviewed with

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the graduation report that she just presented thanks Lauren any questions

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Lauren no next is finance and operations I know Mick's not here are you giving

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the report all right Danielle thanks finance and operations committee met on November 7th 2023 those in

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attendance were MC weeks Cheryl mcoplus Claud Morano Danielle Miller Joe bandorf

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James Heiser Karen Benton and Jeff Ary the agenda items discussed were the

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rfs that are up in January the 2024 to 2025 budget calendar

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was reviewed the 2022 to 2023 fund balance

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was discussed overnight trips as well as job descriptions were also discussed and

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um oh they were on the agenda and discussion items were um the IT department reor

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that's it great thank you any questions for

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Danielle all right Claudine policy committee policy met on November 16th it

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was myself um Melissa Burns Burns Jill Fels Macaluso markv NOA Mr bondor Dr

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Benton and Missler um you'll see on the agenda the item our first reading is a mandatory

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new policy and regulation from the state having to do with um establishing districts having to establish threat

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assessment teams in the schools so the purpose of the threat assessment teams

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and the law is to provide Administration and staff assistance and identifying students of concern and the ability to

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assess student risks for engaging in harmful activities as well as delivering intervention and strategies so we'll be

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um on first reading it's both a policy and a regulation number 2419

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um the administration did share with the committee that uh the district is already in compliance with the policy um

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so this isn't going to make any kind of major changes at the moment so we're we're in good shape once this is adopted

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um items from second reading that were um not amended last last go around

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you'll just see it's our website accessibility policy are um reimbursement of federal and other Grant

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expenditures policies Federal Federal Wards policies and contract for good and services all of those are mandatory

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policies that were either tweaked um or amended by state we had our usual items

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for discussion um we're wrapping up our final drafts of um revisions of our um

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associations um dealing with parent organizations um educational foundations

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booster clubs and Community organizations hoping to have that on first reading in December

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uh we have an ongoing review of our policy and regulation number 5530 which

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is our substance abuse policies um and uh Drew cybo is review has been

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reviewing it with his staff at the high school and making some recommendations to our committee and to the board and

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then finally uh um Mrs Butler had just given us some um outline of the

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district's implementation of the State's new SLE law which significantly changes the scope of allowable use uses of sick

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days uh for School District employees so she gave us an update on that that's it

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and the next meeting is December 8th thanks Claudine any questions for

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Claudine all right are there any offboard committee updates from

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anyone uh the special education advocacy Council or uh

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speak um has or is um sponsoring the inclusive schools week December 5th

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through December 9th there will be activities throughout the district in every school um so please encourage your

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students to look out for those and the next meeting is January 25th 9:30 in the

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Star Center thanks Melissa anyone else all

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right moving on uh we're to our first public comment section that addresses

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public comment on agenda items may I get a motion to open public comment please

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move second all in favor all right if anybody has any

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public comment on agenda items you can approach the microphone seeing no movement may I get

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a motion to close public comment move in

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favor thank you okay uh now to the uh

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items uh for us to vote on uh turning to reports of the board in

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article8 of the agenda may I please get a motion for the approval of items one

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through five second uh any comments or questions all

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in favor uh those are abstentions thank

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you article 9 recommendations of the superintendent which includes the
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policies and procedures for first and second reading may I get a motion for the approval of items one and
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please any comments or questions all in favor no or abstentions thank
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you letter B this one has been amended um and we
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are no longer we are going to table for uh approval number four which is the approval of curriculum that
will be
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voted on in December so may I please get a motion for the approval of items one through three in that
section move
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second any comments or questions all in favor those or
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abstentions thank you uh Finance in
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business we have items one through eight listed may
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I please get a motion for the approval of those items no move second any
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comments or questions all in favor I any NOS or
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abstentions thank you employee
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relations um there was an amendment in this section
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is that correct correct James for employee relations is correct it was an
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addition to a blank spot that was already reserved on got okay uh and we
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discussed that in executive so can I please get uh a motion for approval of items one through
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13 in letter D please any comments or
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questions can I get a roll call vote please Mrs arera Burns yes Mrs FS Macaluso yes
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Dr ma yes Mrs Miller yes Mrs Morano yes Miss Romano yes Mr weeks Mrs mopis yes
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Mr Bill NOA yes thank you thank you uh article nine in the agenda includes
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suspensions and the superintendent Hib report may I please get a motion for
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approval of those items please don't
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move any comments or questions roll call vote
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please I think we we can just do it would quickie all right all in favor hi
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I any NOS or abstentions okay thank
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you uh article 11 is in I'm sorry is
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that yeah yeah so U

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right yeah so the the way it works is um the ones that we're voting on The hibs

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that we are voting on are the hibs that we reviewed the month prior in executive

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session uh article 11 is informational only and that um shows current

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enrollment is there any old business

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no there is new business which includes the 2024 2025 budget calendar

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acknowledgement that was included as an exhibit um to the agenda that was

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circulated last week and that sets forth the calendar of events related to our

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budget season that starts in a couple months may get uh are you there's

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no all right acknowledged

42:04

um we are now on to our uh second public comment section which relates to

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anything on or off the agenda I'd ask that you please uh state your name and

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address prior to making your comment limit your comments to three minutes please and please understand that this

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isn't um a question and answer session but we do value hearing your comments on school related issues uh may

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I please get a motion to open public comment thanks all in favor I all right

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open good evening everyone I'm Nicole Dancy president of moristown home and school our most recent news and events

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we completed ue's Scholastic Book Fair UE parent Internet safety session in

