

**MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2010**

(The newly elected members of the Board were sworn in prior to the opening of this meeting. The certified sworn oaths are attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES

The Mount Olive Township Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2010 at the Mount Olive Middle School, 160 Wolfe Road, Budd Lake, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Board President, Mr. Werner, with the following announcement.

“The notice requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this meeting in the notice of regular meetings adopted by this Board on April 27, 2009. Such schedule and notice of meetings is posted at the Municipal Building, the Mount Olive Library, the Board of Education offices and the six schools, was submitted to the Daily Record for publication on April 30, 2009, and was filed with the Clerk of Mount Olive Township on April 29, 2009.

I direct this announcement be entered into the minutes of this meeting.”

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Amianda
Mrs. Colligan
Mrs. Criscuolo
Mr. Giordano
Mr. Mania (6:34 p.m.)
Mrs. Ouimet
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Schiess
Mr. Werner

Also in attendance: Dr. Reynolds, Superintendent
Mrs. Decker, Assistant Superintendent/Business
Mr. Zitomer, Board Attorney

2. BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Werner relinquished his position as Board President, inviting the Board Secretary to proceed with the reorganization agenda.

Election of Board President

After calling the reorganization meeting to order, the Board Secretary called for nominations for Board President.

Mrs. Ouimet nominated Mr. Werner.

There being no further nominations, the Board Secretary declared that nominations for Board President be closed. The following roll call vote was recorded on the nomination of Mr. Werner as Board President:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

Mr. Werner was re-elected Board President by a unanimous affirmative roll call vote of those members present.

Mr. Werner thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in allowing him to continue his tenure as Board President.

Election of Board Vice-President

President Werner called for nominations for Board Vice-President.

Mr. Giordano nominated Mrs. Ouimet.
Mr. Schiess nominated Mr. Amianda.

There being no further nominations, President Werner declared that nominations for Board Vice-President be closed. The following roll call vote was recorded on the nominations for Board Vice-President:

<u>Mrs. Ouimet</u>	<u>Mr. Amianda</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mrs. Colligan	Mr. Amianda	None
Mrs. Criscuolo	Mr. Schiess	
Mr. Giordano		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Werner		

Mrs. Ouimet was elected Board Vice-President by a majority affirmative roll call vote of those members present.

MOCESCOM Representative

President Werner called for nominations for a representative to the Commission Board of Directors of Morris County Educational Services Commission (MOCESCOM).

Mr. Robinson nominated Mr. Amianda.

There being no further nominations, President Werner declared that nominations for a representative to the Commission Board of Directors of Morris County Educational Services Commission (MOCESCOM) be closed. The following roll call vote was recorded on the nomination of Mr. Amianda as the MOCESCOM Representative:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

Mr. Amianda was reappointed as the MOCESCOM Representative by a unanimous affirmative roll call vote of those members present.

Board Committees and Appointments

President Werner announced his intent to defer the presidential appointments until he has had the opportunity to confer with each of the board members as to their committee preferences. Mr. Werner hoped to have the appointments finalized for the next board meeting.

Reorganization Action Items

Mr. Werner made a motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following administrative action items:

Appointment of Treasurer of School Funds #4.1.1

Appoint Sherry Maniscalco as the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2010-2011 school year.

State Mandated Positions #4.1.2

Appoint the following staff members to the state-mandated positions listed below for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Affirmative Action Officer: Brad Halien, Supervisor of Math and Science
- 504 Coordinator: Michael Iannucci, Director of Special Services
- ADA Compliance Officer: Thomas Scerbo, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

Adoption of Policies #4.1.3

Adopt all policies presently in force.

Approve Existing Curricula and Textbooks #4.1.4

Approve all existing curricula and textbooks.

Gifted & Talented Programs and Services #4.1.5

Approve the Gifted and Talented programs and services for the Mt. Olive School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

Guidance & Counseling Services Program #4.1.6

Approve the Guidance and Counseling services program for the Mt. Olive School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

Substance Abuse Program and Services #4.1.7

Approve the Substance Abuse program and services for the Mt. Olive School District for the 2010-2011 school year.

