

Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education held on April 25, 2007 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary, Mr. Wayne Holliday at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Joseph Homoki (arrived 7:59 p.m.)
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Ms. Amy Speizer
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Marvin I. Braverman
Ms. Kathy Leonard

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Gina Antoniello
Mr. George Leonard
Mr. Alex Malvone

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

BOARD ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 33

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

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the Monroe Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted April 20, 2007:

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

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Holliday announced that the 2007/08 school budget passed. A computer printout of the 2007 Annual School Election results was provided for the public and is attached to the official set of minutes.

STATUTORY OATH

Mr. Holliday, Board Secretary/Business Administrator administered the statutory oath to the following elected Board of Education Members:

1. Mr. Lew Kaufman,
2. Ms. Amy Speizer,
3. Mr. Ira Tessler, and
4. Ms. Patrice Faraone (Jamesburg Board of Education Representative).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES

Dr. Ferrie introduced members of the Winter Sports Athletic teams that were present and acknowledged their achievements. Prior to the first public forum Dr. Ferrie introduced and acknowledged additional students who were not present during the first acknowledgement.

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION

Ms. Speizer moved, seconded by Ms. Kolupanowich 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 to discuss the following subjects:

Collective Bargaining: Representation Petition – Monroe Township Board of Education
Employee Organization,

Personnel/Contract Negotiations: Technology Department Staff Tuition/certification
reimbursement,

Collective Bargaining: MTEA Sick Bank,

Personnel/Contract Negotiations: Assistant Superintendents and School Business Administrator
contracts,

Land acquisition: Acquisition of utility easements in connection with the new Elementary School on Applegarth Road, and

Personnel: Pending potential retirement of a district employee.

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 into Closed Session at 6:50 p.m.

Members of the Board of Education reconvened to the Public Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Holliday announced that nominations were in order for the election of Board President.

Ms. Speizer nominated Ms. Kolupanowich for the position of Board President and stated that Ms. Kolupanowich has served on the Board for eight years and has done an outstanding job for two years as President. Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. Mr. Leary moved that nominations for the position of Board President be closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaufman. Motion Carried. Mr. Holliday proceeded with a roll call vote for Ms. Kolupanowich to serve as the President of the Board of Education.

Roll Call:

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Patrice Faraone	Ms. Ostrager	None	Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. Joseph Homoki			Ms. Kathy Leonard
Mr. Lew Kaufman			
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich			
Mr. John Leary			
Ms. Amy Speizer			
Mr. Ira Tessler			

Motion Carried.

Mr. Holliday announced that Ms. Kolupanowich was elected President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

Ms. Kolupanowich took her seat as President of the Monroe Township Board of Education and thanked the Board for their support in giving her the opportunity to continue as Board President for another year.

Ms. Kolupanowich congratulated Mr. Kaufman and Ms. Speizer for being re-elected to the Board, Mr. Tessler for his election to his first term as a member of the Board and to Ms. Faraone for being re-elected as the Jamesburg Board of Education Representative. Ms. Kolupanowich thanked the public in attendance for their support in passing the budget and stated that the public spoke through the election showing what they want and don't want. Ms. Kolupanowich said the public does not want the negativity associated with the Board over the past few months, the in-fighting amongst Board Members and doesn't want Board Members with their own agendas and who disrespect the administration. Then she stated: "There are many challenges ahead and many changes that need to be made, so it is time to put away differences and do the job the public has

asked the Board to do; continue to give the children a quality education and to move forward to build the High School in the park”.

Ms. Kolupanowich announced that nominations were now in order for the election of Vice President for the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki to nominate Mr. Kaufman as Vice President stating that he has been on the board for six years, has been very active and a supporter as a parent and Board Member of the band program and has a very strong technology background. Mr. Homoki added that Mr. Kaufman has been invaluable as Chair of the Technology Committee. Mr. Tessler seconded the nomination.

Mr. Leary, seconded by Ms. Speizer made a motion to close the nominations for Vice President. Motion Carried.

Roll Call:

<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Patrice Faraone	None	None	Mr. Braverman
Mr. Joseph Homoki			Ms. Leonard
Mr. Lew Kaufman			
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich			
Mr. John Leary			
Ms. Rita Ostrager			
Ms. Amy Speizer			
Mr. Ira Tessler			

Motion Carried.

