MORRIS-UNION JOINTURE COMMISSION  
340 Central Avenue  
New Providence, NJ 07974

Board of Education Meeting  

January 11, 2018

REVISED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OPENING STATEMENT

This is a public meeting of the Board of Education of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with PL1975, Chapter 231, in that a special notice was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. ROLL CALL

Dr. Edwin Acevedo, Long Hill Township  
Dr. Christine Burton, Millburn  
Mr. June Chang, Summit  
Mr. Michael A. Davino, Springfield  
Dr. Margaret Dolan, Westfield  
Ms. Jennifer Fano, Randolph Township  
Dr. Pamela Fiander, Clinton Township  
Dr. Thomas Ficarra, School District of South Orange-Maplewood  
Mr. Pedro Garrido, Roselle Park  
Mr. Edward Grande, Clark  
Dr. Margaret Hayes, Scotch Plains-Fanwood  
Ms. Elizabeth Jewett, Watchung Hills Regional High School  
Dr. Michael LaSusa, School District of the Chathams  
Dr. Nancy Lubarsky, Mountainside  
Mr. Nick Markarian, Bernards Township  
Dr. David Miceli, New Providence  
Dr. Matthew Mingle, Warren Township  
Ms. Judith Rattner, Berkeley Heights  
Dr. Barbara Resko, Watchung Borough  
Dr. René T. Rovtar, Montville Township  
Dr. Scott Rubin, Cranford  
Mr. Jeffrey Rutzky, West Orange
V. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Move the approval and adoption of the Minutes of the December 14, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

{Attachment M 1}

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Move the adoption of the following resolution:

This body shall, following completion of the above agenda items, discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act, specific matters which may generally be described as follows:

HIB Investigation

The minutes of the discussion in closed session of aforementioned matters may be disclosed to the public on or after final determination of action has been reached.

VIII. FINANCE


{Attachment F 1}

B. Ratification of the actions of the School Board Secretary who paid bills and met financial obligations for November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017.

Move to ratify the action of the School Board Secretary of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission who paid bills and met
financial obligations with respect to the attached bill lists and General Account, effective November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 pursuant to the action of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Board of Education December 14, 2017.

{Attachment F 2}

C. Move the approval and authorization of the School Board Secretary to pay bills and meet financial obligations for January 12, 2018 through February 8, 2018.

D. Move the acceptance of the report of the School Board Secretary and the report of the Treasurer of School Moneys through November 30, 2017.

{Attachment F 3}

E. Resolved: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4, we certify that as of November 30, 2017, after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(c) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

{Attachment F 4}

F. Move to approve the route cost adjustments for the 2017 – 2018 transportation contracts.

{Attachment F 5}


{Attachment F 6}


{Attachment FR 1}
I. Review of Administrative Expenditure Reports through November 30, 2017.

{Attachment FR 2}

IX. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Research into Possible Class for Behavioral Disabilities at DLC – New Providence in September 2018

{Attachment AO 1}

B. Move to approve the Mendham Township School District as an associate member school district, effective February 1, 2018.

{Attachment AO 2}

C. Move to accept a donation from the Drive for Autism Foundation in the amount of $2,000.00 to the Developmental Learning Centers.

{Attachment AO 2}

D. Move to accept the donation of $25.00 from the Watchung-Warren Rotary Club to the DLC – New Providence.

E. Move to approve the Teaching Opportunities for Transitioning to Adult Life (T.O.T.A.L.) Services Agreement for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

{Attachment AO 3}

F. Move to approve the attendance at conferences requested by staff members as listed on the attached Request for Attendance at Conferences Report.

{Attachment AO 4}

G. Move to appoint Denise Smallacomb, Assistant Superintendent, as the School Safety Specialist for the Morris-Union Jointure Commission.
H. Move to approve the addition of the following vendor to the Morris-Union Jointure Commission’s 2017 – 2018 New Jersey vendor list.

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I. Move the approval of the 2018 – 2019 Developmental Learning Centers’ school calendar (10-month).

{Attachment AO 5}

J. Move the approval of the 2018 – 2019 school calendar for 10-month Field staff.

{Attachment AO 6}

K. Move the approval of the 2018 Developmental Learning Centers’ Extended School Year Program calendar.

{Attachment AO 7}

L. Move the approval of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission 2018 – 2019 holiday schedule for 12-month staff.

{Attachment AO 8}

X. STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2017 – 2018

A. Move the appointment of the following staff member(s) for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

1. Marcelline Bailey will serve as Teacher Assistant, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, 60 credits, Step 1, $16,918.87 (Base: $28,435.00), effective January 3, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

2. Kathryn Bisignano will serve as Teacher Assistant, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $18,862.20 (Base: $31,437.00), effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).
3. Carley Bollard will serve as Teacher Assistant, DLC – New Providence, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $17,290.35 (Base: $31,437.00), effective January 16, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

4. Mathew Dischler will serve as Teacher Assistant, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $18,547.87 (Base: $31,437.00), effective January 4, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

5. Nicole Espinosa will serve as Temporary Short-term Leave Replacement Speech/Language Specialist, DLC – Warren, .6 FTE, Step 1, $4,110.24, (Base: $68,504.00), effective January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 (existing position).