Adopt 2010-2011 Chart of Accounts #4.1.8

Formally adopt the 2010-2011 chart of accounts as approved by the Board on March 22, 2010 and submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools on March 23, 2010. The chart of accounts as of July 1, 2010 has been prepared in accordance with the minimum level of detail required under Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems (Handbook 2R2). An expanded chart of accounts, detailing location and department, will be used for internal management purposes only.

Official Meeting Places #4.1.9

Name the Board/Administration Building as the official meeting place of the Board for work session meetings, summer meetings, and special meetings and the Mount Olive Middle School as the official meeting place of the Board for regular board meetings.

Schedule of Board Meetings #4.1.10

Adopt the attached resolution regarding the scheduling of Board meetings for the 2010-2011 school year.

Official Depositories #4.1.11

Approve the following banks as official depositories of school funds for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Bank of America
- Valley National Bank
- TD Bank

Official and "Unofficial" Newspapers #4.1.12

Name the Daily Record as the official newspaper of the Board and the Mount Olive Chronicle as the "unofficial" newspaper.

Petty Cash Funds #4.1.13

Approve the following Petty Cash Funds for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Custodian</u>	<u>Authorized Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Expenditure</u>
Business Office	Lynn Jones Board Secretary	\$400.00	\$50.00
Transportation Dept.	Diane Davidson Transp. Supervisor	\$200.00	\$50.00

State Contract Vendors #4.1.14

Adopt the following resolution regarding State contract vendors:

WHEREAS, the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) allows local school districts to utilize contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977;

AND WHEREAS, such award may be made without public advertising for bids,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the administration be allowed to purchase supplies and materials from authorized State Contract vendors.

**Professional Service
Resolution - Legal Services
#4.1.15**

Adopt the following professional service resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Township Board of Education requires the services of an attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) requires the awarding of a contract for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education at a public meeting, and that such award may be made without public advertising for bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Olive Township Board of Education that:

- 1) The law firm of Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Kessler LLC, 44 Whippany Road, Morristown, New Jersey be appointed as attorneys for the Mount Olive Township Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 2) The above appointment is made without competitive bidding because it is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law that will not reasonably permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the qualitative nature of the services performed.
- 3) Fees for such services shall be paid in accordance with the following fee schedule: (a) the retainer fee shall not exceed the sum of \$8,500; (b) general legal matters will be billed at the rate of \$155 per hour; (c) special education and construction matters will be billed at the rate of \$170 per hour; (d) arbitration, litigation, and negotiation matters will be billed at the rate of \$165 per hour for partners and \$155 per hour for associates; and (e) all work by paralegals and law clerks will be billed at the hourly rate of \$100 and \$120 respectively.

**Professional Service
Resolution – School Physician
#4.1.16**

Adopt the following professional service resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Township Board of Education requires the services of a school physician; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) requires the awarding of a contract for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education at a public meeting, and that such award may be made without public advertising for bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Olive Township Board of Education that:

- 1) Dr. Robert S. Sander, 35 Lakeshore Drive, Mount Arlington, New Jersey be appointed as school physician for the Mount Olive Township Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 2) The above appointment is made without competitive bidding because it is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law that will not reasonably permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the qualitative nature of the services performed.
- 3) Fees for such services shall be paid in accordance with the contracted annual rate of \$25,200.

**Professional Service
Resolution – Auditor
#4.1.17**

Adopt the following professional service resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Township Board of Education requires the services of an auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) requires the awarding of a contract for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education at a public meeting, and that such award may be made without public advertising for bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Olive Township Board of Education that:

- 1) Mr. Walter Brasch of ParenteBeard LLC, 100 Walnut Avenue, Clark, New Jersey be appointed as the auditor for the Mount Olive Township Board of Education.
- 2) The above appointment is made without competitive bidding because it is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law that will not reasonably permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the qualitative nature of the services performed.
- 3) Fees for the June 30, 2010 audit shall not exceed the proposed sum of \$31,000.

