

**The Board of Education of Moorestown Township
Moorestown, New Jersey
MINUTES
William Allen Middle School
July 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending a notice of the time, date, location, instructions for remote access and making public comment and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting on July 8, 2021 to the Courier Post, and on July 8, 2021 to the Burlington County Times.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Absent	Dr. Sandra Alberti
Present	Mr. Jack Fairchild
Present	Dr. Mark Snyder
Present	Mr. Mark Villanueva
Present	Mr. Maurice Weeks
Present	Mr. David A. Weinstein

Present	Ms. Lauren Romano, Vice President
Present	Mrs. Caryn Shaw, President

Present	Ms. Alicia D'Anella, Esq., Solicitor
Present	Dr. Leonard Fitts, Interim Superintendent
Present	Mr. James M. Heiser, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Present	Dr. Karen Benton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation
Absent	Dr. David Tate, Director of Special Education
Absent	Ms. Carole Butler, Director of Human Resources, Inclusion and Diversity
Present	Mr. Jeffrey Arey, Director of Educational Technology and Innovation

V. Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Moorestown Township, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

- Superintendent Search/Leadership Profile Update

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mr. Fairchild Vote: 7 - 0

VI. Return to Public

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: 7 - 0

VII. Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates Presentation – Superintendent Search

Dr. Bill Adams and Stacey Adams updated the community and the Board on the Superintendent Search and Desired Characteristics.

VIII. Acceptance of Leadership Profile and Approval of Desired Characteristics

MOTION:

A motion is requested accepting the leadership profile and approving the desired characteristics to be utilized for the superintendent search.

Moved by: Ms. Romano Second: Mr. Weinstein Vote: 7 - 0

Dr. Leonard Fitts welcomed the community, introduced himself, and updated the community regarding ongoing discussions with Administration on updates for summer programming and the fall.

IX. Public Comment

1. Open Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to open the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: 7 - 0

2. Public Comment

- a. Dr. Elizabeth Pollard of 64 Brooks Road read a prepared statement related to her thoughts on mask requirements and the safety that they propose. Dr. Pollard recommended wearing masks until children have the opportunity to be vaccinated.
- b. Nicole MacHenry of 3 Shelter Rock Place requested that addresses not be included for Board meetings. Ms. MacHenry also recommended an anonymous survey be sent to the staff regarding their opinions.
- c. Jill Macaluso of 800 Golf View Road thanked Dr. Fitts regarding his statements and for listening to the community. Ms. Macaluso recommended input be solicited of the quieter voices.
- d. Karen Vidal of 441 Oldershaw Avenue recommended following all CDC guidance and read a prepared statement. Ms. Vidal thanked Dr. Fitts for inquiring with the school nurses.
- e. Sarah Rivera of 105 Smith Court thanked the District for allowing her students to go mask free.
- f. Jackie Barnes of 100 S. Colonial Avenue expressed her concerns about the effect of Covid on students not eligible for vaccination and read a prepared statement.
- g. Stacey Jankiewicz of 8 Dorchester Lane read a prepared statement on her beliefs on masking. Ms. Jankiewicz recommended masking be a family option. Ms. Jankiewicz recommended the teachers and community be surveyed.
- h. Daniella Riggins of 621 Washington Avenue stated that she is nervous about the COVID variants. Ms. Riggins recommended mask wearing for those that can't be vaccinated. Ms. Riggins recommended keeping the masks if physical distancing is being removed.
- i. Melissa Arcaro-Burns of 8 Brooks Road read a prepared statement. Ms. Arcaro-Burns stated that CDC recommendations are pretty clear and masks should be worn. Ms. Arcaro-Burns expressed her concerns around mask bullying.

- j. Anthony Dragun of 547 Eaglebrook Drive asked if there are plans to serve lunch in the fall. Dr. Fitts stated that we do plan to serve lunch. Mr. Dragun compared Moorestown to other districts across the nation. Mr. Dragun recommended that the Board not write things in concrete to allow things to be flexible. Mr. Dragun recommended having a physician panel to discuss differing opinions.
- k. Courtney Johnson of 29 Brooks Road read a prepared statement regarding the fall. Ms. Johnson recommended that the Board put students first. Ms. Johnson recommended giving parents options.

3. Close Public Comment

MOTION:

A motion is requested to close the floor for public comment.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Mr. Weeks Vote: 7 - 0

X. Adjournment – 8:28 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Weinstein Second: Ms. Romano Vote: 7 - 0

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heiser, CPA
Board Secretary