

**MENDHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BROOKSIDE, NEW JERSEY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, 7:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

II. Flag Salute - Mrs. Holquist led the flag salute.

III. Roll Call of the Board of Education

Mrs. Gretchen Holquist	President	Present - virtual
Mr. Aadithya Thayyar	Vice President	Present
Mr. Andrew Christmann		Present - virtual
Mr. Peter Dumovic		Present
Mrs. Heather Fraser		Present - virtual
Mr. Richard Gondek		Present - virtual
Mrs. Joan Mody		Present - virtual

Also present: Dr. Salvatore Constantino, Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Mosner, School Business Administrator
General Public – zero

IV. Sunshine Law

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, Mendham Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Mendham Township Board of Education Office, sent to the Clerk of Mendham Township, and the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record. This is an official meeting.

V. Superintendent's Report

- District Updates, News and Events
- MTSD Distance Learning presentation – Mr. Christmann recommended passing a resolution recognizing the outstanding work done in relation to the remote learning during the Covid-19 crisis.

Mr. Dumovic reviewed his experience and the information that he received during the T.A.K.E Flight Program offered by the NJSBA.

VI. Board Secretary's Report

- **Finance:**
 - 2020-2021 Budget

Tonight the BOE will approve the tentative 2020-2021 budget. All tentative budgets must be adopted and filed with the Executive County Superintendent no later than March 20, 2020.

- 2020-2021 Budget Calendar & Important Dates
 - February 27, 2020 – state aid figures released
 - March 17, 2020 – Board Meeting to approve a tentative budget
 - April 23, 2020 – Advertise for Public Hearing
 - May 5, 2020 – Public Hearing

Thank you for taking the time to participate this evening due to everything that is going on, I appreciate all of the work the BOE has done with this budget. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

VII. Board President’s Report – compliments on the commitment to making this work under the circumstances. Great job to the administration. Mr. Christmann commented that he was blown away by the communications and that the district has exceeded his expectations. Mr. Dumovic also commented that the communication has been excellent and to keep in coming daily.

VIII. Correspondence – N/A

IX. Committee Reports

- Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Mody delivered the report
- Operations and Finance – Mr. Thayyar delivered the report
- Personnel and Human Resources - Mrs. Fraser delivered the report
- Policy – Mr. Gondek delivered the report

X. Consent Items

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes: February 26, 2020

Approval of Executive Minutes: February 26, 2020

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Elementary School Field Trip - Confirmation of Field Trip (Attachment)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following field trip for the 2019 - 2020 school year, previously approved by the Board on July 16, 2019.

Date	Grade	Activity	Cost to Board	Cost to Students	Chaperones
04/23/20	Grade 4	Liberty Science Center Jersey City, NJ	\$0	\$48.76	Diane Barlow Theresa McNamara Lisa Lombardo Nancy Hammer Cindy Blood

					Carole Hudson (<i>nurse</i>) 6 parent chaperones
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2. **Middle School Field Trips - Confirmation of Field Trips** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following field trips for the 2019 - 2020 school year, previously approved by the Board on July 16, 2019.

Date	Grade	Activity	Cost to Board	Cost to Students	Chaperones
03/06/20	Grades 5-8	Annie Jr. Performance at MTES	\$0	\$0	Gina Sodora
04/09/20	Various Grades	Peer Leaders to MTES	\$0	\$0	Alexandria Perrotta

3. **Middle School Field Trip - Frost Valley, NY** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following field trip for the 2019 - 2020 school year, replacing the previously approved field trip Club Getaway by the Board on July 16, 2019.

Date	Grade	Activity	Cost to Board	Cost to Students	Chaperones
04/24/20 04/25/20 04/26/20	Grade 7	Frost Valley Claryville, NY	\$0	\$350.00	Gina Sodora Franziska Dragon Alexandria Perrotta Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro Perry Hooker Fernando Rivera

4. **New - Middle School Field Trip** (*Attachment*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following field trip for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Date	Grade	Activity	Cost to Board	Cost to Students	Chaperones
05/09/20	Grades 7 & 8	STOMP at MPAC Morristown, NJ	\$0	\$75.00	Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro Russell Branch Alexandria Perrotta *Elizabeth Barter