**Professional Service
Resolution – Architect
#4.1.18**

Adopt the following professional service resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mount Olive Township Board of Education requires the services of an architect; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.) requires the awarding of a contract for professional services by resolution of the Board of Education at a public meeting, and that such award may be made without public advertising for bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Olive Township Board of Education that:

- 1) Gianforcaro Architects, Engineers, Planners of 555 East Main Street, Chester, New Jersey be appointed as architect for the Mount Olive Township Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 2) The above appointment is made without competitive bidding because it is a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law that will not reasonably permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the qualitative nature of the services performed.
- 3) Fees for such services shall be paid in accordance with the following fee schedule: (a) principals will be billed at the rate of \$100 per hour, (b) mechanical and electrical designers will be billed at the rate of \$85 per hour, (c) special writers/estimators and construction administrators will be billed at the rate of \$75 per hour, (d) designers (other than mechanical and electrical) and draftsmen will be billed at the rate of \$55 per hour, (e) administrative assistants will be billed at the rate of \$35 per hour, and (f) printing and copy work will be billed at the rate of \$30 per hour.

Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

Having dispensed of their reorganization duties, the Board President adjourned the reorganization segment of the meeting and proceeded with the regular meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES / FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Giordano moved to approve the following monthly expenditures/financial reports:

April 26, 2010 Bill List #3.1	Motion to approve the April 26, 2010 Bill List in the amount of \$731,712.89.
April 15, 2010 Payroll #3.2	Motion to approve the April 15, 2010 Payroll in the amount of \$3,277,221.24.
Monthly Treasurer's Report #3.3	Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2010.
Monthly Board Secretary's Report #3.4	Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month of March 2010.
Monthly Transfer Report #3.5	Motion to approve the Monthly Transfer Report for the month of March 2010.
Monthly Certification #3.6	Motion to certify that no major account has been overexpended as of March 31, 2010 and sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mr. Mania		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Criscuolo moved to approve the open and closed session minutes of the following meetings:

#4.1	Work Session Meeting – March 8, 2010
#4.2	Regular Meeting – March 22, 2010

Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

Ayes

Mr. Amianda
Mrs. Criscuolo
Mr. Giordano
Mr. Mania: #4.2
Mrs. Ouimet
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Schiess
Mr. Werner

Noes

None

Abstentions

Mrs. Colligan
Mr. Mania: #4.1

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT)

There were no communications and/or petitions acknowledged by the Board or the Superintendent.

6. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1 STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Emily Rochotte delivered the monthly student liaison report, communicating the various concerns, interests, and activities of the student body.

6.2 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Reynolds briefly explained that the Comprehensive Technology Plan being presented this evening is the technology portion of the Six-Year Plan for Improvement, conveying that the plan is mandated by law and would soon be submitted to the State. Dr. Reynolds asked the Board to support the plan, which would equip the schools with the technology necessary for the 21st century. The Superintendent called upon Ms. Debra Martin, the Supervisor of Educational Programs, and members of the Technology Committee to present the plan for the Board's approval. Dr. Reynolds thanked the committee for their efforts, specifically recognizing Mrs. Ouimet as the Board representative on the Technology Committee.

6.2.1 COMPREHENSIVE TECHNOLOGY PLAN PRESENTATION FOR 2010-2013

Ms. Debra Martin, Supervisor of Educational Programs, Mr. Jim Neglia, Technology Engineer, and Mrs. Kathy Steinert, Information Systems Technician, reviewed the technology upgrades that will be implemented over the next three years in an effort to develop a 21st century classroom. Ms. Martin emphasized that the primary objective of the technology plan is to ensure that the curriculum is technologically proficient for the students to become 21st century learners. Furthermore, the technology plan allows the district to analyze the goals and objectives of the last three years and to guide how the district will move forward in the next three years. Ms. Martin conveyed that the Technology Committee is comprised of approximately 30 members consisting of administrators, principals, teachers, IT personnel and a board representative. Mr. Neglia reviewed the results of the annual needs assessment survey that was used to develop the three-year goals and objectives, while Mrs. Steinert provided an update on the "acceptable use" policies required to meet new state and federal requirements.

Dr. Reynolds pointed out that, while there was no initial spending involved with the plan, costs would be incurred by the district as the plan moves forward. The Superintendent encouraged the Board to support the plan so that it could be submitted to the State.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. Reynolds and members of the committee entertained questions from the Board.

In response to an inquiry from the Board President, Ms. Steinert affirmed that the plan must be submitted to the State no later than June 30, 2010. President Werner speculated that the Board might want to defer approval of the plan pending a thorough review by the Board committees.

Mr. Schiess thanked the members of the Technology Committee for their efforts in developing the proposed 2010-2013 Comprehensive Technology Plan. Mr. Schiess expressed his disappointment at the lack of staff response to the needs assessment survey distributed across the district. Mr. Schiess pointed out that the survey was intended to evaluate current practices in integrating technology across the curriculum, emphasizing that more should be done to encourage maximum participation among the staff. Mr. Schiess indicated his support of the plan, declaring that the teachers must be stakeholders in order for the plan to be successful.

Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Schiess for his comments, emphasizing that this is the first year that the school district has had a Technology Committee dedicated to technology improvement throughout the district. Ms. Martin maintained that in the past there has been limited funding for professional development training in the technology area. Furthermore, Ms. Martin expressed her appreciation to Dr. Reynolds for his leadership, as well as to the committee members and the Board for their continued support of technology infusion and professional development training. Ms. Martin outlined the survey process, recognizing that more work needs to be done to obtain a higher rate of return for surveys.

Mr. Robinson commented on the benefits gained from technology workshops at the New Jersey School Boards annual conference, speculating that the NJEA annual conference might have similar workshops available to the teachers.

Mr. Neglia advised the Board that the Comprehensive Technology Plan must first obtain approval from the County Superintendent before the plan can be submitted to the State, reiterating the June 30th deadline for State submission.

Mr. Werner opened the meeting to the public for any questions and/or comments on the 2010-2013 Comprehensive Technology Plan only. Seeing none, this segment of the meeting was promptly closed.

6.3 BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Werner welcomed Mrs. Colligan as the newest member of the Board and congratulated Mr. Robinson and Mr. Giordano on their re-election to the Board.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

Before proceeding with the action items, President Werner opened the meeting to the public for any comments and/or questions regarding the action items only. Seeing none, this segment of the meeting was promptly closed.

7.1 PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Robinson announced a correction to the rate of pay cited in action item #7.1.8, conveying that the rate should read **\$13.00** per hour.

Mr. Robinson then made a motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following **Personnel** action items, as amended:

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| Approve Disability Retirement #7.1.1 | Approve the disability retirement of Donna Desmond, Teacher of Gifted and Talented at CMS Elementary and Sandshore Schools effective January 1, 2010 with appreciation for nine years of service to the Mount Olive Township School District. |
| Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence #7.1.2 | Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Elaine Gallagher, Driver in the Transportation Department effective April 16, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. |
| Approve Unpaid Childcare Leave #7.1.3 | Approve an unpaid childcare leave of absence for Megan Boyd, Teacher of Art at Mount Olive High School effective September 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year. |
| Appoint Professional Administrative Staff #7.1.4 | Approve the appointment of professional administrative staff for the 2010-2011 school year, as attached. |

Approve Long-Term Substitute Teacher #7.1.5

Approve the appointment of Julie Levy, as a long-term substitute Elementary School Teacher at CMS Elementary School at the per diem rate of \$150.00 per day effective April 21, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, replacing Theresa Haynes on a medical leave of absence. (Budgeted)

Approve Change of Employment #7.1.6

Approve the change in employment for Patricia Weeber from Lunchroom/Recess Aide to Hall Monitor at Mount Olive Middle School at current step for 3.5 hours per day from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, five days per week, effective April 19, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, replacing Cynthia Tigeleiro.

Approve Substitute Custodians #7.1.7

Approve the employment of the following as substitute custodians at the rate of \$11.50 per hour effective April 27, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year:

Lucas Mendez
Ronald Tyminski

Joseph Pace

Approve Substitute Maintenance Worker #7.1.8

Approve the employment of Joseph Pace, substitute maintenance worker at the rate of **\$13.00** per hour effective April 27, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Approve Additions to List of Substitute Teachers #7.1.9

Approve the following additions to the list of substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Crs/Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Danielle Deresky	B.A.	Montclair State Univ.
Jessica Holmes	B.A.	E. Stroudsburg Univ.
Lanette Odell	B.A.	Bloomsburg University
Katelyn Shaw	B.A.	WV Wesleyan College

Approve Monthly Substitute Teachers #7.1.10

Approve the following substitute teachers on a month-to-month basis for the month of May, 2010 at the rate of \$100 per day of service as follows:

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>School Assignment</u>
Erin McGowan	Mount Olive High School
Kathy Silvestri	Mount Olive Middle School
Corinne Sylvester	CMS Elementary School
Lynne Mowbray	Mt. View School
Karyn Georganos	Tinc Road School
Kathleen Pesce	Sandshore School

Seconded by Mrs. Criscuolo.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

Ayes

Mr. Amianda
Mrs. Colligan
Mrs. Criscuolo
Mr. Giordano
Mr. Mania
Mrs. Ouimet
Mr. Robinson
Mr. Schiess
Mr. Werner

Noes

None

Abstentions

None

7.2 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Criscuolo made a motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following **Curriculum and Instruction** action items:

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| Approve Related Services for Classified Students #7.2.1 | Approve classified students to receive mandated related services for the 2009-2010 school year as per the submitted list. Total cost: \$11,624. (Budgeted) |
| Approve Correction to Hourly Rate of Pay for ABA Therapist #7.2.2 | Approve a clerical correction to P.O. #3490-10 for Deborah Frattina to provide ABA Therapy at a rate of \$35.00 per hour to a rate of \$50.00 per hour. The \$50.00 rate of pay for services was approved at the August 20, 2009 board meeting via action item #5.2.4. |
| Approve IDEA Preschool 2008-2009 Grant Amendment #7.2.3 | Approve the IDEA Preschool 2008-2009 Amendment I for project period 9/1/2008 through 8/31/2009 in the amount of \$49,972. |

Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mr. Mania		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

7.3 BUSINESS SERVICES ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Mania made a motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following **Business Services** (finance and facilities) action items:

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| Approve Budget Transfers #7.3.1 | Approve the list of 2009-2010 budget transfers. |
| Approve Participation in Educational Cooperative Pricing System #7.3.2 | <p>Adopt the following resolution for member participation in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MT. OLIVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION NUMBER 26EDCP</p> <p>WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System known as the "Educational Cooperative Pricing System" for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the MT. OLIVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT within the County of MORRIS, New Jersey, desires to participate in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System;</p> |

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on April 28, 2010 by the said Board of Education as follows:

AUTHORITY

As directed by N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-11 et. seq. and pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5), the Board President is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall advertise for and receive bids from vendors who will make school supplies, equipment and other related goods and services available to participating members of the said Cooperative Pricing System at the agreed upon price; and

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the MT. OLIVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT shall be responsible for complying with the 54 provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 et. seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**Renew Dairy Contract
#7.3.3**

Renew the contract with Van Peenan Dairy, Wayne, NJ for milk deliveries based on the 2008-2009 bid award.

**Bid Award – Fall
Athletic Supplies
#7.3.4**

Award the bids received on February 3, 2010 for 2010-2011 fall athletic supplies to the lowest responsible bidder:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Canon Sports Burbank, CA	\$ 313.33
Collins Sports Medicine Raynham, MA	\$ 895.09
Efinger Sporting Goods Bound Brook, NJ	\$ 600.49
Henry Schein, Inc. Melville, NY	\$ 470.08
Longstreth Sporting Goods Parkerford, PA	\$ 511.15
Metuchen Center, Inc./Team Sports New Brunswick, NJ	\$2,284.90
Riddell/All American Elyria, OH	\$ 103.00
Sports Supply Group, Inc. Jenkintown, PA	\$ 895.26
Triple Crown Sports Parsippany, NJ	\$1,810.30

**Approve Lease
Agreement #7.3.5**

Approve the lease agreement with the Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center for use of Sandshore Elementary School during the summer of 2010.

Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Schiess described some of the services that are available through the Educational Cooperative Pricing System, which is part of the Morris County Co-op program.

Roll Call:

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	None	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mr. Mania		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Schiess		
Mr. Werner		

7.4 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Werner announced the addition of administrative action item #7.4.2 to approve Mr. Robinson’s attendance at the New Jersey School Boards Delegate Assembly in Plainsboro, NJ on May 15, 2010.

In addition, Mr. Werner moved the following motion to table administrative action item #7.4.1, pending further review by the Board.

Table School District Technology Plan #7.4.1	Table approval of the Three-Year Local School District Technology Plan for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, pending further review by the Board.
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Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion to ***table action item #7.4.1:***

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
Mr. Amianda	Mr. Schiess	None
Mrs. Colligan		
Mrs. Criscuolo		
Mr. Giordano		
Mr. Mania		
Mrs. Ouimet		
Mr. Robinson		
Mr. Werner		

The motion to table action item #7.4.1 was approved by a majority affirmative roll call vote.

Mr. Werner made a motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following **Administrative** action item:

Approve Attendance at NJSBA Delegate Assembly #7.4.2	Approve Board Member, William Robinson, to attend the annual meeting of the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly in Plainsboro, NJ on May 15, 2010.
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Seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Board Discussion:

None

Roll Call:

Ayes

Mr. Amianda
Mrs. Colligan
Mrs. Criscuolo
Mr. Giordano
Mr. Mania
Mrs. Ouimet
Mr. Schiess
Mr. Werner

Noes

None

Abstentions

Mr. Robinson

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Amianda, Mrs. Decker clarified that the IDEA Preschool grant amendment cited in action item #7.2.3 includes carry-over funds that were not spent during the previous fiscal year. Consequently, the unspent funds can be carried over to the following year via a grant amendment.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board President again opened the meeting to the public for any comments and/or questions relating to the Mount Olive School District.

New Board Members – Mrs. Margo Buoye congratulated the new and returning Board members on their election.

Coaching/Stipend Positions – Mrs. Buoye inquired about the implementation of an annual evaluation process for coaching positions for the upcoming school year. President Werner announced that as of July 1, 2010 applications would be accepted for all stipend positions, affirming that each position would be thoroughly evaluated.

High School Basketball Coach – Mrs. Buoye made the following inquiries concerning the high school basketball program:

- Mrs. Buoye asked if Coach Blanchard would be returning to the basketball program for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Werner reiterated that all coaching positions for the next school would be evaluated effective July 1, 2010.
- Mrs. Buoye voiced concern regarding Coach Blanchard's participation in the summer basketball camp at East Stroudsburg University. The Board President emphasized that the summer basketball camp is not a school sponsored program and was never sanctioned by the Mount Olive School District. President Werner explained that Coach Blanchard was not paid by the school district during that period, stressing that the contract for the summer camp program is between Coach Blanchard and East Stroudsburg University. Consequently, any liability rests with the university.
- Mrs. Buoye also inquired about rumors that off-season basketball practices are taking place at the high school under the direction of Coach Blanchard. The Superintendent acknowledged that he was aware of the rumors, conveying that they appeared to be unfounded. However, Dr. Reynolds agreed to investigate any compelling allegations that are brought forth.

Senior Prom – Mrs. Buoye observed that the senior prom is currently scheduled for the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend. Mrs. Buoye suggested that the school district consider hosting the prom at a time that does not immediately precede Memorial Day weekend, thus avoiding a situation where students would skip school the next day to enjoy an extended holiday weekend at the Jersey Shore. Mr. Giordano suggested that this date might have been chosen to enable students involved in various sports to attend the prom. Mr. Stansberry explained that prom venues are typically more affordable the week before Memorial Day, pointing out that many districts host their proms on weekdays to reduce the cost to the students. Mr. Stansberry noted that the prom contract stipulates that students are expected to attend class on the Friday after the prom, thus discouraging an extended holiday weekend. Furthermore, Mr. Stansberry emphasized that weekend activities following the prom would not fall under the school district's jurisdiction but instead are the responsibility of the parents.

Senior Tricky Tray – Mrs. Buoye commented on the cancellation of the senior tricky tray, conveying that she was not aware that a tricky tray was scheduled. Mrs. Buoye recommended that the high school use a variety of communication methods to keep the parents informed of upcoming events. Mrs. Criscuolo responded, explaining that the tricky tray is run by volunteers from the Mt. Olive Parents’ Club. Mrs. Mulcahy interjected, clarifying that the Project Graduation tricky tray is sponsored by the Parents’ Club while the tricky trays for the senior and junior classes are run by their respective advisors. Mrs. Mulcahy conveyed that the advisors did not follow through on their commitment, emphasizing that the students had no guidance in organizing the event.

Coach Evaluation Process – Mrs. Tina Allen reiterated several of the previous concerns brought forth regarding Coach Blanchard. Mrs. Allen inquired if parents would be included in the evaluation process to ensure that their concerns are heard by the Board and administration. President Werner responded, explaining that a decision has not yet been made regarding the evaluation process.

Defeated Budget Process – Mr. Dave Lavery inquired about the defeated budget process. President Werner affirmed that the matter would be discussed in the next segment of the agenda.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Schiess commended the “*Teacher for a Day*” program, declaring that it was a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience for everyone.

Mr. Schiess also praised the outstanding productions of “*The Wedding Singer*” and “*Seussical the Musical*”, complimenting the staff and students on their expertise and exceptional talent.

Mr. Robinson echoed Mr. Schiess’ comments.

Mrs. Ouimet likewise complimented the “*Teacher for a Day*” program and expressed her delight with the high school musical production of “*The Wedding Singer*”.

Mrs. Ouimet reported on her experience while participating in the “*Teacher for a Day*” program.

Mrs. Ouimet commented on a recent *mimio* demonstration she attended at Sandshore School, commending the presiding teacher for the enthusiasm she exhibited.

Mrs. Ouimet reported that she recently attended the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony, applauding the 36 students who were inducted for their achievements.

Mrs. Ouimet suggested that the principals and PTA groups, together with the Technology Committee, should investigate bulk purchasing of technology equipment in an effort to obtain a potential cost savings.

Mr. Mania congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members of the Board. Furthermore, Mr. Mania thanked Mr. Giordano for previously serving as Board Vice-President and offered congratulatory wishes to Mr. Werner and Mrs. Ouimet on their election as Board President and Vice-President.

Mrs. Criscuolo echoed the congratulatory sentiments of her colleagues regarding the election of Mr. Giordano, Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Colligan to the Board.

Mrs. Criscuolo suggested that the end-of-the-year parent survey incorporate questions about the budget in an effort to gain some perspective from parents who did not support the budget.

Mr. Amianda also offered congratulations to the new Board officers, wishing them a good year ahead.

Mrs. Colligan thanked the Mount Olive community for electing her to the Board of Education, acknowledging that she has a great deal to learn about being a Board member. Mrs. Colligan conveyed that she is looking forward to meeting the administration and working as a member of the team.

Mr. Giordano expressed his gratitude to the community for his re-election and congratulated Mrs. Colligan and Mr. Robinson.

President Werner outlined the budget defeat process, explaining that the defeated budget has been turned over to the Town Council for review. Mr. Werner explained that the Town Council must choose one of the following three options: 1) maintain the proposed budget at its current level; 2) reduce the budget by specific line items; or 3) increase the budget. The Board President reported that the Board and the Town Council have each established a committee to review the defeated budget, explaining that the entire review and recommendation process must be completed by May 19, 2010. Mr. Werner explained that the Board has the right to appeal to the County Superintendent should they disagree with the Council's recommendations. Mr. Werner announced that there would be an initial meeting of the two budget committees this week.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Robinson, President Werner clarified that the upcoming budget meetings would be by committee and not the full Board.

Mr. Schiess explained that the Town Council must recommend budget reductions by line item; however, the Board will make the final determinations as to which line items will be reduced.

In response to an inquiry from Mrs. Ouimet, President Werner reported that the budget committee members have not yet been selected.

Mrs. Ouimet conveyed that she looks forward to working with the Town Council, emphasizing the importance of an open dialog and honest communication.

In response to an inquiry from a member of the public audience, President Werner replied that the committee meetings are not open to the public; however, the Town Council would have the final decision regarding the matter.

Mr. Schiess interjected, explaining that if a quorum of the Board and/or Council is present, the meeting would be subject to the New Jersey *Sunshine Law* and as such, must be open to the public. The Board attorney concurred.

10. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Werner moved the following resolution to recess into confidential session:

Resolved, at a public meeting of the Mount Olive Township Board of Education held on April 26, 2010, that, pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 of the "Open Public Meetings Act", the following items be discussed in a session of the Board of Education closed to the public:

Personnel Matters of Attorney-Client Privilege

Be it further resolved, that the matters discussed in closed session be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Seconded by Mr. Giordano and approved by a unanimous affirmative roll call vote.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m. at which time Mr. Mania made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Giordano, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Jones, Board Secretary