Mr. Holliday announced that Mr. Kaufman was elected Vice President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

Mr. Kaufman thanked everyone who came out and supported the budget. He also stated that he feels the public will be seeing a very different Board of Education; one that will be taking greater ownership and a more active role on all projects.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer to recommend that members of the Board of Education adopt the Board Meeting Schedule at which time formal action may be taken. Motion Carried 8 - 0 for the presented board meeting schedule.

POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that all policies of the previous Board are hereby adopted until such time as the Board decides to revise, or otherwise alter policies. Motion Carried 8 - 0.

DESIGNATION OF BANKS OR DEPOSITORIES

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the Board of Education designate the following banks or depositories for school district funds:

The Bank of New York
DIME/Washington Mutual
Commerce Bank
PNC BANK
The Depository Trust Company
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Sun Trust Leasing Corporation
Harco Leasing Company Inc.
Municipal Services Group Inc.
LaSalle Bank
Wachovia *
First Savings Bank
New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management
Advantage Bank
Commerce Commercial Leasing
Banc One Leasing Corporation
Provident Bank
JPMorgan Chase & Co.

* Provides most of the banking services.

Be It Further Resolved that the Business Administrator is authorized to establish accounts and wire transfer funds among the accounts as needed. Motion Carried 8 - 0.

NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the Board of Education designates the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune, or the Asbury Park Press all of which circulate in the school district, as official newspapers for legal advertisement. Motion Carried 8 - 0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Jay Brown, 14 Cameo Drive congratulated the Board, and administration for getting the budget passed. Then, Mr. Brown congratulated the three newly elected Board Members and stated that Ira has done great work through the Monroe Education Foundation and feels it will carry over to the Board. He stated that Mr. Kaufman is a credit to the School Board and that he was pleased knowing that Amy was reelected and the top vote getter. Additionally, Mr. Brown stated that the message sent by the public through the election results was to: "Get on with business, get the building done in the park where it belongs; overcome the obstacles and stay focused on it and get it done". Mr. Brown ended by saying: "I have never seen an election in my past 33 years in Monroe, as nasty as this last one; for a school board position which is a thankless, aggravating job where you get nothing for it financially and he realizes they did because they care for children and are here for them. Go on with good work, play nicely together and stop the nastiness. The silent majority spoke on election day".

Ms. Jennifer Dressel, Dey Grove Rd. stated that regarding Resolution L, she is not happy that tax dollars are paying \$4,006.23 for poor legal advice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting, 2007-08 Budget Presentation & Adoption held on March 28, 2007. Motion Carried with Mr. Tessler abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that personnel items (A – O) as listed in the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried 8 - 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer to approve Item P which was read by Dr. Ferrie recommending that Members of the Board of Education approve the resignation due to retirement of Angelo Cinquegrano, Mill Lake School Head Custodian effective September 1, 2007. Roll Call – Motion Carried 8 – 0.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Homoki that Board Action items (A – D) as listed in the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – Motion Carried 8 - 0. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Tessler to accept the Superintendent's Report. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer that Board Action items (A – M) as listed in the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Ms. Ostrager stated the following: "I would like to voice an objection as I did last month for us to be continuing to be paying a salary of \$8,299.04 out of the proceeds from the high school bond referendum. I'm very concerned with the continued depletion of the funds in that account that we so sorely need to build this high school. I've voiced it in the past. I'll continue to do so." Roll Call – Motion Carried 8 – 0 with Ms. Ostrager voting no on Item C. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve the resolution labeled Item N, read by Board Attorney Bertram Busch. A copy of the resolution is attached to the official set of minutes. Roll Call - Motion Carried 8 – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the Business Administrator's Report. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL RECREATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Speizer, Municipal Recreation Board Representative, spoke about the upcoming Golf Outing and the Buddy Ball program which is a baseball program for children with special needs.

MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Leary, Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Representative, stated that the Board of Directors will meet on Friday to discuss the evaluation of the Commission's Superintendent and that the Finance Committee will meet on Monday.

LIBRARY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Ferrie, Library Board Representative, stated that the Library Board met and there is an upcoming author series, book signings with authors Ann Jones and Mike Stracka, a poetry contest for students in grades 3 – 8, a photography contest for students in grades K – 8, and free audio book downloads onto MP3 players.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – REFER TO ATTACHED TRANSCRIPT

PUBLIC FORUM – REFER TO ATTACHED TRANSCRIPT

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Ostrager that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. The public meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

TRANSCRIPT

APRIL 25, 2007
PUBLIC BOARD
MEETING

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MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Seeing none,
we will go to number 18.

Is there any business from any
member of the Board of Education?

