Minutes of the Public Board of Education meeting held on July 18, 2007 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President
Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President
Mr. Marvin I. Braverman
Mr. Joseph Homoki
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Kathy Leonard
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Ms. Amy Speizer
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Melissa Bonamici
Ms. Upasana Natarajan

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF

Dr. Ralph Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Dr. Christopher Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 31

After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the Board President 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 by having the date, time and place thereof posted July 13, 2007:

1. At all Schools,
2. Home News Tribune,
3. Cranbury Press, and
4. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

Dr. Ferrie introduced the two new Student Board Members, Melissa Bonamici and Upasana Natarajan and each of them gave background information regarding themselves.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Faraone moved, seconded by Ms. Leonard the adoption of the following resolution:

> Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with 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 subjects:
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> A. Personnel – Status of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
> B. Collective Bargaining/Negotiations – Tentative memorandum of agreement with the Teamsters – Local #11
> C. Land Acquisition – Water and sanitary easements for the new elementary school on Applegarth Road

The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Members of the Board of Education convened to closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Tessler to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on June 13, 2007. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Speizer to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on June 27, 2007. Motion Carried with Mr. Homoki abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ENROLLMENT – JUNE 2007
Elementary and secondary (within the district)
Out of District Placements

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – all schools

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that personnel items (A – U) of the Superintendent Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 10 – 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Homoki that Board Action items (A – E) of the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call –

Motion Carried with Mr. Braverman voting no on Item E. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

Dr. Ferrie congratulated Mr. Ventrello as related to his appointment as the principal of the forthcoming new elementary school on Applegarth Road. Furthermore, Dr. Ferrie stated that Mr. Ventrello was involved in the opening of Brookside Elementary School.

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the report as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools. Motion Carried Unanimously.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Homoki that Board Action items (A – S) of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Mr. Braverman inquired about the reason for item "Q". Mr. Holliday stated he could certainly address item "Q" or Dr. Ferrie could as a matter of protocol. Then Dr. Ferrie stated that due to the continually increasing number of graduates and guests and the potential for inclement weather along with the logistical difficulties it brings administration has been investigating having the graduation ceremony in an indoor venue like many other local school districts in the surrounding area. Therefore, Dr. Ferrie stated that we are recommending under item "Q" that we enter into a contract to have the High School 2008 graduation ceremony at the Sovereign Bank Arena. Mr. Braverman stated: "It seems to me that there could be other alternatives." Next, Mr. Braverman inquired about item "O" stating that "the resolution includes lighting for the Monroe Township High School athletic fields and that initially, we were told that we were going to light those fields because we were going to have tiering because the High School was going to be in the park. Well, so far, the High School is not in the park and we're going ahead with a commitment that will end up costing us a million and a half dollars by the time we finish with these fields. I think it's all right to say it's for the kids, that's certainly emotional and I think we're all here for the kids. But at the same time we have a responsibility to the taxpayers and we don't have a bottomless pocket, so that's another thing that I will vote no for." Roll Call –Motion Carried with Mr. Braverman voting no on Items O and Q and Ms. Ostrager voting no on Item O. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate.A copy of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the report as submitted by the Business Administrator. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Please refer to attached transcript.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – Please refer to attached transcript.

PUBLIC FORUM - Please refer to attached transcript.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Ms. Speizer to convene the Public Board of Education meeting of August 29, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Speizer that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

TRANSCRIPT

PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

JULY 18, 2007

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: So we will go to Committee Reports: Curriculum, Co-curricular Activities, Athletics. Patrice.

MS. FARAONE: We had a meeting tonight and it is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following curriculum: International Gourmet Foods, Working with Children 3, Teaching Mentorship, AP French, AP Spanish, Language, Contemporary Issues in Fiction and Non-Fiction, Creative Writing, French 2, Public Speaking and Debate, Search for Self in Popular Cultures, Spanish 4 Honors, and the Total Experience Creating the Yearbook, and the text for 40 Model Essays: A Portal Anthology, Connaissances et Reactions (French), the Kite Runner, a Pocket Guide to Public Speaking, Succeeding in the World of Work, African American History, Crescendo, and Connected Math.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We need a second.

MS. SPEIZER: Second.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Second by Miss Speizer.

MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any questions for Patrice? Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you, Ms. Kolupanowich. I raised a similar issue before when we were asked to approve the summer reading list without being given a copy of the summer reading list so that we would know what we were going to approve. Fortunately, because of the change in the way this board is structured, I was, at least, able to attend the curriculum committee meeting as a member of the public which gave me a little bit more information than what we used to have so that's progress. But I still have a concern in that this many programs and textbooks were presented to a committee of the board at about six o'clock this evening and that somewhere between six o'clock and eight o'clock this evening we're suppose to make a decision whether or not we're going to approve that curriculum where half of the board has never even seen it. So I just

have an objection, not to any of the curriculum or textbooks because I haven't seen them, but I have an objection to being asked to vote on something that I've never been able to review; so, I would ask that we would table this motion and bring it up next meeting.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Faraone.

MS. FARAONE: I think Ms. Ostrager brought it up last time and, if I'm not mistaken, knowing the curriculum committee meeting is taking place, I believe she is able to go into the office to view issues if she has some concerns and I put complete trust in Dr. Tienken and his staff because they do an absolutely thorough job reviewing and researching and organizing this, and I have no question that everything is thoroughly done.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager, you're voting on the recommendation of the committee and the board approved the committee system when we discussed this all in, I guess, our reorg meeting in April; so, you have every right to come into the

meetings and observe and you have the right to go to the board office if you need to to get the information but we still work as a committee system.

MS. OSTRAGER: Now curriculum is something that we are required by law to have a roll call vote, correct?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: So I would assume that if the law required the board to have a roll call vote, it's assuming that the members of the Board of Education would perform their due diligence before they vote. If it were a matter of something that the law would think is appropriate to just leave fully to the discretion of the paid professional, I would think that the law would not require us to vote on it.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Again, you're voting on the recommendation of the curriculum committee which takes the recommendation from the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum.

So if there is no second to that

motion, we will now have a roll call on Patrice's motion.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: Abstain.

MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. Mr. Braverman.

MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Leonard.

MS. LEONARD: Yes to all items except the Connected Math. No to Connected Math.

MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted, no to Connected Math.

Ms. Faraone.

MS. FARAONE: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

MR. LEARY: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Kolupanowich.
MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.
MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President, the motion has passed.
MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Patrice, does that conclude your report?
MS. FARAONE: Just had an update on summer enrichment and it included incoming sixth graders this year and there is a summer symphony, which is fifth and sixth grade, with about seventy students which is a very nice turnout. All -- grades six through twelve all and all there are 400 students in the program.
MS. KOLUPANOWICH: And that's part of the summer enrichment?
MS. FARAONE: Yes.
MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Then we will now go to Finance/Buildings and Grounds/Transportation. Joe.
MR. HOMOKI: Oh, I don't have a report but I would ask Mr. Busch to give us an update.
MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.
MR. BUSCH: Mrs. Kolupanowich, if I

may. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MR. BUSCH: The newspapers, perhaps you've seen, have published about a Petition for Certification to the Supreme Court of New Jersey that was filed by Park Savers and the other appellants represented by Richard Webster from the Rutgers Law Clinic. Opposition papers were due this past Monday and, in fact, were filed by the Township of Monroe, the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey to the Petition for Certification. The people who have filed the petition don't have an automatic right of appeal because you'll recall that the appellate division of the Superior Court on June the 1st ruled unanimously, 3 to nothing, affirming the statehouse commission decision of January 5, 2006. Had it been a split vote of 2 to 1 there would be an automatic right of appeal to the Supreme Court. With a 3 to nothing vote, it's called a Petition for Certification and the court will determine whether or not they will grant it. The

petitioners, Park Savers, et al, can file a reply brief within 10 days of this past Monday and then the court has no deadline as to when it decides whether or not it wants to do it. Basically, there will be reliance upon the position taken at the appellate division and any other information that the Supreme Court may wish to get. There have also been things in the paper about the additional investigation requested by the Historic Preservation Office and there also was some discussion I believe at the County Freeholders' meeting of July 12th about an interlocal agreement between the County and the Township, but nothing to my knowledge has been signed yet. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Any questions for Finance/Buildings and Grounds? Dr. Ferrie.

DR. FERRIE: I would like to give an update on lights and the athletic complex. So, Jerry, could you just give a quick update in terms of where we are with that because we had to extend the bid

opening until July 31st.

MR. TAGUE: Good evening, everyone. The field lighting project, just to give you a quick overview of what we're doing, will be lighting the main football stadium, also the existing synthetic field and the two sets of tennis courts and the backside of the existing synthetic field is a practice field, all those areas will be lighted. The main football field will have six lights, two on each side, one in each end zone. You'll have four lights per tennis court for the two sets. You'll have four lights at the synthetic field and four lights at the practice field. The project is out to bid. The bid opening date is July 31st, 10 a.m. at the board office. The original bid opening date was July 12th. We extended the bid to the 31st after -- during the design process, we learned from JCP&L that due to the size of the electric service, they were going to have to do some modifications to the existing service. We have an existing 400 amp service at the field house, that will

be upgraded to an 800 amp service to carry the load of the lighting in addition to the field house load. That service is now added into the scope of the project. The substantial completion date for the main football field is September 21st; final completion date for that, September 27th. High School Athletic Director Dave Kirk has spoken with the coaches in the league and clarified that if the lighting is done. Some of our October games could be changed to a night game. So, it would be able to have a game under the lights in October should we meet the deadline. The deadline for the other fields surrounding is 45 days after the main field. So we're targeting the football stadium so that we can hopefully get a game this season under lights and then the other fields to follow within 45 days.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any questions?

DR. FERRIE: Do you want to give an update on the elementary school?

MR. TAGUE: Sure.