					(* alternate)
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5. **Contract with Anne Hunkler**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves: Anne Hunkler for contracted Behavioral Consultation within the school until 6/11/20 for one (1) student (14738813) for 3 hours per week as per the IEP for a total of 33 hours @ \$80.00/hr. not to exceed a total of \$2,640.00.
6. **New Volunteers - Parent Led Recess at MTES & MTMS**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Rekha Mandel and Ann Pregner, volunteer parents, to participate in parent led recess activities for the 2019 - 2020 school year.
7. **Middle School Leadership/SAVE - Creature Comfort Pet Therapy**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Gina Sodora's Middle School Leadership/SAVE group, to host and re-certify therapy dogs, from Creature Comfort Pet Therapy on May 2, 2020.
8. **Mendham Township School District Calendar 2021 - 2022 (Attachment)**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Mendham Township School District Calendar for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Operations and Finance

1. **Certification Reports**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education certify pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4, does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports for the month of February 2020 that no major accounts and fund balances in the 2019/2020 budget have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. **February 2020 Transfer Reports**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the February 2020 transfer report.
3. **March 2020 Bills List**
BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the final March 2020 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N0158 through N0160, N0162 through N0164.

Fund 10	\$ 47,933.69
Fund 11	\$1,557,594.84
Fund 20	\$ 20,306.95
Fund 60	\$ 37,179.92
Fund 95	\$ 1,968.04
Total:	<u>\$1,664,983.44</u>

4. **Use of District Facilities**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following use of facility applications for the 2019 - 2020 school year with the right to cancel based on school events and needs:

Organization	Location	Dates	Times	Responsible Party
Mendham Magic	<u>ES</u> Fields	Mondays & Wednesdays 04/06/20 - 06/05/20	5:00pm-6:30pm	Scott Cirillo

* Subject to change due to conflicts with Mendham Township School events.

5. **District Travel**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Board of Education approves the listed travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1. All mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate (currently \$0.35 per mile).

Program Name	Date	Employee	Event Cost	Total Cost
Preventive Maintenance Sparta, NJ	03/02/20 03/04/20 03/09/20 03/11/20 03/16/20	Chris Hemmings	\$571.00	\$571.00
Science Expo MTES	03/05/20	Diane Barlow Erica Parke	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage
Distance Learning Prep MTES	03/12/20	Charles Gallo	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage
View Sonic Demo for Smart Board Technology Long Valley, NJ	03/24/20	Peter Ricci	\$0	\$0
Self-Compassion for Educators - Mindfulness Online	03/27/20 <i>through</i> 05/07/20	Darlyne Pieper Lisa Lombardo	\$295.00 Each	\$295.00 Each
Kindergarten Screenings MTES	04/22/20 04/23/20 04/30/20 05/01/20	Carolyn Allen Kelly Johnson Kelly Merlino Amy Williamson	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage

Remove artwork from Mendham Township Library M.T. Library	04/30/20	Sarah Bizzarro	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage
Field Day MTES	05/20/20 <i>rain date</i> 05/22/20	Gregory Gormly Briana Panetta	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage
Lemon Ball Set-Up MTES	05/29/20	Briana Panetta	Substitute Coverage	Substitute Coverage

6. **Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials will solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program. NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (citation) and the regulations promulgated thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through a contract awarded to electric power suppliers following said bid for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will issue a Request for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.* and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act,” N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Units will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award a contract for Electric Generation Service to a supplier(s) whose prices will provide estimated savings to the Participating Unit, based on its previous electric usage;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with prices estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all-electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) through the electric power supplier(s) awarded said contract for a term not to exceed two-years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all-electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) from the electric power supplier(s) awarded the contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the Districts of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future) for a term not to exceed two years and at prices determined by the Lead Agency to provide estimated savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to rebid to obtain electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System if energy market conditions do not lead to a successful bid, dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. Any recession of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such recession.

7. **Resolution to Continue Membership in the Morris Essex Insurance Group** (*Attachments*)
WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Morris County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance Pool as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS, said Pool was approved effective February 10, 1984 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Pool contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Pool, and;

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township Board of Education has determined that membership in the Morris Sussex Insurance Group is the best interest of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education does hereby agree to renew membership in the Morris Essex Insurance Group and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Pool as are required by the Pool's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

Personnel and Human Resources

1. **Leave of Absence - Kelly Johnson**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Kelly Johnson, Elementary School Teacher, for a leave of absence, commencing April 8, 2020 under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), ending on April 17, 2020 while utilizing seven (7) sick days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Kelly Johnson with an anticipated return to work date of April 20, 2020.