6. Zoe Petitt will serve as Teacher of the Handicapped/Students with Disabilities, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $28,302.29 (Base: $48,797.00), effective January 9, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

7. Amanda Rasmussen will serve as Teacher of the Handicapped/Students with Disabilities, DLC – New Providence, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $26,350.42 (Base: $48,797.00), effective January 22, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

8. Ishakiah Ross will serve as Teacher Assistant, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, 60 credits, Step 1, $15,639.25 (Base: $28,435.00), effective January 16, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

9. Elvis Ruiz will serve as School Bus Attendant, Transportation, as needed, at a rate of $13.13 per hour, effective December 22, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

{Attachment HR 1}

B. Move the approval of the change in status for the following staff member(s) for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

1. Matthew Dalmedo, from Teacher Assistant to Teacher of the Handicapped/Students with Disabilities, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, BA+15, Step 1, $28,127.68 (Base:
2. Kelly Flood, from Teacher Assistant to Temporary Short-term Leave Replacement Teacher of the Handicapped/Students with Disabilities, DLC – Warren, 1.0 FTE, BA, Step 1, $4,879.70 (Base: $48,797.00), effective January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 (existing position).

3. Madhavi Marathe, from Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent to Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Specialist, New Providence/Administration, 1.0 FTE, $21,400.00 (Base: $64,200.00), effective March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

4. Shari Steig, Speech/Language Specialist, DLC – Warren, from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE, MA, Top Guide, $49,634.20 (Base: $90,244.00), effective January 19, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

C. Move the appointment of the following staff member(s) for the 2017 – 2018 Music Festival:

1. Laurie DeBiasse will serve as Music Manager (5th – 6th Grade Concert Band), at a stipend of $750.00 per event, from November 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 (existing position).

2. Krystle Graser will serve as Conductor (Orchestra), at a stipend of $800.00 per event, from November 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 (existing position).

3. Christie Spriggs will serve as Conductor (5th – 6th Concert Band), at a stipend of $800.00 per event, from November 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 (existing position).

D. Move the approval of additional positions for the following staff member(s) for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

1. Jennifer Buscaino will serve as Certified Teacher Assistant Substitute, DLC – Warren, as needed, at a rate of $50.00 per day (in addition to salaried
contract), effective January 3, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

2. Jennifer Buscaino will serve as Certified Teacher Assistant Substitute - Hourly, DLC – Warren, as needed, at a rate of $6.67 per hour (in addition to salaried contract), effective January 3, 2018 through June 30, 2018 (existing position).

E. Move the approval of the mentors and mentoring fee to be paid by the provisional teachers as identified for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

{Attachment HR 2}

F. Move to approve the payment of the perfect attendance stipend pursuant to MUJC Board Policy #4432, “Support Staff Members: Sick Leave” and MUJC Board Policy #3432A, “Teaching Staff Members: Sick Leave” in the amount of $200.00 for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for twelve (12) month staff members as per the attached list.

{To be distributed}

XI. PERSONNEL ACTION

A. Move the approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the continuing expansion of the Developmental Learning Centers requires that the Morris-Union Jointure Commission hire certified and noncertified staff on an emergent basis, prior to the completion of the criminal history record check by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et seq. provides for the emergent hiring of employees for a period not to exceed three months, pending completion of a criminal history records check by the Commissioner of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Morris-Union Jointure Commission Board of Education approves the within Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check and accompanying roster of candidates for employment.

{Attachment HR 3}

B. Notification of family leave under FMLA for the following staff member(s):

1. Matthew Whyte, School Bus Attendant, Transportation, from December 18, 2017 through December 22, 2017 (with no health benefits due to scheduled hours are less than 30 hours per week).

C. Notification of family leave under FLA for the following staff member(s):

1. Matthew Whyte, School Bus Attendant, Transportation, from December 18, 2017 through December 22, 2017 (with no health benefits due to scheduled hours are less than 30 hours per week).

D. Move the approval of uncompensated leave for the following staff member(s):

1. Matthew Lisiecki, Teacher Assistant, DLC – Warren, from January 1, 2018 through February 19, 2018 (with no health benefits from January 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018).

XII. RESIGNATION


XIII. MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY THE DLC STUDENTS

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XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. Potential FBI Inservice to the MUJC Board of Education on Street Gangs and Internet Safety

B. “BHEF Literary Lunch Program Breaks Down Barriers and Brings People Together, Says NJ DOE Commissioner”

C. Congratulations to Tara Oliveira, Assistant Principal, Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, on being named Visionary Assistant Principal of the Year – Secondary Level by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA).

D. Congratulations to Berkeley Heights Public Schools, Montville Township Public Schools, Randolph Township Schools, and Watchung Hills Regional High School District for being named to the College Board’s 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success.

E. State Program Approval Council (SPAC)

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT

XVII. ADJOURNMENT