The elementary school construction is moving right along on schedule. We are about 95 percent complete with the building pad, perimeter footings and foundations. We received today a delivery of structural steel. So, weather depending, you'll start to see the steel frame of the building come up. The rain does hamper the ability to do structural steel because the iron workers can't get up on it. So, showers today, tomorrow, you might not see them start until Monday, but the steel is there. The crane will come on site and you'll see the structure start to develop. We're working from the back of the building, which we refer to as area C, which is the gymnasium, and we'll work forward to the academic wing. As the steel goes up, you'll also see the concrete slabs start to be poured and then about a month or two after you'll start to see the outside walls starting to come up. So the project is moving along well. No problems.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

Okay. At this time we will go to

the New High School Action Committee. Amy.

MS. SPEIZER: Yes. I spoke, as did other members of the committee, about communications that we've had with various officials to acquire the Thompson Park land. Monroe Township Council President Gerry Tamburro indicated that Grubb & Associates is now performing a phase II archaeological study and it's anticipated that the study would be presented to the Historical Preservation Office during the beginning of September. Mr. Holliday then suggested that Grubb & Associates provide us some progress updates and we're hoping to attain those as the work goes on. Mr. Holliday also provided information in respect to dates when special elections could be held regarding a bond referendum. Mr. Homoki spoke about the monument in Thompson Park as related to the Bethel Indian Mission and I'm trying to find out more about that, when it was placed, who placed it. Mr. Homoki asked that an inquiry be made about the monument. Monroe Township Council President Gerry Tamburro

inquired about the presentation made by a consulting firm about public relations and Dr. Ferrie indicated that bond counsel stated that the Section 15 grant is still being held in escrow.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any questions for Amy?

Okay. Seeing none, we will go to Community Relations. Ira.

MR. TESSLER: Our next meeting will be in September. In reference to the last meeting, I don't know if there is any update about the volunteer coordinator.

DR. FERRIE: We're still at -- we have to wait because that's something we are going to have to talk to the MTEA about.

MR. TESSLER: Oh, Okay. No problem.

DR. FERRIE: Anything that relates to kind of positions or stipends or anything needs to have conversation with the MTEA.

MR. TESSLER: Okay. Thanks.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Policy, Marv?

MR. BRAVERMAN: No report.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Technology, Lew?

MR. KAUFMAN: No report. We're going to schedule a technology meeting for the second board meeting in September if you could.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Okay, the second in September?

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Human Relations Commission, John?

MR. LEARY: Nothing to report.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Municipal Rec Board, Amy?

MS. SPEIZER: Yes. We had a meeting Monday night. On July 30th the football program begins. August 1st will be the cheerleading program. This year the MT SEPA camp program had 285 campers and the recreation program had 989. On July 30th there will be an annual youth golf clinic. On August 7th will be the annual fishing derby held at noon. On August 7th sponsored by Monroe Township Emergency

Services, which is our police, fire and EMS, there will be the National Night Out in Thompson Park. It's 7:00 p.m. And baseball camp will begin July 30th.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Jamesburg Board of Education, Patrice.

MS. FARAONE: Our next board meeting is next Thursday the 26th and Dr. Verona has officially taken over as the Superintendent in Jamesburg as of the 17th.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Middlesex Regional Ed Services Commission, John.

MR. LEARY: Nothing to report.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. And we are finished with our committee reports and we will go on to other Board of Education business. Is there any business from any member of the Board of Education? Rita.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you, Mrs. Kolupanowich. At the last meeting Ms. Leonard made a motion which was passed unanimously for the administration to enter a dialogue with Design Ideas Group and Prisco regarding, basically, potentially

expanding the high school. The last part of that motion was that, if I'll read it to you, contract with either Design Ideas Group or Prisco Group and said new high school expansion, said contract will present at the members of the Board of Education on July 18th, 2007 for ratification. Today is July 18th, 2007 so I'm just wondering where we stand with that?

DR. FERRIE: Do you want to talk about that? Yeah.

We met and we're not prepared to recommend a contract because we're still analyzing the two proposals that the, that the architects prepared and delivered before the committee, I believe you were in attendance, and that we want to actually get the information from Dr. Richardson in terms of the new demographics. So we're not prepared to propose anything at this point because we don't have enough data.

MS. OSTRAGER: So when do we expect -- when do we think we will have that?

DR. FERRIE: We believe that the demographics study will be done prior to the meeting on the 29th and then the board should have a dialogue about those issues that evening.

MS. OSTRAGER: So August the 29th?

DR. FERRIE: Yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: Then we would have the demographics.

DR. FERRIE: Yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: And then at some time subsequent to that we would look at the contract or decide on that, is that it?

DR. FERRIE: We're not prepared to enter into a contract until this board has a full dialogue in terms of whether that contract should include an addition or whether it should include the additional costs as we move forward for the project as it stands.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

MS. OSTRAGER: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Rita.

MS. OSTRAGER: A follow-up question. At the last meeting we also

discussed the deadlines for when we needed to have the land in order to do a referendum by this date and that date and whatnot and I believe, if I can find the quote here, going back to the records, is that if today was really the deadline for us to be able to decide whether or not we wanted to do a high school expansion, if we wanted to include that in the December referendum and September is the deadline for us to decide whether or not we want to do a December referendum sans expansion; is that correct?

MR. HOLLIDAY: In terms of the addition for the December 11th bond referendum, you are correct. This Board of Education would have to come to some form of closure in terms of whether or not the addition would be placed on the December 11th bond referendum; however, we believe that we would be able to still make that decision by the 29th of August because we believe that we would be able to expedite that through the Department of Education. Whereas, construction drawings do not have

to be prepared. In consultation with both architectural groups, they believe that they would be able to prepare the necessary documents, namely, the educational specification and the educational schematics, as well as working with more than likely EPIC, although that would be a board decision, in the cost estimate. Because most of the building is designed and that we have been informed by the DCA that we will be receiving very shortly the letter that would permit us to go out to bid for the building, we believe because the addition is only a small fraction and would only require, again I know I'm repeating myself, the ed specifications and the schematics that we would be able to expedite that through Trenton if the board was to make a decision on August 29th in order to have that included on the bond referendum question for December 11th, should this Board of Education choose to include the addition, as well as the additional costs to build the original building, which is 365,000

square feet. So we are comfortable. We have discussed it with still having this Board of Education make the decision on the 29th of August.

MS. OSTRAGER: At the Buildings and Grounds Committee when Prisco and MRM did their -- Mr. Morton, you are recognized here in the audience today, showed us the massive amount of paperwork that needed to be done to get this approved, including the part that just needed to be approved for the submission, and would it be acceptable, since Mr. Morton is here, to give us, walk through that timeline again because I'm concerned. I don't want to end up in a bind where we're going to miss a deadline because we really, really can't.

DR. FERRIE: Right, and you are correct there is two timelines.

MS. OSTRAGER: Yeah.

DR. FERRIE: One being what Wayne talked about if it was the ed specifications and the schematics; the other being if the board determined to go forward and still stay on target for a bid

opening in the spring then that would require massive drawings for construction documents and, quite extensively, a large fee. So I don't want to put Mr. Morton on the spot but, Jim, do you feel comfortable talking about those two timelines here?

MR. MORTON: I'll come up for a minute.

DR. FERRIE: Yeah, could you do that, please. If that's okay with the board?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

And please could you give your name and your affiliation for the record.

MR. MORTON: I'm Jim Morton with Design Ideas Group. Yes, the 29th, as far as our schedule is concerned, we can meet the schedule. It's the Department of Ed that you have to encourage a little bit.

MR. UNIDENTIFIABLE: Always something. (Inaudible)

MRS. UNIDENTIFIABLE: Yes. (Inaudible)

MR. MORTON: Working backwards, Wayne needs a number I think by early

October I believe.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, that would be correct.

MR. MORTON: So we would have -- we would, you know, with some cooperation from the staff, we could put our stuff together very quickly.

DR. FERRIE: I think they need clarification though in terms of the difference between schematics and ed specs and construction documents and what that does to the bid process.

MR. MORTON: Right. Well, we're talking schematics and ed specs, not construction documents. So, whenever the referendum is on in December that is for the schematics and the ed specs at this point and that would give us then, with a positive vote, then we would go into construction documents which would place you at the end of, the fall of '08 to be able to go out to bid with the addition. So the two projects are not, they are not coin -- they are not sequenced right now. The only way to do that would be to

authorize us to go to construction documents and that, you know, that's a very -- I don't -- that's not going to happen.

MS. OSTRAGER: I guess my concern isn't so much --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

-- being able to go out to bid at a particular date, but being able to get a referendum by a particular date and I think we had lengthy discussions at the convention in Atlantic City going through the different scenarios and timelines, as well as the facilities and grounds committee meeting last week. I'm just trying to make sure because I don't want to end up saying, oh, man, we missed this deadline. Both times it was my understanding that if we had to do any alterations to the plan, and we had to go to DOE and DCA submission, and you had to draw up additional drawings, schematics, ed specs, that that would take about six months between doing the paperwork, the

drawings, submitting it to DOE, submitting it to DCA, getting everything done in time to go to referendum. Are you saying that there is a way to expedite that and we would be able to do it in four to five months and not six months?

MR. MORTON: Yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: Okay.

MR. MORTON: We have enough information, and I think we're working with the staff, we can expedite that. We don't go to DCA for the referendum. We go to the Department of Education. We only go to DCA when we have the construction documents done and we're getting that document ready to go to bid. DCA is a code reviewer. The Department of Education is interested only in the educational aspects of your project. So it's only -- we only go to DOE for the referendum.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you very much.

DR. FERRIE: Thank you.

MR. MORTON: You are welcome.

DR. FERRIE: And if we have the Whitehall report back, which would be Dr.