2. **Leave of Absence - Sondra Farnon (REVISED)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Sondra Farnon, School Bus Driver, for a leave of absence, having received Doctor's certification, commencing November 11, 2019 through February 25, 2020, under the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), utilizing twelve (12) weeks of the FMLA (11/11/19-2/14/20) and sixty-four (64) sick days.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Sondra Farnon with an extended leave of absence from February 26, 2020 through May 13, 2020, while utilizing the remaining forty-seven (47) sick days and 2.5 personal days.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves Sondra Farnon with an unpaid leave of absence beginning May 14, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves Sondra Farnon to return to work at a later date, pending re-evaluation and certification from physician.

3. **Elementary School Activity Chaperones - STEM Expo**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves payment to the following two (2) chaperones, at the contractual rate of \$100.00 each for events that start after contractual hours, for the previously approved Co-Curricular Activity, STEM Expo, March 5, 2020:

Carolyn Allen Dawn Cullinan

4. **Extra Hours – Instructional Aide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Cindy Blood, Instructional Aide, at her contractual hourly rate of \$28.56 for extra hours not to exceed two (2) hours for one student to participate in the All District Concert at Mendham High School on March 25, 2020 between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

5. **New Hire - Drimet Gimenez, Transportation Driver**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Drimet Gimenez, full time Transportation Driver, pending completion of paperwork, for the 2019 - 2020 school year, effective April 6, 2020 at a prorated salary of \$28,490.40.

6. **P/T Substitute Custodian – Norma Mogrovego**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Norma Mogrovego, part time custodian, pending completion of paperwork, for the remainder

of the 2019 - 2020 school year, effective March 10, 2020 for \$15/hour for 4 hours per day for 5 days per week.

6. **Substitute Transportation Driver** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Dan Wood, substitute Transportation Driver, pending completion of paperwork, at an hourly rate of \$22.86 for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Policy and Planning

1. **First Reading** (*Attachments*)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves for first reading the following policies and regulations:

- P 0152 Board Officers (Revised)
- P 1581 Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
- R 1581 Domestic Violence (M) (New)
- P 2422 Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
- P 3421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- P 4421.13 Postnatal Accommodations (New)
- P & R 5330 Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
- P 7243 Supervision of Construction (M) (Revised)
- P 8210 School Year (Revised)
- P 8220 School Day (M) (Revised)
- R 8220 School Closings (Revised)
- P 8462 Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) (Revised)

Mr. Thayyar moved to approve the Committee Reports and the Consent Items for March 17, 2020; Approval of Regular Minutes, Curriculum & Instruction items 1 – 8, Operations & Finance items 1 – 7, Personnel & Human Resources items 1 – 6, Policy and Planning item 1, seconded by Mrs. Fraser and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Christmann; yes, Mr. Dumovic; yes, Mrs. Fraser; yes, Mr. Gondek; yes, Mrs. Mody, yes; Mr. Thayyar; yes; and Mrs. Holquist; yes. All yes – Motion carries.

XI. Discussion

XII. Verbal Communication from the Public – N/A

XIII. Action Items

1. **ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2020-2021**

A. **BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves and authorizes the submission of the tentative budget for the 2020-2021 School Year to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2020-21 Total Expenditures	19,489,282	130,000	1,171,175	20,790,457
Less: Anticipated Revenues	2,857,198	130,000	0	2,987,198
Taxes to be Raised	16,632,084	0	1,171,175	17,803,259

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Daily Record in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Mendham Township Elementary Staff Development Room at 18 West Main Street, Brookside, New Jersey, on May 5, 2020 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2020-2021 School Year, and

B. APPROVAL OF BANKED LEVY

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, acknowledges that it has a taxing authority composed of unused expiring banked levy from previous budgets of \$213,558 and adjustments for enrollment of \$608,991, from the proposed 2020-2021 school year budget, totaling \$822,549 to be used to increase the tax levy above and beyond the allowable 2% (\$309,991), for the 2020-2021 school year budget.

C. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT – 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Mendham Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$25,000 for all staff and board members for the 2020-2021 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Discussion: Mr. Thayyar commented that continuing to deliver quality of service that is expected is fully supported with this proposed budget and it is being proactive to prevent having to go down this road again in the near future. Especially since the enrollment continues to increase in the district.