43:02

partnership with the district online apparel Miss chocolate and the Princeton Review sat fundraisers meet the Boe

43:10

candidates Forum project democracy our annual home and school turkey and Pie

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drive thank you to the many home and school volunteers mtps and the Morristown Community for their generous

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donations thank you to The Community House for being the donation drop off

43:27

location some upcoming events The Secret Lives of teen and tween parent care and

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caregivers presentation for the high school as well as whams on Wednesday November 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in

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mhs's Auditorium please RSVP via the link in weekly home and school General

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news emails author day with Daniel Kirk author of the library Mouse on December

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5th at all three elementary schools and at Baker Oaks integrated Mitten Tree

44:01

Drive um Monday November 27th through Monday December 4th food for all Fridays

44:08

is back starting December 1st Toys for Tots until December 4th and bingo night

44:14

on Thursday December 6th stay tuned for information as well as on Facebook

44:20

Instagram and feel free to contact us at any time to purchase a calendar or to join home in school thank you everyone

44:27

for your continued support and Happy Thanksgiving thank

44:36

you hello um my name is Debbie kitley and I'm a speech language pathologist at Baker school and I would like to just

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say thank you to the high school staff for the class advisors for organizing a wonderful spirit week for organizing A

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procession down Main Street before homecoming football game and for organizing the homecoming dance the

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advisers also organized the Veterans Day assembly which was a special event for all the veterans that were honored we'd

45:00

also like to recognize the work of Greg har and the staff that helped with the fall play this year mortown high school

45:06

presented its annual fall play on October 26 27 and 28 and this year's show was Puffs a popular parody of the

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Harry Potter franchise and over 40 students were involved in acting set construction costuming hair makeup

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Lighting and Sound nearly 800 family and community members attended and the show will be entered into a state wide

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competition held by Mont Clara State University in May up next is the spring musical mam Mia in late February early

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March thanks for your time thank

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you hello I'm Claire McGreevy and I teach at whams and I would like to commend the Wham staff for a few things

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tonight um on November 2nd the Wham Spanish teachers hosted their annual Day of the Dead celebration more than 300

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students who take Spanish participated in the cultural celebration creating decorations and eating

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traditional Mexican foods like flas empanadas and bread of the dead wham

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Spanish teachers would like to express their appreciation to the almost 40 parent volunteers who came out to

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support the event additionally 12 teams of Willam students dodg ducked and dipped last week in an exciting after

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school dodgeball tournament each of each team of 10 students donated an entrance

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fee so that the winning dodgeball team could give \$1,000 to the charity of their choice this year's team donated

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the generous sum to the Wounded Warrior Project thank you thank

46:32

you hi good evening everyone uh my name is Michelle mccaan I'm a special educator at ues um teaching in the self-contained

46:40

class for grades four five six I'm here to commend the Baker Elementary School the

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baker staff on October 27th participated in a casual for the cause day the cause

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was to honor our colleague spring Williams and support breast cancer awareness the staff work pink shirts

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which were custom designed for the occasion by teacher Mark ambrosino a gracious donation to the cause was made

47:03

in Springs name Happy Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving hi Debbie McGeorge 230 eastborn Terrace and also a teacher at the ues um and I would like to commend

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and thank the ues staff for some things one of them is the students at Miss

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luc's class have been learning about the ancient about ancient Mesopotamia and the world's first civilizations the

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world's first language and new inventions to culminate this module students were designed designing their

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own city states and they will name and line out the city including all the permanent areas Rec captions telling

47:41

about all their features of their new ancient Mesopotamian city state so thank you thank

47:48

you hi good evening Christen mcken I teach at the uses but I'm going to be uh speaking on behalf of Robert School uh

47:56

Robert school was very happy to kick off our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign this month this district-wide program

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raises money and awareness to support the American Heart Association Roberts School was the third highest to raise

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funds in all of Burlington County last year it is very near and dear to staff and students that have personal

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connections with heart disease Mary E Roberts is the school with the heart thank you happy holidays thank

48:20

you hi I'm Jen I'm one of the art teachers here at whams and I'm speaking on behalf of South Valley uh
third grad
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at South Valley had lots of fun adding art integration into their lessons to get the Halloween Spirit uh one
class
48:35
made Monster arrays to help with multiplication another class made pumpkins to practice their first their
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fast facts uh one third grade class made haunted houses to reinforce their rounding skills and the fourth
class
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reinforced their paragraphs by writing about three things that turn them into a screaming monster and of
course made a
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monster to go with this kindergarten had a busy month they learned about the celebration of dwali by
doing a special
49:02
dance and creating crafts they had community members come and speak about Veterans Day and honor
those who have
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served our country and they created turkeys disguised as firefighters rainbows and a slice of pizza they
are
49:17
wrapping up the month with discussions of all the things they are thankful for and we sure are thankful for
our South
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Valley kindergarten teachers thank you thank
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you anyone else all right may I get a motion to close public
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comment all in favor hi thank you is there anything for the good of the
49:45
order well you know I'm gonna practice I'm gonna practice my Thanksgiving speech
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here no um I think uh we we have made it out here in record time um it is the
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season of thanks so um thank you to everybody in our school Community thank you to uh all them to Joe
James Carol
50:07
Dave Jeff John and uh all of the all the board members it's um at times a thank
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less job but thank you uh for all the time that you put into this Karen I sorry I skipped over you by accident
I
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apologize um that's right that's right all right so thank you uh everybody have
50:28
a wonderful Thanksgiving and may I please get a motion to close I'm sorry motion to
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adjourn second all in favor thank you Happy Thanksgiving