Richardson, before the 29th, we'll certainly send that home to the board for your review once we get it back.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you very much.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: Ah, just a quick question. In order for us to approve the addition, whatever we need to do on the 29th of August, would we have to have the land by then?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I think this board has always been saying that in order to put an addition on the school, it would be favorable to have the land.

MR. TESSLER: Right.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Before we discuss an addition, at least that's been my understanding. Okay. Anyone else from the board? Ms. Spiezer.

MS. SPEIZER: Yes, on another subject. I'd like to pass out some papers to the board members. This is an e-mail that's sent out by Mrs. Ostrager that I had received. I'd like everyone to please look

at the highlighted community relations and, if you could look at the next page, I've underlined. In this e-mail it says, The board voted 7 to 2 to create a stipend position for a volunteer coordinator. If everyone could, I would like to refer back to the minutes of June 27th. Mr. Tessler stated as a result what he would like the administration to do is look into a stipend position to create a volunteer coordinator position. There was some discussion about this and Dr. Ferrie came back and stated it may be better, if the board so chooses, to direct us to come back with a proposal on how this might look instead of maybe it might be an elementary, secondary, or something to that nature, and then you can examine a proposal and kick it around and decide what you think. Mrs. Kolupanowich then asked Mr. Tessler if it was fine with him to change that motion. Mr. Tessler agreed and I agreed to that too. My concern is that this newsletter apparently is disseminated to parents and according to the School Ethics Act we are supposed to be

giving out, if you'll look at the third page, item g, we are supposed to provide accurate information. And, Mrs. Ostrager, would you concur that that's not accurate information that was in your e-mail?

MS. OSTRAGER: Ms. Speizer, you had the opportunity to be able to read the minutes which I did not have available at that time. I take very, very careful notes throughout the meetings. I actually contacted, or attempted to contact, the people who made motions at last, the last Board of Education meeting to make sure that the motions that they made I was able to represent accurately. I was told by a -- that the motion was given to them immediately before and they did not have a copy of it anymore so that I tried to put it down as best as it was remembered, to my recollection. When it was brought to my attention that it wasn't to create a stipend but to look into creating a stipend, I sent out another e-mail immediately to insert that one word that was missing.

MS. SPEIZER: Mrs. Ostrager, you're sending -- this could have created a problem with the MTEA and, I think, I would ask that if you're going to send out information, perhaps you should get hold of the minutes that are transcribed prior to sending it out.

MS. OSTRAGER: The problem is that the minutes, in contrast to our board policy that they are provided 48 hours prior to the next board meeting, are not always provided in that time frame. The case in point, this particular meeting that we have today, we are approving minutes from not just the prior board meeting but the two prior board meetings. So the problem you have as members of the public to try and be able to keep track of what transpired at boards of education meetings based on the minutes, which fortunately now are posted on the website, at this point in time you would finally know what happened on June 13th. You would be a month out of date.

MS. SPEIZER: I'm just trying to

get to the point that you sent this e-mail out, that's correct?

MS. OSTRAGER: I do --

MS. SPEIZER: With inaccurate information.

MS. OSTRAGER: And I, as a member of the board, still retain my individual right of free speech and I've discussed this with the board president. I have discussed this with at length with an attorney from New Jersey school boards. I have discussed this at length with a private attorney as to what my rights are as an individual and I do not give up my right of free speech just because I was elected to this body.

MS. SPEIZER: So are you saying that this is accurate information what you sent out?

MS. OSTRAGER: I am saying that it is as accurate information as I've been sending out this e-mail now for two years. And so at one time in two years you can find that I missed one word on one statement, I don't think that very many

other people sitting at this table can hold a record as good as that as far as being able to say what they have said and being able to say that it is as accurate as it is.

MS. SPEIZER: Okay. So all I'm asking is --

MS. OSTRAGER: I am not going to say that I am absolutely perfect.

MS. SPEIZER: Is this accurate information that you sent out?

MS. OSTRAGER: I believe it is as accurate as anybody could. It is not a transcript. It is not intended to be a transcript.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I just wanted to clarify something. This came up through an e-mail by the MTEA who apparently had gotten a hold or it was forwarded to them your e-mail and they were very upset because they understood that creating a new position was a negotiable item between the union and the Board of Education. And they were wondering why we were negotiating without them and so I was getting e-mails

from the MTEA and had to explain to them that the position of the Board of Education was that we're not creating something, that we were in the process of going to get a proposal. I also wrote an e-mail to you I think explaining that. I don't know if you remember that e-mail. But in the same e-mail explaining the position of the Board of Education and the MTEA, in that same e-mail I -- and I didn't speak to anybody else about this. There were two more inaccuracies that I mentioned to you. And I also said that because on your e-mail you ask that, you are receiving this e-mail because you have indicated that you would like to receive periodic updates on issues involving the Monroe Township Board of Education. You are welcome to reproduce and/or forward this e-mail to any party you wish. If someone has forwarded this e-mail to you and you wish to be on the primary distribution list or you wish to be removed, then send a request to you. Well, I've requested to be put on your list because I would like to know if you're

sending information out to the public and the public is going to get back to me because this is not the first time a member of the public has come to me and complained about your e-mails. I have not brought it up in public before but I would like to be added to your list because I think it's important for the Board of Education to know what you're sending out to the public.

MS. OSTRAGER: Ms. Kolupanowich, we've twice had the discussion in private on this where I offered to put you on the list and both times you said that you would prefer not to be or that you did not want to be.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I don't ever remember you asking me.

MS. OSTRAGER: We had. The last one was in my kitchen about a week after the election and you said that's not my job and I'm not interested in that. And I respected that. Now, the last e-mail that you sent me, I thought about it very carefully and I considered anyone who has asked to be on my e-mail list, I have

placed them on quite often not even knowing who they are because I've just gotten an e-mail, add me to the list, and I add them on. I would say half the people on my list I don't even have names to. You did not ask. You demanded and that's very different because what I do, I do on a volunteer basis. I do it because members of the public, initially the PTA, prior, a year prior to me being on this board, asked me to keep them up-to-date. Most recently the League of Women Voters have asked me to provide them with this information to keep them up-to-date.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I'm going to read --

MS. OSTRAGER: This board has no jurisdiction over my right of free speech and it has no ability or right to restrict it.

MS. FARAONE: Kathy.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: As long as you're giving accurate information. I just want to read the last line of my e-mail to you. It just says, I am therefore asking

that you add my name to your e-mail so that I have an idea of what you are sending out to the public before I receive phone calls and e-mails from the community. I don't think that's a demand. I'm asking you to please put me on your list. Would you do that?

MS. OSTRAGER: I will take it under consideration.

MS. FARAONE: Kathy.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Faraone.

MS. FARAONE: I just have a comment and question. I'm not sure, I mean, I've been on this board for twelve years and I see the same people here, Ms. Prohaska, Jennifer, Mr. Salvador, Frank Gilbert. They find the time to come to every meeting and if they are interested in participating. You're entitled to your free speech. I'm not quite sure why you've taken on the role to enlighten the entire community when we all come, they certainly can come. And while you say it's verbatim, sitting here and reading this, I do find some of it subjective. And I'm not quite

sure why you feel the need to take on the role for the entire township when they can --

MS. OSTRAGER: One of our --

MS. FARAONE: Can I finish, Ms. Ostrager.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss --

MS. FARAONE: I listened to you for quite a while. When they can freely come to every meeting, and now every committee meeting, and participate or sit and participate in public on their own, who requested -- what directed you?

MS. OSTRAGER: One of our roles as board members --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: One of our roles as board members is to be a communication link between the school district and the public. This e-mail originated two years ago when I was asked by the Brookside Barclay Brook PTA.

MS. FARAONE: Don't they have a representative come to the meetings?

MS. OSTRAGER: At that point --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Faraone, Mrs. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: -- you are asking me for a history.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you please just raise your hand so I know --

MS. FARAONE: Sorry.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: --who is speaking for the record.

MS. FARAONE: As I recall it used to be that each PTA/PTO had someone coming and representing them at the board meetings.

MS. OSTRAGER: And two years ago --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: And two years ago I was asked to take that role.

MS. FARAONE: Okay.

MS. OSTRAGER: And I took that role and from that role where I had the notes, I was asked by various people if they could get a copy of my notes; so, I started sending those out about a year prior to ever considering being on this board. Subsequent to that because people wanted

information, people have asked for, I didn't require that they were members of the Brookside Barclay Brook PTA. When I ran for election, I informed the people who were getting my e-mails that I was not sure whether or not I would still be allowed to send this e-mail once I was elected to the Board of Education. I spent several weeks researching ethics cases regarding various forms of communications between, that members of the board, of various boards of education provided including e-mails, web sites, letters to the editors, etc., and I from that concluded that I would be able to continue this form of communication and not even would be able to, but when I discussed this during the orientation class that I took with the New Jersey School Boards, they said, well, this would be helping fulfill my responsibility as a communication link between the community and the district. This issue was raised last fall. I then spent two days talking with an attorney at the New Jersey School Boards Association and I also met with my

private attorney and then provided them copies of my e-mails, discussed the situation and I was again assured that this was perfectly within my rights.

MS. FARAONE: Ms. Kolupanowich, I have one more comment. I didn't mean to overlook Miss Modzelewski who attends diligently and brings her children and I think that's a great learning experience for them. Thank you. That's it.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager, I just want to point out too that, I believe, about six months ago this board or myself had gotten a letter from the Barclay Brook Brookside PTO and I shared it with the board asking me to look into the fact that they did not want you using their e-mail list to send out e-mails anymore.

MS. OSTRAGER: I do not use their e-mail list to send out any e-mails. I do not have access to their e-mail list.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You have used their e-mail list in the past.