Mr. Gondek added that fixing the problem long-term is a better option and the right thing to do. Important to inform the public due to everything that is going on.

Mr. Dumovic commented that he could not support the budget with an increase of 7.31%. Now during this time of crisis it needs to be about the community and I realize that we are responsible for providing a quality education at the expense of the tax payer and I recognize that the ops/finance committee has worked hard on this and the administration has done the same and that they have made reductions. However, the increase is unprecedented and I understand that this option provides for additional long-term revenues but during this difficult time we need to show concern for residents. There is much fear and uncertainty and with that said I do not believe that this is responsible or compassionate governance. I could support the 4.46% increase but not the 7.31% increase, not at this time.

Mr. Mody responded that she would defer to the ops/finance committee and Mrs. Mosner for all of the work that they have done. Currently, this is not a good situation to move forward with a referendum. Watching our children today and seeing what we have is invaluable, this district goes well beyond what others are doing and it is invaluable. We need to move forward with the proposed budget.

Mr. Thayyar added that the BOE is providing governance as a board, that is why we run and are elected. It is not responsible to move backwards.

Mrs. Fraser commented that personally her family moved to Mendham Township because of the school district and the quality of excellent education that it provides which is demonstrated by 2 Blue Ribbon Schools. The big picture looking down the road as a board member we need to look at the future of the school district and the community.

Mr. Christmann added that much time has been spent on this, diving deep, looking at options, and the best organizations look to the future. Everyone has concerns about the current situation. Our district makes the hard choices when they need to be made. As a BOE we will not provide relief on the backs of our students. The results produced should stand on their own and we need to move forward in support of this budget.

Mrs. Holquist commented that she appreciated everyone's perspective. 4.46% is a non-starter, we need to spend now to grow, however I do want to acknowledge Mr. Dumovic and his point, referencing the community and finances with the timing being unfavorable but the band aid approach does not work, this budget allows for relief to build our fleet as an additional source of revenue moving forward, which is huge for the district. I am in line with providing communication since over this is not about the buses but the future of the district.

Mr. Dumovic asked what would change anyone's opinion on this by the public hearing?

Mrs. Holquist responded that if people come out and are okay with fundamental educational changes, such as no art or music, or cutting staff to have much larger class sizes, and changes in program to lower taxes.

Mr. Thayyar commented that strategically it is always beneficial to look at the future and invest in the education of our students.

Mr. Dumovic appreciates all of the opinions but does not agree.

Mrs. Holquist appreciated the productive discussion which is critical for the success of this BOE. She also setup a communications committee which consists of herself, Mr. Gondek, and Mrs. Mody, along with Dr. Constantino and Mrs. Mosner.

Mr. Gondek moved to approve the Action Item – adoption of 2020-2021 tentative budget motions, seconded by Mrs. Frazer and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Thayyar; yes, Mr. Dumovic; no, Mrs. Fraser; yes, Mr. Gondek; yes, Mrs. Mody; yes, Mr. Christmann; yes, and Mrs. Holquist; yes. – Motion carries.

2. RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING WORK WITH DISTANCE LEARNING

Whereas the education of the Students of Mendham Township is the primary concern of the MTBOE;

Whereas the Coronavirus crisis has forced the closure of the schools for an extended period of time requiring the implementation of a remote learning environment in less than 5 days;

Whereas the MTBOE recognizes the Teachers, Staff, and Administration have increased obligations in their personal lives, not to mention stress and fear related to the crisis;

The MTBOE thanks and applauds the entire Mendham Township Schools team in building, deploying, and implementing the remote learning environment above our expectations. The results after day one once again demonstrate why MT is a special place and this school district provides an elementary education to every student, and in this case, especially, every day.

The MTBOE thanks you and wishes you continued success and looks forward to celebrating the completion of these extraordinary teaching methods.

Mr. Christmann moved to approve the Action Item – recognizing the outstanding work done in relation to the remote learning during the COVID-19 crisis, seconded by Mrs. Frazer and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Thayyar; yes, Mr. Dumovic; ye, Mrs. Fraser; yes, Mr. Gondek; yes, Mrs. Mody; yes, Mr. Christmann; yes, and Mrs. Holquist; yes. All yes – Motion carries.

XV. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Holquist, second by Mr. Thayyar to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Mosner
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary