

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held at the Monroe Township High School on March 5, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Chrissy Skurbe at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Gazala Bohra
Ms. Gail DiPane
Ms. Katie Fabiano
Mr. Matthew Gorham
Ms. Kate Rattner
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Michelle Scott

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Chari Chanley, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adam Layman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Laura Allen, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 32

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and the roll call, the Board Secretary read the following statement:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the Monroe Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published and electronic notice provided by having the date, time, and place thereof posted September 15, 2023, and March 1, 2024:

1. At all schools,
2. On the District website at <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/>,
3. Home News Tribune,
4. Cranbury Press, and
5. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

- Matters protected by attorney/client privilege.

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A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Ms. DiPane that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session. Motion carried.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

PRESENTATION & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRELIMINARY 2024/2025 SCHOOL BUDGET

Dr. Chanley, Dr. Layman and Ms. Allen provided a presentation on the 2024/2025 Budget. Dr. Chanley reviewed the District's Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Budget Philosophy, and Budget timeline and priorities. Dr. Chanley provided details on the Budget process and defense rounds with building Principals and Supervisors. Ms. Allen expressed that the District is limited with revenue resources this year and provided details on the Budget revenues; local tax percentage; state aid amounts; sources of revenues; excess surplus; breakdown of Budget expenditures; and the proposed tax impact which included the 2.7 million gap in the Budget. Dr. Layman provided details on the Budget development process and how Public Law 2023 c.289 (Senate Bill 4209), which was just signed on January 16, 2024, impacted the Budget. Dr. Layman also explained what items could be included in the additional spending proposal. Dr. Layman stated that the proposed Budget and the approval of the additional spending proposal would amount to a yearly increase of \$24.17 based on the average accessed home of \$332,281.

Regarding the handouts provided, Ms. DiPane questioned what "other" represents under the Special Education line items. Ms. DiPane inquired how many ESL/bilingual students are in the District; where Dr. Chanley's salary is listed in the Budget; and why Legal was decreased this year.

Ms. Bohra inquired about the reduction budgeted for Textbooks this year and asked for clarification that it is not due to cutting costs but rather the purchase/refresh schedule. Ms. Bohra also directed attention for the need to allocate funds in the Budget for lead testing as the State no longer pays for it. Lastly, Ms. Bohra inquired about the Facilities Construction Services line item that has been reduced by over one million dollars. Ms. Allen responded that it was due to the one million dollars in additional state aid that was received from the State for Applegarth School last year. Adding that the money will be used in conjunction with the ROD Grant.

Ms. Rattner inquired where the Lease Purchase falls within the Budget. Ms. Allen responded that the payments are reflected in the various accounts they fall within. Regarding the significant increase in the Out Of District placement line item, Ms. Rattner inquired about the increase and asked if charter schools are included in that as well. Ms. Allen responded that they are aware of some students that will need to be placed Out Of District and yes, they just learned that there will be a need for a \$60,000 - \$70,000 increase for charter schools. Next, Ms. Rattner inquired about the decrease in Student Service Supplies and Materials but an increase in Miscellaneous Purchase Service. Ms. Allen responded that the decrease relates to record scanning. Next, Ms. Rattner questioned what the result would be if the \$400,000 of anticipated earnings was not realized. Ms. Allen responded that adjustments would be made within the Budget to cover that.

Lastly, Ms. Rattner questioned whether the Roof Replacement Design for Mill Lake School is considered health & safety. Ms. Allen responded no; therefore, it is allowed in the additional spending proposal.

Ms. Alvarez inquired if the new staff under Regular Programs Teacher Salaries is for one person or several people. Dr. Chanley responded that it is for two teachers and two paraprofessionals. Ms. Allen added that academic support is also included in that line item as well.

For the benefit of the public and Board, Ms. Belko reviewed and asked for clarification of all the new staff in the Budget.

Ms. Fabiano questioned why there is a difference in the % increase for Regular Teacher Salaries (2.1%) and Basic Skills and Bilingual (4%). Ms. Allen explained that the 4% increase is based on their base salary and other salaries are included in that line item for additional work and other pay such as longevity and such that is not subjected to the 4% increase.

PUBLIC FORUM on the Budget Hearing

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – requested a better understanding of the Budget increase versus tax levy. Next, Mr. Melam inquired what school the new ESL teachers would be assigned to. Next, Mr. Melam inquired about the breakdown costs for courtesy busing, after school busing and athletic busing. Lastly, Mr. Melam inquired what the plan for courtesy busing is if it gets voted down.

Charles Zeichner, Monroe Township – inquired if there was any grant money reflected in the Budget. Next, Mr. Zeichner inquired where the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent's salaries are in the Budget. Lastly, Mr. Zeichner inquired if there is an assessment plan in place for the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan.

Brian Fabiano, Monroe Township – inquired about the health care adjustment in the Budget. Mr. Fabiano stated that a 2.41% increase in the Budget is being reported but that does not account for the 3% the township gave to match the grant for Applegarth School. Regarding the slide on excess surplus, Mr. Fabiano said you are not budgeting better, as stated earlier, if the surplus keeps going down.

Raghunath Chitturi, Monroe Township – inquired how many times the District has gone out to vote to increase the Budget above 2%. Next, Mr. Chitturi inquired what criteria is used that determines the amount in state aid that we receive to constantly change. Regarding the Budget, Mr. Chitturi inquired if the \$24.17 increase per average assessed home includes the 2.41% increase.

Prakash Parab, Monroe Township – asked for confirmation that for the average home the District is only asking \$24.17 increase per year. Mr. Parab stated that considering that inflation is up 8%, the increase being only \$24.17 is great. Next, Mr. Parab stated that he was pleased that this Budget takes into consideration capital improvement needs. Lastly, Mr. Parab spoke of the faults in the funding formula.

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Bob Valentine, Monroe Township - requested accounting details on the \$10 million dollars for Applegarth School repairs that the town council approved half of at last night's meeting. Next, regarding the savings on the health care premiums, Mr. Valentine inquired if it was a cost savings or cost avoidance. Lastly, Mr. Valentine suggested that future presentations include projected enrollment, per student revenue, and per student expenses.

Patricia Schwalje, Monroe Township –inquired what other salaries are included under General Administration Salaries besides the Superintendent's salary. Regarding the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan that was affected by COVID 19, Ms. Schwalje inquired if the assessments were documented and if the action plans are still ongoing. Ms. Schwalje also inquired if quarterly meetings are held for reviewing the current Strategic Plan.

Peter Piro, Monroe Township – inquired if the District is cutting back on the summer enrichment programs as the handouts indicate a \$36,000 decrease. Mr. Piro also inquired if all the reserve will be used in the Budget.

Doug Poye, Monroe Township – requested clarification on the following: the actual amount of the General Fund Budget; the amount of the Additional Separate Proposal; the total amount of State Aid received; and the difference in the amount listed on the bottom of the Appropriations handout compared to the actual amount of the Budget. Lastly, Mr. Poye inquired how the information in the additional spending proposal will be communicated to the public.

Michele Arminio, Monroe Township – inquired what the District still owes on the balance of the bonds. Ms. Arminio stated that the amount of outstanding debt should be communicated with the yearly amount of the \$150 million Operating Budget and that the taxpayers are responsible for 84.75% of the Budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Belko and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the members of the Monroe township Board of Education approve the following resolution by consent roll call:

Be It Resolved, by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the 2024/25 Tentative General Fund Budget be adopted in the amount of \$139,294,829 and a Tentative General Fund Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$117,447,992 and a Tentative Special Revenue Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,465,710 and a Tentative Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$11,191,171 and a Tentative Debt Service Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$10,909,834.

Whereby, the Tentative 2024/25 Budget totals \$151,951,710; and

Be It Further Resolved by the Monroe Township Board of Education includes in the Budget the appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$3,186,704.

Whereas, the Monroe Township Board of Education has been notified of state aid amounts; and

Whereas, such state aid amounts are:

For 2024/25 the Categorical Special Education Aid is \$7,593,810; and

For 2024/25 the Categorical Security Aid is \$681,073; and

For 2024/25 the Categorical Transportation Aid is \$3,999,704; and

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For 2024/25 the Debt Service Aid is \$281,336; and

Whereas, the Monroe Township Board of Education has estimated a State Aid amount pursuant to application; and for 2024/25 the estimated Extraordinary Aid amount is \$397,484; and

Whereas, Policy #6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school Budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for 2024/25 school year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby establishes the School District travel maximum for the 2024/25 school year at the tentative sum of \$165,500; and

Be It Further Resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

Be It Further Resolved that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize and approve a transfer of \$400,000 of anticipated retained earnings from the proprietary Falcon Care Fund/Early Childhood Enrichment Program as a revenue source in the 2024/25 General Fund Budget; and;

Whereas, due to the priorities of student and staff safety, maintenance of current programs and staff and capital improvement needs, as set forth in the Board's Budget Philosophy resolution, the Board is budgeting to maximum spending authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there should be a separate proposal to raise an additional \$2,769,586 for General Funds in the same school year (2024-25). These taxes will be used exclusively for the retention of Courtesy Busing (per N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1 students who live less than 2 miles in grades K-8 and less than 2.5 miles for students in grades 9-12), After-School Busing, Athletic Transportation, School-Sponsored Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Expenditures and School-Sponsored Athletic Supplies and Materials. The separate proposal also includes the addition of 1 Autism Teacher, 1 Autism Paraprofessional, 1 ESL Teacher, 1 ESL Paraprofessional, 1 Business Teacher, 1 Technology Education Teacher, 1 Security Officer, Design of Roof Replacement at Mill Lake Elementary School, and Phase II of Special Services Parking Lot Refurbishment. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the District's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Now, Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary file the required documents with the Executive County Superintendent.

Roll call vote on Tentative Budget 6-0-4-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Alvarez, Ms. DiPane, Ms. Fabiano, and Ms. Rattner abstaining.

Ms. Skurbe called a 5- minute recess.

PUBLIC FORUM

Brian Fabiano, Monroe Township – inquired how many times since 2010 did the District go out for a public vote on the Budget due to going over the cap. Mr. Fabiano inquired what the current year to date total is on legal services.

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – inquired how many times the District initiated a spending freeze. Mr. Melam also inquired what line item in the Budget insurance fees fall in.

Patricia Schwalje, Monroe Township – inquired what the anticipated costs are for the renovation of the golf range. Next, regarding the Strategic Plan, Ms. Schwalje inquired if there are regular quarterly or monthly meetings for certain people to review the action plans and was there a meeting after Covid to readjust the action plans. Ms. Schwalje requested a better understanding of the District's Strategic Plan.

Peter Piro, Monroe Township – inquired if the District intends to purchase iPads next year since they chose not to do a refresh this year. Mr. Piro stated that although \$500,000 was saved by not doing it this year, next year the District will be in a hole again.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Fabiano and seconded by Ms. Bohra that Board Action Items A–B be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION (9-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Bohra and seconded by Ms. Belko that Board Action Items C-D be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Belko and seconded by Ms. DiPane that Board Action Items A-B under the 10-member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Ms. Skurbe thanked the Town Council for approving the Bond Ordinance for funds for repairs at Applegarth School last night. Ms. Skurbe thanked Administration and Mr. Tague for all their efforts and applying for the ROD Grants. Next, Ms. Skurbe thanked Ms. Allen, Dr. Layman, Dr. Chanley and the administration team for all their work on the Budget to maintain all of the services and programs that the students currently have. Ms. Skurbe spoke of the state aid that some other districts receive and the insufficient amount that Monroe receives. Ms. Skurbe reminded the members of the public that there is an active letter writing campaign asking our legislators to create a fair funding formula task force.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Regarding a statement made during public forum indicating that the Board is using state aid as a diversion, Mr. Tufano stated that state aid isn't a diversion, it is the root cause of the problems in the District.

Ms. Rattner stated that while the community needs to continue advocating for more state aid, she would like to look into forming a Budget Committee to help find other revenue sources. Next, Ms. Rattner reminded the Board that tomorrow night is the County Meeting and Senator Gopal will be present.

Mr. Gorham reported that he had the opportunity to read at Woodland School for Read Across America Week and he was impressed with the overall condition of the school, and it was a pleasure to see so many students engaged in reading. Next, Mr. Gorham stressed concerns with the attacks that take place against the Board and reminded the public that they as board members are volunteers who put the time in out of respect for the children.

Ms. Belko thanked administration, principals, and supervisors for their diligence with the Budget. Stressing that all services for the staff and students have been maintained, no services or programs have been cut.

Ms. Bohra congratulated the Unified Basketball Team for making it to the State semifinals. Ms. Bohra also thanked administration for their efforts with the Budget, reiterating that the District is maintaining the education that the District students are currently receiving.

Ms. Alvarez referred to a discussion from months ago regarding a feasibility study to what the impact would be if Jamesburg and Monroe were to merge. Ms. Alvarez reported that the deadline to apply for a grant to cover the study is in April. Mr. Gagliardi provided more details regarding the grant available and the process that it would entail.

PUBLIC FORUM

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – inquired how many questions will be on the ballot for the April election. Mr. Melam suggested that board members should have the courage to vote yes or no rather than abstain on the Budget vote.

Sarah Aziz, Monroe Township – expressed concerns about an invoice for a campaign advertisement for Ms. Skurbe that she alleged she received at her home addressed to the Board of Education.

Peter Piro, Monroe Township – suggested that someone investigate why the previous speaker received a bill addressed to the Board of Education. Next, Mr. Piro stated that he has been attacked with lies from Mr. Tufano on social media. Mr. Piro stated that Mr. Tufano is defaming his character and inquired if it is going to be allowed to continue.

Brian Fabiano, Monroe Township – read a comment that was posted to social media by Ms. Scott. Mr. Fabiano expressed disappointment regarding the content of the post.

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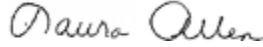
NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Skurbe stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 6:30 p.m. on March 27, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bohra and seconded by Ms. Alvarez that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Allen, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The video recording of this meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education can be found on the district website or at the following link:

<https://monroetv.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Board+of+Education>



Tuesday, March 5, 2024
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING
ALL INDIVIDUALS SITTING AT THE BOARD TABLE SHOULD HAVE THEIR PHONES PUT AWAY

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
200 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831
6:30 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	A. BOARD MEMBERS
Meeting	Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Type	Information

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
 Ms. Kathleen Belko
 Ms. Gazala Bohra
 Ms. Gail DiPane
 Ms. Katie Fabiano
 Mr. Matthew Gorham
 Ms. Kate Rattner
 Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
 Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Ms. Michelle Scott

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sehaj Chadha

Ms. Hetvi Thakker

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	4. STATEMENT
Type	Information

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5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject	A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Meeting	Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Type	

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6. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. PRESENTATION & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PRELIMINARY 2024/2025 SCHOOL BUDGET
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Category	6. PRESENTATIONS
Type	

Subject **B. PUBLIC FORUM - BUDGET PRESENTATION ITEMS ONLY (See Note 3)**

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Category 6. PRESENTATIONS

Type

7. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject **A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)**

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Category 7. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Type

See Note 3.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Subject **A. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)**

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Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Type Action

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Superintendent's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items A through B)

- A. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- B. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Field Trips.

File Attachments

[Professional Development.pdf \(500 KB\)](#)

Subject **B. BOARD ACTION (9 MEMBER VOTE)**

Meeting Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Type Action

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BOARD ACTION (Item C through D)

C. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.

D. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following vendors for the Health Fair to be held at the Monroe Township Middle School on March 14, 2024:

NJ Poison Control
 Monroe Smiles - Dental Office
 Center for Wellness
 Monroe Eye Care
 Dr. Christina Ignacio
 Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health
 Saint Peters University Hospital
 CentraState Hospital
 Middlesex County Department of Health and Public Safety
 Zufall Health (Smile program - Grant through Department of Health)

File Attachments

[K-8 Professional Development.pdf \(262 KB\)](#)

9. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject A. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 9. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type Action

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BOARD ACTION (Items A - B)

A. *BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$7,263,420.50 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed and certified by the Business Administrator. +

B. *Resolution Award of Transportation Contract

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for transportation services ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2024, the Board received one bid for the Services from **Nelvi Transit, Inc.**; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Nelvi Transit, Inc. is responsive in all material respects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to Nelvi Transit, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for Transportation to Nelvi Transit, Inc. in a total contract amount of \$227.00 per hourly trip rate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Nelvi Transit, Inc. furnishing any requisite documentation as required in the bid specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, Board Secretary, Board Attorney, and Director of Transportation are hereby authorized to prepare and/or execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

File Attachments

[Bill list 3-5-24.pdf \(291 KB\)](#)

[Field Trip Bid Tabulation.pdf \(41 KB\)](#)

10. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
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Category	12. PUBLIC FORUM
Type	Information

See Note 3.

13. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION IF NEEDED

14. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
Meeting	Mar 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	14. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY
Type	Information

See Note 3.

15. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 27, 2024

Subject	A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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Category

15. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 27, 2024

Type

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2024 6:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Subject**A. NOTES**

Meeting

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Category

16. ADJOURNMENT

Type

Action

NOTES

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Note 2: The Jamesburg Representative shall be eligible to vote on only those matters specifically designated in N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, as follows:

1. Tuition to be charged the sending district by the receiving district and the bill lists or contracts for the purchase, operation or maintenance of facilities, equipment and instructional materials to be used in the education of the pupils of the sending district.
2. New capital construction to be utilized by sending district pupils.
3. Appointment, transfer or removal of teaching staff members providing services to pupils of the sending district, including any teaching staff member who is a member of the receiving district's central administrative staff.
4. Addition or deletion of curricular and extracurricular programs involving pupils of the sending district.
5. Any matter directly involving sending district students or programs and services used by them.
6. The annual receiving district budget.
7. Any collectively-negotiated agreement involving employees who provide services used by sending district students.
8. Any individual employee contracts not covered by a collectively-negotiated agreement, if those employees provide or oversee programs or services utilized by sending district students.
9. Any matter concerning governance of the receiving district board of education, including, but not limited to, the selection of board president and vice-president, approval of board bylaws, and the employment of professionals or consultants such as attorneys, architects, engineers, or others who provide services to the receiving district board of education.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Superintendent's and Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Board Action section of the Agenda.

Note 3: Public discussion is confined to this portion of the Agenda unless permission is granted by the Board President prior to the start of the meeting or when the Board is considering a Special Agenda Item that the Board deems appropriate for public participation. Anyone wishing to address the Board is requested to stand and state his/her name and address.