MS. OSTRAGER: I have never used their e-mail list. At one time, and I

think where this started from, or this issue came up, is there was an e-mail that was sent to me along with, I don't know, fifty other people on a bulk e-mail that reported the July -- the January meeting and there were inaccuracies in that e-mail which I did a reply all, only to the people who were on that bulk. I was invited into a conversation by being included in that list of whoever they happened to be, it certainly was not all of the Brookside Barclay Brook PTA because I know there are a lot more than fifty members or forty members, I'm not sure exactly how many were on there. There certainly were not the hundreds of people on that e-mail list that I was sent that letter in bulk to, and I did a reply all responding to the issues that were addressed in that e-mail that was sent to me and I even provided a copy of the e-mail that was sent to me and my reply to every member of the Board of Education.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We did send that to the Board of Education and, again, this came from the Barclay Brook Brookside PTO

who had a problem with what you did.

MS. OSTRAGER: Well, then they should not have invited me into the conversation by including me in the bulk e-mail.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: In the beginning of June as part of a newly elected board member, I had to attend the weekend training class and it's everything you always wanted to know about to be a board member in three short days. While certain things, and this is a general comment, certain things may be legal or okay to do, some things, and there are some examples in our sessions we attended too, just may not be a good idea. For example, there was an incident in one district where a member, a board member, didn't like what was going on; in the public forum, since he was part of the public, went to the microphone and spoke. While that is perfectly legal to do, as a board member it's just not a good idea and it just doesn't represent the

board in a good way at all so that's just something that we all should consider and keep in mind.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: For me, here is the issue that I have, and understand I'm not disputing your legal ability to represent yourself in this newsletter, I don't care if you want to write the newsletter, that's great. My issue is maybe a little bit bigger, that you attended the meeting. You listened to the things that were going on. You took very copious notes as we know you take very copious notes. You then went back and authored a document and in this particular case misrepresented something that occurred in the meeting and the justification for your methodology on why you're doing it this way without getting the proper documentation as in the minutes is because you want to expedite the dissemination of information as quickly as possible. My concern, I think, is that you don't see the problem of your quest to disseminate information, whether it was

accurate or inaccurate, has more precedent over it being right and that when you represent yourself as a board member, the average community person looks to you as somebody that's in the know, that you know what's going on, that you were at the meeting, that you attended and that you paid attention and that everything that happened, you're aware of. My concern is, again, with this particular bullet that you went out, you wrote something about something that didn't happen. Some of our community members and MTEA members got a little upset about that and here we are talking about it. So my issue is with you that, if you're going to go ahead and do this, great. Be accurate. Make sure that what it is that you're saying reflects the actual things that happened and try to limit your ability to be subjective. Report on facts because, like you said before, we try to be a communication mechanism to the public. It's bad, mostly really for you, if you represent this information poorly and that's it.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr. Braverman.

MR. BRAVERMAN: Yeah. Amy, I'm really glad that you brought this to our attention. I think, Rita, you're doing a great job. There are one or two, perhaps, errors, I don't know. I think I also interpreted that meeting as saying that we were looking to hire a volunteer coordinator; however, I could also be wrong and I'm sure somebody would let me know soon. But the synopsis is very good. And there are many boards, Mr. Tessler, that put out a synopsis to their internal community after every meeting. It's a good public relations gimmick and I know of many boards that would take a synopsis and the day after the meeting they would give it out to the entire staff and I think it's a great idea. And if it doesn't go that far, Rita, please put me on your list.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

MR. HOMOKI: Yeah.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: I would like to say a

couple of things and it's amazing how much I missed by not being here at one meeting. I would like to change direction just a little bit and I sort of saved this particular article because I wanted the person to be here when I read this. The courts have ruled, following up on Mr. Busch's statement, the courts have ruled in our favor, 3/0. And a letter was written to the editor, New Brunswick newspaper, "Grave concerns over site of school". It's right in front of me, Monday, February the 19th, 2007. Now we know that this person has opposed the construction of the high school at this particular site. But this is what he writes at the last sentence, last paragraph: I urge the residents of Monroe and other concerned parties to let due process of law be allowed to take its course. In my opinion the 3 and 0 was due process and, of course, it's signed by Mr. Richard Walling of Somerville, maybe you can respond to that.

The second point that I have is, there is a monument in the park. It was

mentioned by Amy before. It's at least, at least, 2,000 some feet away from the nearest line of the proposed new high school and I believe it was put there in 1973 or '72 and it says something like this: On this site so and so many years ago was this Bethel mission. I'm sure when that sign or that monument was placed there, it was not eenie-meenie-minee-mo, let's put it over here. There had to be some research done to identify the specific spot or the place where this mission existed. And I would suggest that you take a good look at it and tell me what's wrong with it. It's been there for thirty years. Nobody to my knowledge has contested that it's the wrong location. So I submit to you that that's probably the location nowhere near where the proposed high school is going to be. Thank you very much.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You're welcome. Anyone else from the board? Okay, seeing no one, we will go to --

MR. TESSLER: One more thing.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Tessler.

Oh, Mr. Tessler, I'm sorry.

MR. TESSLER: Just one quick thing about these before, I think a synopsis would really be good a day or two after the board meeting, but I think it should come from the board secretary. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. If there is no one else, we will go to the public forum. Again, anyone from the public wishing to speak, please come to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

MR. WALLING: Madam Chair, before the clock starts, I was just wondering if I could answer Mr. Homoki directly without it subtracting from my time since he did ask a question?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I will let you do that.

MR. WALLING: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Mr. Homoki. Yes, you raise a very good point and due process consist of several aspects. You mentioned the appellate court. The appellate court had directed the attorneys representing

both the township and the county to produce any evidence from the Richard Grubb consultant's report in order for the appellate court judges to make an informed decision. Information was hidden and kept from the judges by those attorneys representing the township and ethics charges are being filed against Ms. Peg Schaefer as a result of that. So, in terms of due process, the court did not have the information it had directed the attorneys to provide. So, in terms of due process, the due process not only involves the appellate court, but it also involves the due process of the regulations that are promulgated not only by the State of New Jersey but also by the Federal government. Mr. Busch can attest, I have thirty years experience in this field and I make a representation to you that due process has only barely begun to be enacted and followed in this particular matter.

MR. HOMOKI: Madam Chairman, I don't want to debate, but I would like to just say one more thing and then I'm going

to be quiet.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: I'm sure you read the appellate court's decision and point by point everyone of the allegations was answered very specifically and to claim that they did not have the information, I just don't understand that.

MR. WALLING: Well if you would like to read the transcript, I'd be --

MR. HOMOKI: I don't want to get in a debate. I just wanted to make a statement.

MR. WALLING: The transcript stands as does the process of the court.

MR. HOMOKI: Right.

MR. WALLING: Now in terms of the question regarding the monument that was also raised by the Monroe Township historic preservation committee at its May meeting which I attended.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Walling is your time starting?

MR. WALLING: No, I'm answering his second question about the monument.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You're answering his question.

MR. WALLING: About the monument.

MR. HOMOKI: I think his time ought to run.

MR. WALLING: Well, you asked about the monument, Mr. Homoki, so I'm providing you with information.

Iwould presume, not assume, but I would presume that people in education would want facts. That might be a wrong presumption, but I would presume people want facts and the fact is it was Ms. Louise Kerwin who is responsible for the location of that monument. And I've spoke with her grandnephew who happens to be some political candidate this year, and Ms. Kerwin and others know that the general area was the site of the Bethel mission and that site was chosen specifically because it was so close to a very active little ball field and they thought that people using those ball fields would have an opportunity to be able to look at that monument. So those two facts that I've

just presented address your concerns. I hope so.

Now, Madam Chair.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MR. WALLING: It's me, clock me. Madam Chair, thank you for this opportunity. I know we are all concerned citizens. We would not otherwise be dedicating our lives to the public, public service. I was going to be very congenial this evening but I cannot but help note the recent hatchet job by some of the board members, most had some pinache and were very good in their objections to the e-mail issue. However, some people really committed quite a hatchet job and I shall not name names, but they're certainly doing the bidding that they know they must do regarding this matter. Now at the last meeting for example, Ms. Speizer insisted to make a full-blown statement that nothing was found at the park. We know that that was not the truth. The -- a bell, two bells actually were found as part of the phase I survey. One was a slave bell as

Dr. Ferrie well knows. The other one was a fragment of a bell that was determined to be a church bell by Richard Grubb & Associates. A bell, quote, unquote, consistent with being a church bell, that's a direct quote from Richard Grubb & Associates. Okay. So, not only was --

DR. FERRIE: Excuse me, can you please cite the -- stop. It would be helpful to me if you would cite the page in the appendix, please.

MR. WALLING: That was a personal communication with --

DR. FERRIE: Yeah, but I read the Grubb report. I would like you to please cite the page and the appendix number that states that it is a church bell because I read something very differently with all due respect.

MR. WALLING: And I'm informing you that that was a personal communication that was based upon Bill Liebeknecht, a position that was stated in the newspaper, that a church bell had been found and I, too, was surprised.

DR. FERRIE: Where is that in the report?

MR. WALLING: Excuse me. I too was surprised by that so I contacted the project manager. Now am I being docked by time for answering? Thank you.

That Miss Eileen Grossman Bailey who is the project manager, and with whom I've met and spoken with on numerous occasions regarding this project, stated to me that, yes, this has become a public issue and her direct quote to me, and I can look on my cell phone and give you the specific date, I believe it was last Monday of last week, that, quote, unquote, their artifact person, for lack of a better phrase, has determined that the bell fragment is consistent of that being a church bell.

Now, let me state so that everybody is extremely aware of the situation. Bethel Indian Mission consisted of 200 people in over 40 residences. There was not laid out in some condominium complex like across the street. There were cabins

and wigwams spread along the long distance in the area of Wigwam Brook. There were no white people living there at that location in the 18th century, that's a fact. You may wish to contest it. You may wish to challenge it. You may wish to ignore it, but a fact is a fact is a fact. Just as a rose is a rose is a rose. There were no Euro-Americans living there at the project site in the 18th century, period. Now, if you choose to ignore that fact, that's entirely up to you. I would not agree that that's good public policy, but that's your decision as duly elected members of the Monroe Township Community. I would like to let you folks know that the Intertribal Indians of New Jersey is now involved. They had representatives speak at the freeholder meeting on July the 12th. The president of the New Jersey -- pardon me, the Archaeological Society of New Jersey is involved as are professional archaeologists, not only in New Jersey but also in the region, and in addition the Delaware Nation -- pardon me, Madam Chair,

Chairman.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You have another minute. We're trying to reset the clock.

MR. WALLING: I know. Mr. Holliday, you can just put it on his watch or something and that's okay.

MR. HOLLIDAY: I took the battery out.

MR. WALLING: Just brought me back somewhere, that's okay.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's still beeping.

MR. WALLING: Where is the gavel?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay.

MR. WALLING: The -- most significantly that you folks should be aware of is the federally recognized Delaware Nation of Anadarko, Oklahoma, has now become involved and is getting involved in working with the State and working with the national government to protect this site as a cultural and religious site of the Lenape people. So, you know, we can all pretend that the facts don't exist. We can all lie about the facts. We can all

try to hide the facts, That doesn't serve the people of Monroe or the people in the public any good. So I just wanted to share the facts with the board and my e-mail address, and I'll be glad to send you copies of the national registry nomination. I'll be glad to send you copies of documents sent in by Native American tribes from not only the U.S. and Canada, but it's Richwalling@hotmail.com. You are welcome to contact me and we'll provide you with the facts. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr. Walling. Anyone else from the public?

MR. HACKETT: Brian Hackett, 3 Avenue D. We're fifty million dollars over budget for a high school, four, five years behind, and the only thing we seem to want to discuss tonight is an e-mail sent out by Rita updating the town on what's happening with the board. I personally receive these e-mails. I received the last one that was in question. The correction was promptly sent, very shortly afterwards. So there was no confusion as to what Rita was saying

in the e-mail and I don't know what the intent was in bringing it up but it screams of a witch hunt and I think that's despicable.

(Someone applauds).

MR. HACKETT: Okay. Because this town has a problem with being open and transparent whether it's the council or the board, anywhere. Okay. When I ran for the Board of Ed, I campaigned on that and I was happy to see that the website has been revamped and open now. And I applaud somebody who takes the extra time and effort on this board to make people aware of what's happening especially when it's in her legal right. And I think it's shameful and despicable that this kind of witch hunt happened tonight when discussion could have been devoted to other things. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MS. DRESSEL: Jennifer Dressel, Dey Grove Road. I missed the beginning of the discussion about Rita's e-mail and about accurate or inaccurate information and Mr.

Homoki missed the last meeting. It was repeatedly stated that by this meeting that you would have the deed to Thompson Park to build the school, and I just wanted to say, once again, yet another date has come and gone and you still don't have anything. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else?

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Good evening, Tom Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel Street. This August 29th date, if I understand this correctly, if we don't have the land by then, do we lose the December 11th referendum with the addition; is that an accurate statement?

DR. FERRIE: I believe that's an accurate statement.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: If we don't have the land by August 29th, will we still consider going out for a referendum in December sans addition?

DR. FERRIE: With the -- for the additional money, yes, and we have up until about the first week in October to do that.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Right, okay, So that would be an option at that point?

DR. FERRIE: Correct.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. With regard to the due process that Mr. Homoki brought up, the way I see it, it's not just a process of the appellate court. The appellate court did not throw any delays into this process. If the appellate court was never there, the due process has to do with the acceptance of the application for the land diversion by the DEP and right now by the HPO portion of the DEP. So, the due process is still going through its paces. It's not a done deal. So, you can correct me if, you know, you have a different thought on that, but the way that I see it, the due process was never just about the appellate court. They've handled no delays and they've caused no delays up to now so.

DR. FERRIE: You're right, but it's a major, major decision.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Absolutely. There is no question about it.

DR. FERRIE: That's the point.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: The due process has still not been served yet. The due process won't be served until the HPO right now releases their portion to the DEP. So, really, the appellate court did not throw any delays. I mean we've heard, at some of the committee meetings, we've heard that the appellate court was the delay. If the appellate court was never in this, it would have never been delayed.

MR. HOMOKI: I just want to say this --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: This is a major, a major decision and I'm sure of the opponents of the high school were hoping that it would be at least a 2-1 decision but as it -- or maybe turn it down. As it turned out it was 3 and 0, which is a very strong, very strong decision.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: It absolutely was, but, again, I can't speculate what people --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Nothstein.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: What people were

thinking but the point is --

MR. HOMOKI: I agree. I don't argue with you.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. His letter was accurate. I mean, we need to let the due process. Unfortunately, last night or yesterday afternoon at the committee meeting we're talking about writing to the governor, writing to our elected officials. This is not a political situation. Just as Mr. Walling said, and Mr. Homoki has agreed, we need to let the due process see its course. By putting in elected officials into the mix, that is hardly the due process. Basically it sounds like this board wants political pressure on the historic preservation organization of the DEP. Quite frankly, I abhor that, that this is not how the process is meant to be. This is why we have an HPO. This is why we have the DEP. So it's not a good situation when we start to use political pressure on a process that needs, as Mr. Homoki said, the due process.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you very

much.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: And just one other -- thank you very much, good job on the policy, I appreciate putting them in the minutes. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska, Perrineville Road. I have a question regarding the committee meeting, I believe it was the facilities committee I attended along with Mr. Morton when they had shown us the specs on building possibly an addition onto the high school. My question is, if you don't go for an addition onto the high school at the time of a referendum and you just build your 325 square foot -- I mean, 325,000 square foot building -- 65, I'm sorry. If you build your original plan without the addition, without the addition, and you bond for that, I mean you don't need to bond for that because you already have that, but you still need that additional 36 million. If you go out for just the school without an addition, okay.

DR. FERRIE: 36 million is the

number that's out there.

MS. PROHASKA: We'll see. I don't want to be, I'm just -- these are the numbers that have been out there. If you build the school without the addition and the school is too small, what is it going to take besides another referendum to put the addition on, but how are you going to put an addition on that school if it's already open; How would you put that addition on?

DR. FERRIE: Why would you do that?

MS. PROHASKA: Because we've always had problems with building additions onto this school because you don't want it while the kids are in service. So, I'm just trying to figure out.

DR. FERRIE: Well, it's no secret while the kids are there like they did at South Brunswick. And the difference is there is a location for it. But it's not easy as I've said.

MS. PROHASKA: It's not going to be easy.

DR. FERRIE: It's never easy

putting an addition on a building when kids are present, we know that.

MS. PROHASKA: Okay. So if you choose not to put the addition on, you're looking at a school that may be open, whatever the date may be, and then a possible addition on and to say you do, or you do end up on this 35 acres. I'm just not sure if there is room for trailers in the meantime while you build your addition if you open up that school and you've exceeded your 1800 students. Do you have a place to put your trailers or are we going to be putting them on these fields now where you're going to be putting up your lights? Has anybody taken that into consideration? What you're going to do if you don't go out for this referendum the whole enchilada, you know, whatever you call it. The PR firm discussed this. I know that they were, they thought that it was best that you put it all together as one, because as we know as time goes on things get more expensive, that addition forever the price was that Jim Morton may

have gave you at the meeting, if that's going to, of course, go up and does anybody have any feedback on if you are really going to go for that addition?

DR. FERRIE: The demographics are going to tell a lot, Nancy. As soon as we get the report from Dr. Richardson.

MS. PROHASKA: Okay. Do we always get the demographics right before the school opens in September?

DR. FERRIE: No, we're actually authorizing one, to get one now so we have better data.

MS. PROHASKA: Isn't it a little late, couldn't he have had that information like --

DR. FERRIE: Well, because you have to monitor it and the trends are changing due to housing markets and because we just received our June 30th reports and then actually the most ideal time, which is when we're done it in the past, is October because that's when we have our ASSA report that goes into the State for funding.

MS. PROHASKA: It just seems like

all the time there is always an excuse. There is always a reason why you can't do it. All I keep hearing is everything you can't do and I never hear anybody say anything of like what you can do and this just seems to be a pattern, on and on, forever and ever. In the years I've been coming here, the past four years, it's always somebody else's problem. It's somebody else's fault. I just would like to see the board take an initiative on something and either stick with it and do what's right and I'll come up for another topic. I have something else.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Mr. Holliday will respond to your questions.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Actually I want to actually wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Ferrie. I've been doing demographic reports with demographers now for nearly 23 years and the demographer's report is only as good as the data that is provided. There are two optimal periods of time in order to do a demographer's report: One, just exactly as Dr. Ferrie said, which is

the application for State school aid, commonly known as the ASSA, that's right when school opens in the middle of October. You have good sound enrollment numbers for a demographer to go ahead and use the Cohorts Survival Method in order to project out enrollment for the future. The other time where I wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Ferrie is when school closes because that gives you an idea of the migration of students all during the school year. As you know school just closed, graduation was on the 22nd of June. We've collected all the data. I have asked the board under my report to give me permission to engage Dr. Richardson of Whitehall Associates in order to prepare a demographics report. Now that I've been given that permission, Dr. Richardson will proceed. So I just want to say that you don't do a demographics report for the sake of doing it with having faulty data. If you were to grab that information in January, it wouldn't tell anything. You look at the beginning of the school year and the end of the school year just as Dr.

Ferrie said. I agree with him. And this board was very proactive in approving Dr. Richardson to do the report based on end-of-the-year data that we now have so that Dr. Richardson could then prepare a demographic report with validity.

MS. PROHASKA: Thank you, Wayne. In response to that, I think all I'm trying to say is I would hate to see a new high school open and have trailers. I think that would just be appalling. That's my only comment.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you.

MS. PROHASKA: Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MS. PROHASKA: I have another topic. Does anybody else want to go? Does anybody else want? I don't want to take up anybody's...

I'd like to talk about the facilities meeting and I know the Applegarth school had come up about not having sewer lines possibly this September. I don't know if Jerry is still here.

Jerry, thank you for the information. I'm having a problem because I have children in this district and as a parent all I keep hearing is for the past twelve years that you're not allowed -- you can't drink the water in Applegarth and everyone is told to bring their own bottled water. And, yes, it's on a septic and well system. And everybody is thinking that for every year that we're putting on these additional trailers due to the overcrowding that now we need to have above ground sewage holding tanks. Now they were called above holding tanks. I know that was a nicer way of saying it.

DR. FERRIE: Can I clarify? That was --

MS. PROHASKA: What is that?

DR. FERRIE: That was in the event we don't get them hooked up in time. The project is moving forward. We're waiting for final permit approvals and we're waiting for the developer who is developing the PRC behind Applegarth to run the sewer line from the street behind there to the

school.

MS. PROHASKA: I understand.

DR. FERRIE: We have no intention of doing that unless we have to and only if there is a disruption to the current septic and well system that's there. Otherwise, we will run the well and septic system concurrently and then tie into the new system as soon as possible. You get no disagreement with me. This is something that I've been trying to get going since I've been here and I'm glad that hopefully we'll have it done this fall.

MS. PROHASKA: That would be great, but where has the pressure been?

DR. FERRIE: We've been putting pressure. We can't do anything until we get the permits and until they run the sewer line up.

MS. PROHASKA: Well, isn't there, I know you have a rapport with the council, I mean. Wasn't there -- in the past twelve years though, wasn't there anything that could have been done? I mean, this is just, seems to just be -- I don't know

how -- I know I live, my septic was built because I live in a three-bedroom house. I can't see having a six-bedroom house and them saying to me my septic can stay the same. If you keep adding trailers on and continue to use that septic, it can only hold so much.

DR. FERRIE: Right.

MS. PROHASKA: So I would like to, you know, I'd just like to see the board take an initiative action in making these schools not only safe but you've had a problem for so long without any definition on how you're going to fix it. And it just doesn't look good. I'm really upset about the way that school has been handled. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public? Okay. Seeing no one, our next scheduled public Board of Education meeting, Wednesday, August 29th, 2007, seven o'clock p.m. at the high school.

MR. LEARY: Motion to adjourn.

MS. SPEIZER: Second.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We didn't

adjourn the meeting yet, just one second.

DR. FERRIE: Oh, no, no, no, I'm sorry, Madam Chairman. One thing, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Before we adjourn, can we please set the time to go into -- to open the meeting in August at five o'clock. And I'll tell the public this, we're not going to start the meeting at five o'clock. We're obviously going to open the meeting at five o'clock, but hopefully we anticipate that the Board of Education in closed session will be interviewing the final two candidates for the assistant superintendent position for personnel. So could we please have a motion and a second.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We need a motion and a second.

DR. FERRIE: To open that meeting at five o'clock.

MS. FARAONE: I'll move it.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Patrice.

MS. FARAONE: Yes.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Second by Ms. Speizer. All in favor. Aye.

(Unanimous).

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Opposed.

(None.)

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, the motion is passed. Patrice.

MS. FARAONE: Motion to adjourn.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Now we have a motion to adjourn by Mr. Leary and a second by Ms. Speizer. All in favor. Aye.

(Unanimous)

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Opposed.

(None).

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, the meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – PUBLIC BOARD MEETING JULY 18, 2007

I. Enrollment

	6/30/07	5/31/07	Increase+ Decrease-	6/30/06	Difference
Applegarth School	676	676	0	668	+ 8
Barclay Brook School	703	702	+1	691	+ 12
Brookside School	938	941	-3	818	+120
Mill Lake School	691	691	0	649	+ 42
Woodland School	492	492	0	486	+ 6
Monroe High School	1457	1459	-2	1364	+ 93
Total Elementary & Secondary	**4957**	**4961**	**-4**	**4676**	**+281**

	6-30-07	5-31-07	Difference
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	14	0
Bancroft	1	1	0
Bridge Academy	1	1	0
Jamesburg Student	1	1	0
Center School, Highland Park	2	2	0
Jamesburg Student	2	2	0
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	1	0
Collier School, Wickatunk	3	3	0
CPC High Point	5	5	0
Jamesburg Student	2	2	0
Eden Institute	2	2	0
Harbor School	3	3	0
High Roads	5	5	0
Jamesburg Student	2	2	0
Joseph Cappello	2	2	0
Kidspeace	1	1	0
Kiva High School	0	0	0
Jamesburg Student	1	1	0
Mercer Elementary	1	1	0
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	3	3	0
Jamesburg Student	3	3	0
Mercer County Reg Day	3	3	0
Midland School, North Branch	4	4	0
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1	1	0

New Brunswick High School			0
Jamesburg Student	1	1	0
Pine Ridge	1	1	0
Piscataway Reg Day	1	1	0
Raritan Valley Academy	1	1	0
Rock Brook	1	1	0
Rugby School	1	1	0
Jamesburg Student	1	1	0
Schoth School	1	1	0
Somerset Co. Day Training	1	1	0
Somerset Hills Residential	2	2	0
Spotswood High School			0
Jamesburg Student	1	1	0
Summit Speech	1	1	0
UMDNJ	1	1	0
Youth Consultation Services	1	1	0
TOTAL Monroe Students	**64**	**64**	**0**
TOTAL Jamesburg Students	**14**	**14**	**0**

II. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/ wk
HI 06/07-17	504	11	Laffey, DeJesus, Schwartz, Tolboom	HS	2-1-07		10
HI 06/07-18	504	9	Quindes	HS	12-8-06	6-21-07	10
HI 06/07-19	Med	12	Stapenski	HS	1-30-07	6-21-07	10
HI 06/07-22	CST	11	Castaldo, Fennessy, Latwis	OD	3-14-07		10
HI 06/07-24	Med	9	Mackin, Cerny, Deboer, Lynch, Weiner	HS	4-10-07	6-21-07	10
HI 06/07-25	CST	Ps	Romano	ML	4-17-07		6
HI 06/07-27	Med	9	Drust, Quindes, Granett	HS	4-20-07	5-24-07	10
HI 06/07-28	Med	9	Weiner, Fennessy, Granett	HS	5-21-07		10
HI 06/07-29	Med	12	Stapenski, Dale, Hladek, Simmons	HS	5-16-07	6-21-07	10
HI 06/07-30	CST	9	Latwis	HS	6-14-07		10
HI J 06/07-2	CST	12	DeBellis	OD	3-2-07		10
HI J 06/07-3	CST	11	Castaldo, Fennessy	OD	3-14-07		10

II. Home Instruction Suspension

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours
HI-SUS 06/07-9	SUS	12	Beahm, Tolboom	HS	2-12-07	6-21-07	10

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School ----------June 11 and 12, 2007
Barclay Brook School ---------- June 6 and 7, 2007
Brookside School ----------June 14 and 21, 2007
Mill Lake School ----------June 6 and 21, 2007
Woodland School ----------June 7 and 18, 2007
Monroe High School ----------June 19 and 21, 2007

IV. Personnel

A. It is recommended that the Board of Education, contingent upon Board approval of his appointment as Superintendent in his new district, accept the resignation of Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, effective August 1, 2007.

B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Loreen Holstein,** chemistry teacher at the High School, effective July 2, 2007.

C. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Christopher Balent,** physical education teacher at Brookside School, effective July 2, 2007.

D. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Donna Spooner**, paraprofessional at Brookside School, effective July 10, 2007.

E. It is recommended that the Board transfer **Ms. Audra Perschilli**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School from supervisory 3.75/hrs per day to special education 5.75/hrs. per day, effective September 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

F. It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the contract of **Mr. John Salisbury**, as the Athletic Field/Grounds Supervisor for the District**,** at a salary of $62,445, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

G. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the contract of **Ms. Susan Cohen**, Project Manager/Behavioral Specialist for the district at 120% of Step 6 MA minus 20 days over the summer, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

H. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the contract of **Ms. Kim Van Pelt Wasnesky**, School Social Worker for the district at 120% of Step 4 MA prorated, minus 20 days over the summer, effective September 1, 2007 through December 21, 2007.

I. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the contract of **Ms. Angela Bonura**, paraprofessional at Barclay Brook at Step 8 of the paraprofessional guide, 2.25 special education and 5.25 supervisory, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

J. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the contract of **Ms. Donna Ryfkogel,** paraprofessional at Barclay Brook School at Step 8 of the paraprofessional guide, 5.75 special education, .25 bus duty, .5 lunch, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

K. It is recommended that the Board approve the following child study team to work additional days to evaluations, conduct classification meetings, and develop IEP's:

Mary Ferguson	LDTC
Iona Meer	Psychologist

L. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers at Applegarth School as Team Leaders for the 2007-2008 school year:

Laurie Budrewicz
Irene Curran
Adam Layman
Shirley Siniscalchi
Maria Steffero
Christine Viszoki

M. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the following contracts effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Jerry Tague to reflect 15 years longevity	$910
Reginald Washington to reflect 15 years longevity	$910
Bob Lempfert to reflect blue seal	$1000

Paula Seitz, teacher Mill Lake School, Step 5BA change to Step 5 BA+15
Dawn Krempecki Bus Driver Step 5 change to Step 6
Donna Poko Bus Driver Step 3 change to Step 2
Debra LaGola Bus Driver Step 5 change to Step 6
Susan Lohman, Bus Driver 8 hours/day change to 7 hours/day
Susan Lederman, Library Coor. at MTHS, 5.6 hrs/day change to 6.0/hrs. day

N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the IAQ position for the 2007-2008 school year:

Doug Glassmacher (50%)	Applegarth
John Devine (50%)	Applegarth
Jackie Winters	Barclay Brook
Anthony Pepe	High School

O. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for Band Camp at the High School for the 2007-2008 school year:

Rodney Farrar
Sharon Maher
Peter Saleh
Christopher Gow

P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the after school clubs at Applegarth School for the Fall 2007 semester:

Nancy Markwell	Student Council
Sherri Fatovic	Yearbook Advisor
Marianne Taylor	Yearbook Business Manager
Janet Kaufman	Drama Director
Nicole DiLorenzo	Assistant Music/Choreographer
Joyce Kaye	Set Design
Robert Howatt	Band Director
Rhonna Guglielmetti	Chorus Director
Ronald Herrick	Fall Athletic Manager (50%)
Cheryl Whinna	Fall Athletic Manager (50%)
Ronald Herrick	Winter Athletic Manager
Cheryl Whinna	Spring Athletic Manager
Kathleen Dillon	Softball (Step 3 High School)
William Jacoutot	Wrestling Step 3
Cheryl Whinna	Girl's Basketball Step 3
Claire Faherty	Girl's Soccer 50% Step 3
Kyleen Oates	Girl's Soccer 50% Step 1
Pat Geroni	Boy's Soccer Step 1
Pat Geroni	Baseball Step 2
Natalie Burd	Field Hockey Step 1
Rachel Zarodnansky	Cross Country Step 2
Judy Marshak	Detention
Judy Firestine	Detention

Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the coaching positions at the High School for the 2007-2008 school year:

Head Football Coach	Pat Dowling	Step-3
Assistant Football Coaches	Bob Molarz	Step-3
	Chris Beagan	Step-3
	Mike Gigliello	Step-3
	Justin Cella	Step-3
	Marc DeBellis	Step-3
	Ken Chanley	Step-2
	Dave Hallion	Step-2
Head Boys Soccer	Steven MacKenzie	Step-3

Assistant Boys Soccer	Ross Schultz	Step-3
	Joseph Yannone	Step-3
Head Girls Soccer	Kathy Dillon	Step-3
Assistant Girls Soccer	Gregor Beyer	Step-3
	Renata Fiore	Step-2
Head Field Hockey	Virginia Gonzalez	Step-3
Assistant Field Hockey	Keith Hudak	Step-3
	Eileen Kelley	Step-3
Head Boys X-Country	Frank Bonich	Step-3
Head Girls X-Country	Jim Cox	Step-3
Head Girls Tennis	Trudy Marmorek	Step-3
Assistant Girls Tennis	Nicole Mazzola	Step-1
Head Girls Volleyball	Susan Winfree	Step-2
Assistant Girls Volleyball	Maura Towne	Step-1
Head Cheerleading (Fall)	Allison Mackin	Step-3
Assistant Cheerleading (Fall)	Sinead McGrath	Step-3
Competition Cheerleading	Allison Mackin	Step-3
Weight-room & Conditioning (Summer)	Patrick Dowling	Step-3
Head Boys Basketball	Bob Turco	Step-3
Assistant Boys Basketball	John Bigos	Step-2
	Scott Wall	Step-3
Co-Head Wrestling	Sal Profaci	Step-3
	Alan Rushing	Step-3
Assistant Wrestling	James Kushner	Step-3
Head Boys Winter Track	Virginia Gonzalez	Step-3
Assistant Winter Track	Frank Bonich	Step-3
Head Girls Winter Track	Jim Cox	Step-3
Assistant Winter Track	John Murphy	Step-2
Head Bowling	George Packard	Step-3
Head Cheerleading (Winter)	Allison Mackin	Step-3
Assistant Cheerleading	Sinead McGrath	Step-3
Head Ice Hockey	Gerard Minter	Step-3
Assistant Ice Hockey	Ed Andersen	Step-2
Head Baseball	Greg Beyer	Step-3
Assistant Baseball	Ron Herrick	Step-3
	Antonio Pepe	Step-2
Head Softball	Keith Hudak	Step-3
Assistant Softball	Donald Fadden	Step-3
	Sandi Mascali	Step-3
Head Boys Spring Track	Frank Bonich	Step-3
Head Girls Spring Track	Jim Cox	Step-3
Assistant Spring Track	Marc DeBellis	Step-3
	Virginia Gonzalez	Step-3
	John Murphy	Step-2
Head Boys Lacrosse	Joseph Yannone	Step-2
Assistant Boys Lacrosse	Ross Schultz	Step-1
Head Boys Tennis	Jim Kushner	Step-3

Assistant Boys Tennis	Matt Olszewski	Step-3
Head Golf	Dennis Kelleher	Step-1

R. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the advisory positions at the High School for the 2007-2008 school year:

Academic Team		Laura Granett & Jaclyn Abruzzese (Co-advisors)
African-American Club		John Murphy
Assistant Academic Team Advisor		Laura Granett & Jaclyn Abruzzese (Co-advisors)
Alternative School Head		Keith Hudak
Anytown		Brooke Messinger
Art Club		Julie Gold
AVA Coordinator		Boris Hladek
Band Director		Martin Griffin
Asst. Marching Band: Percussion		Peter Saleh
	Choreographer	Rodney Farrar
	Drill Instr.	Chris Gow
Fitness/Aerobics	Fall	Danielle Kennedy
	Winter	Steve MacKenzie
	Spring	George Packard
Chess Club		Cecilia Mendell
Choral Director		Beverly Robinovitz
Asst. Chorus & Choir		Jennifer Alagna
Mens Choir		Jennifer Alagna
Class Advisors	Sophomore	Danielle Kennedy/ Brooke Messinger (co-advisors)
	Junior	Jaclyn Abruzzese
	Senior	Sheree Reiff/Jovanna Quindes (co-advisors)
Computer Club		Nicole Santora
D.E.C.A.		Deborah Stapinski
Distance Lab Coordinator		Eugene Snook
Drama Director (Production 1)		Robert Byrnes
Drama Producer (Prod.1)		Delores McClain
Color Guard		Sharon Maher
Asst. Color Guard (Fall)		Mike Kelley
Asst. Color Guard (Winter)		Sharon Maher
Fellowship Christian Athletes		Debra DeBoer/Jo-anne Cardone (co-advisors)
F.B.L.A.		Deanna Dale
F.C.C.L.A.		Kim Goulding
F.L.Y. Coordinator		Diane Petersen
F.L.Y. Counselors		Danielle Kennedy
		Cecelia Mendell
		Laurie Beagan
		Mary O'Leary
		Sheree Reiff
		Ed Andersen
		Christina Basile
		Debbie Bolla

Gay/Straight Alliance	Nicole Butler/Laura Granett (co-advisors)
History Club	Laura Granett/Susan Winfree (co-advisors)
I.A.Q. Coordinator	Anthony Pepe
International Thespian Society	Robert Byrnes
Jazz Dance Team	Michelle Ballard
Jazz Ensemble	Martin Griffin
Key Club	Brian Latwis
Knitting	Linda LoBello/Eileen Kelley (co-advisors)
Literary Magazine	Nicole Butler /Renata Fiore (co-advisors)
Mathletes	Beth Goldstein
Mock Trial	Joseph Yannone
Multi-Cultural Club	Manjit Sran
National Arts Honor Society	Janae DeLaurentis
National Honor Society	Cecilia Mendell
Newspaper	Sandi Appel-Bubnowski
Oratorical (American Legion)	Laura Granett
Poetry Corner	Lindsay Steuber
Photography	Pat Rein
Project Graduation Coordinator	Caren Castaldo
Project Graduation Assistants	Laura Granett
	Nicole Butler
	Renata Fiore
School Store	Ralph Zamrzycki
Science Club	Kirk Rothfuss
Scienceletes	Ryan Tolboom
Spanish Honor Society	Rosemarie Armstrong
Step Dance	Manjit Sran
Student Activities Advisor	Theresa Blevins
Student Council	Melissa Schwartz/ Danielle Drust (co-advisors)
Technology Club	Andrew Laffey
Teen Arts	Julie Gold
Tri-M	Beverly Robinovitz
Weight Training (Fall)	Michael McDonald
Weight Training (Winter)	Marc DeBellis
Weight Training (Spring)	Christopher Beagan
Yearbook	Kimberly Oade
Yearbook Business Manager	Susan Winfree
Young Science Achievers	Dean Quest
Youth & Government	Laura Granett

S. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated personnel at the following steps and guides:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Reason for hire
Shari Levine	Special Education teacher	Mill Lake	Step 9 MA $60,325 + 2,450	9/1/07-6/30/08	New position
Margarita Turkish	Behavior Specialist/School Psychologist	District	Step 8 MA+30 $55,425+3,050 minus 20 days	9/1/07 6/30/08	New position
Tricia Gregorin	Teacher of grade 4	Woodland	Step 1 MA $42,535 +2,450	9/1/07-6/30/08	Replacement position
Delores Schauer	Treasurer of School Money	District	Stipend $2,610	2007-2008	Re-appointment
Renee LaMontagne	Language Arts teacher	MTHS	Step 1 MA $42,535 + 2,450	9/1/07-6/30/08	New position
Jenna DiSalvio	Music Teacher	MTHS	Step 1 BA $42,535	9/1/07-6/30/08	New position
Georgette Nelson	Special Education teacher	Brookside	Step 1 BA $42,535	9/1/07-1/31/08	Maternity leave
Zachary Morolda	Business	MTHS	Step 1 BA $42,535	9/1/07-6/30/08	New position
Abbe Lustgarten	Special Education	MTHS	Stpe 6 MA $45,635+2,450	9/1/07-6/30/08	Replacement position
Traci Rickert	Chemistry teacher	MTHS	Step 4 MA $43,435+2,450	9/1/07-6/30/08	Replacement position

T. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel at the following steps and guides:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for hire
Sandra Chong	Bus Driver	Transportation	Step 2	9/1/07-6/30/08	6hrs/day	New
Dolores Irato	Bus Driver	Transportation	Step 3	9/1/07-6/30/08	6 hrs/day	Renewal
Sandy Pearn	Paraprofessional	Transportation	Step 1	9/1/07-6/30/08	1 hr/day	Renewal
Ann Marie George	Benefits/Use of Facilities Coordinator	Central Office	Central Office $32,000 prorated	7/20/07-6/30/08		Retirement replacement
Alice Hansen	Personnel Secretary	Central Office	Central Office Guide $32,000 prorated	8/13/07-6/30/08		Resignation Replacement

Kim Martini	Paraprofessional Special Education	Mill Lake	Step 3	9/5/07-6/30/08	6.75 hrs/day	Renewal

U. It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals to be added to the 20207-2008 list of approved substitutes:

Certificated

Kathleen Doughterty	Substitute Teacher

Non Certificated

Mark Nebbia	Substitute Custodian
William McLaughlin	Substitute Custodian
Agnes Babino	Substitute Secretary
Anthony Leontiev	Substitute Paraprofessional
Angela Paoluccio	Substitute Paraprofessional/Secretary
Irene Covington	Substitute Bus Driver

V. Board Action

A. It is recommended that the Board approve the following new Policies and Regulations for a first reading:

Policy No. 5305 Health Services Personnel
Policy No. 5306 Health Services to Non-Public Schools
Regulation No. 5306 Health Services to Non Public Schools
Policy No. 5307 Nursing Services Plan
Policy No. 5308 Pupil Health Records
Regulation No. 5308 Pupil Health Records
Policy No. 5332 Do Not Resuscitate Orders
Policy No. 5335 Treatment of Asthma

B. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policies and Regulations for a second and final reading:

Bylaw No. 147.1A Board Member Compensation and Expenses
Policy No. 2415.20 No Child Left Behind Complaints
Regulation No. 2415.20 No Child Left Behind Complaints
Regulation No. 3440 Travel Expenses for Teaching Staff Members
Regulation 4440 Travel Expenses for Support Staff

C. It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy No. 5310 Health Services
Regulation No. 5310 Health Services
Policy No. 5530 Substance Abuse

D. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.

E. It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of **Mr. Dennis Ventrello**, principal at Brookside School, to principal of the new elementary school, effective January 1, 2008.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – PUBLIC BOARD MEETING JULY 18, 2007

I. BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling $6,934,262.61 for June 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

B. BILL LIST – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL(BOND SERIES 1999)

It is recommended that the bills totaling $14,400.00 for June 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

C. BILL LIST – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling $18,749.68 for June 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

D. BILL LIST–NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling $2,108,985.67 for June 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

E. SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL & CASH REPORT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby certifies that it is in receipt of the Financial Reports for June 2007, which indicates that no major accounts or funds have been over expended and that sufficient funds were available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the June 2007 Secretary's Report indicates that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

F. 2006/07 SUMMARY CASH REPORT

Be It Resolved that members of the Board of Education hereby certify that they are in receipt of the Summary Cash Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

G. CHART OF ACCOUNTS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Chart of Accounts for 2007/08.

H. BID AWARD - PAPER

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education award the bid for paper to Ricoh Paper in the amount of $85,486.92. Please refer to the attached bid analysis for supplemental information.

I. TRANSFER # 13

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #13 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

J. CHANGE FUNDS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education formally establish for fiscal year 2007/08 the following:

Athletics Change Fund in the amount of $200.00
and
Cafeteria Change Fund in the amount of $930.00.

K. 2007/2008 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT RENEWALS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve transportation contract renewals for the 2007/2008 school year as listed on the attached analysis.

L. 2007/2008 FIELD AND ATHLETIC TRIPS CONTRACT RENEWAL

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a contract renewal to First Student for 2007/2008 field and athletic trips. Please refer to the enclosed analysis for supplemental information.

M. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR FIVE 54-PASSENGER INTEGRATED CONVENTIONAL (TYPE C) VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education advertised for the submission of bids for five 2008 or newer Diesel Engines/Auto Transmission/Hydraulic Brakes 54-Passenger Integrated Conventional (Type C) Vehicles and four bids were received on July 10, 2007, as follows:

1. Wolfington Body Company, Inc. $374,500.00;
2. Truck King International Sales & Service $393,370.00;
3. H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc. $397,395.00;
4. American Bus & Coach, LLC $401,435.00; and

WHEREAS, the GENERAL REQUIREMENTS of the Bid Specifications, page 3.1-1, SUBMISSION OF BID, paragraph 5, provides that items referred to by number or company name are for descriptive purposes and are to be used to denote a minimum standard of quality only; and

WHEREAS, page 4 of the School Bus Specifications, under TRANSMISSION, provides as follows:

"ALLISON SERIES 2500 P.T.S. AUTOMATIC 5 SPEED TRANSMISSION WITH OVERDRIVE, CASTROL TRANSYND SYNTHETIC OIL AND OIL COOLER.

SHIFT CONTROL TO INCLUDE PARK LOCK POSITION WHICH AUTOMATICALLY ENGAGES PARKING BRAKE FOR ADDED SAFETY."; and

WHEREAS, Wolfington Body Co., Inc., set forth an exception as follows:

A. "Supplying Allison 2200 transmission with park pawl"; and

WHEREAS, the Bid Specifications provided no minimum Gross Vehicle Weight but stated a maximum of 29,760 pounds for Gross Vehicle Weight; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15(d) provides in relevant part that any specifications for the provision of goods shall be drafted in a manner to encourage free, open and competitive bidding and in particular, no specifications may require, with regard to any contract, the furnishing of any "brand name" but may in all cases require "brand name or equivalent;" and

WHEREAS, Wayne Modzelewski and Ingrid Reitano have confirmed that the Allison Series 2200 P.T.S. Automatic 5 Speed Transmission bid by Wolfington Body Co., Inc., is the functional equivalent of the Allison Series 2500 P.T.S. Automatic 5 Speed Transmission for the vehicles to be furnished by Wolfington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby awards a Contract to Wolfington Body Co., Inc., in the amount of $374,500.00 for furnishing Five 54-Passenger Integrated Conventional (Type C) Vehicles, subject to all Bid Specifications and Contract Documents.

N. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

EXEMPT SERVICES - Awarded without competitive bidding as provided for under the provisions of the Public Schools Contracts Law:

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Maryanne Esch to provide speech therapy and evaluations for the 2007-2008 school year beginning with the extended school year program at the hourly supplemental rate.

2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Harrison-Hammett, P.C. to provide consulting structural engineering services at the following hourly rates:

Principal	$145.00
Associate	$115.00
Project Engineer	$110.00
Design Engineer	$ 90.00
Drafting	$ 75.00
Clerical	$ 40.00

3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize payment to the law firm of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O'Neill in the amount of $22 as related to Beckman v. King, Conklin and Monroe Township Board of Education.

4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education hereby enters into a medical services agreement with Dr. Rex Zapanta as School Physician, for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2007 and terminating June 30, 2008 for a retainer payment of $19,859.84. This amount shall be paid in 12 equal installments.

5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Dr. Joseph Richardson and other associates affiliated with Whitehall Associates Inc. to prepare a Demographic Study. The estimated fee for the Demographic Study is $2,000.

O. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ACQUISITION AND FINANCING OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT

Adopted July 18, 2007

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board of Education") of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "School District") has by three resolutions, each adopted on June 13, 2007 (collectively, the "Resolutions") authorized the acquisition and financing of (i) real time digital video recorders for the School District's buses, (ii) closed circuit television surveillance systems for the School District's schools, and (iii) lighting for Monroe Township High School athletic fields (collectively, the "Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of each of the Resolutions delegated to the Board Secretary the authority to award a contract for the acquisition of the particular items of Equipment authorized

therein prior to the Board meeting of July 18, 2007, and subject to ratification by the Board of Education at such meeting; and

WHEREAS, awards of contracts for the acquisition of the Equipment will not be made by July 18, 2007 and the Board of Education hereby desires to amend the Resolutions in order extend the time during which the Board Secretary shall have authority to make such awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 2 of each of the Resolutions is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"The Board hereby delegates to the Board Secretary the authority to award a contract for the acquisition of the Equipment prior to the Board meeting of August 29, 2007, and subject to ratification by the Board at such meeting. In the event that any such award is not made by August 29, 2007, the delegation authorized by this resolution shall continue in effect to subsequent Board meetings but any such award shall be subject to ratification by the Board."

2. All other provisions of the Resolutions shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

P. TRANSPORTATION/MAINTENANCE PETTY CASH

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize a Transportation/Maintenance Petty Cash Fund for fiscal year 2007/08 in the amount of $500., that the maximum single expenditure shall not exceed $75., that the designated individuals responsible for the petty cash fund is Ingrid Reitano, Director of Student Transportation and Jerry Tague, Director of Facilities, the minimum time period in which the designated individual shall report to the Board of Education shall be annually, and replenishment of the petty cash fund shall require a detailed and signed affidavit.

Q. CONTRACT/LICENSE AGREEMENT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute a contract/license agreement between Global Spectrum, L.P. and the Monroe Township Board of Education to utilize Sovereign Bank Arena for the 2008 High School Graduation Ceremony. Please refer to the enclosed contract/license agreement for supplemental information.

R. AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLWIRES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize an agreement between Schoolwires Inc. and the Monroe Township Board of Education for the following:

Software Licensing & Maintenance Fees	$5,180

Web Hosting, Software Licensing & Maintenance	$1,295
One-Time Academic Portal Implementation Fee	$1,200
One-Time Required Academic Portal Online Training Fee	$ 800

S. BID AUTHORIZATION

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for and solicit bids for asphalt paving/pothole patching.

The above action authorizes the Business Administrator to sign and administer contracts and /or purchase orders.