Mr. HOMOKI: Madam Chair, I
would like to talk about a few items. At the
last public meeting that we had, I talked
about some governance issues as far as this
Board is concerned, and I did say that I will
save the notes that I read from and referred
to from the last meeting and I have them
right in front of me. I think it would be
good if I just go over it again so we know
what we're talking about.

I believe that time has come for
this Board to assess and evaluate the process
as to how we make decisions. The present
system that we have is that we have appointed
committees and essentially those are the only
people who are on a certain committee.

What this system does is that it
excludes non-members from in depth

1 participation and discussions. It also,
2 report given by full Board given to the full
3 Board is sometimes very sketchy and I don't
4 believe the public nor the Board members
5 really get the full flavor of what the
6 executive or the committee meetings were all
7 about. And of course, some of the members
8 are not part of the committee so they are
9 automatically out.
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11 And there's no public present,
12 nobody there because meetings are not public
13 meetings. The question really is do we want
14 to operate in our decision-making process as
15 we have done in the past or look for change?
16 Not so much for change but to improve how we
17 govern and operate.

18 Another option, aside the one
19 that we have right now, would be to operate
20 as a committee of the whole. That would
21 simply call for two meetings a month, one an
22 agenda session whereby all Board members are
23 present. They discuss issues, all of the
24 issues that are discussed at individual
25 committees, as we do now. They do not vote

on any items. They simply agree that it will be forwarded to the full Board for action.

The disadvantage of this is that the meetings tend to be very long, and I just want to tell you a lot of boards do operate committee on a whole, basically two meetings, a meeting for action and a meeting to plan for that.

The meetings tend to be too long because many, many items are discussed and sometimes people don't have all the time to sit around and discuss issues that really may not specifically pertain to them.

What we can do with that is we can advertise those agenda sessions in the newspaper and they become public meetings, only to the extent that the public is invited to sit and listen but not participate.

They can listen and be there and hear the discussions that go on by Board members. But that's another option that I think we ought to consider, and there's a third one and by the way, I'm not married to any one of these, but I'm just tossing these

1 out to the Board. And I hope we are going to
2 discuss this this evening and make some
3 decisions about the way we go.
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5 The nice thing about the
6 committee as a whole is that every member
7 participates and the public can observe how
8 the Board functions.

9 As I said, the big disadvantage
10 is that it's very lengthy, sometimes very
11 boring for people sitting in the audience.

12 There's also a third option that
13 we might want to consider and that is a
14 little bit different from what we have known
15 in the past, a little bit unique. And it
16 calls for establishing committees as we know
17 them now. The Board President will appoint
18 committee members, five members to the
19 committees. We don't have a majority there.
20 And these five members of the committee are
21 appointed because we want to ensure that
22 every time we have a subcommittee meeting, we
23 have members present. It's very important.

24 The big difference is that we
25 would also advertise these meetings and it

1 would be open to the public, but again the
2 public would be welcome to sit there and
3 listen to the committee discussions that go
4 on.
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6 The advantages of this is that
7 Board members and public are welcome to be
8 there and see the type of activities that
9 they place. It's much more managable and
10 less time-consuming and more time efficient
11 than committee of a whole, the entire board.

12 I also suggest that we talk
13 about this: There are some committees that
14 we have, I don't want to say they are useless
15 but they are useless. For example,
16 negotiating committee. We're not going to
17 negotiate for another two-and-a-half years or
18 three years, and every time the negotiating
19 committee comes up, is there a report?
20 There's no report. There's nothing going on.
21 Why have a committee?

22 When we get to the point where
23 we have to negotiate, again, a mechanism can
24 be in place that would appoint members to the
25 negotiating committee.

I also feel that Personnel Committee as a subcommittee should be eliminated. All personnel matters should be the concern and the responsibility of the entire Board and it should be handled in executive session which is the proper way of doing it anyway.

We also need to look at some of the other committees, and I don't have all the answers to everything but I think every committee ought to be looked at and see how we can improve the function of these committees.

Now, if we make a change from what we have now, we will have to amend our bylaws and look at our policies. I don't see that as a problem because if we agree, at least in concept, that we go with this, I'm sure the same Board who approves this will be approving the bylaws and the policies so it should be a relatively simple matter.

And my suggestion was at the last meeting that what I'm proposing be discussed today, today before we leave, make

1
2 some kind of a decision.

3 I think it is the ideal time to
4 make the change. It's a brand-new Board. We
5 are all looking for new direction. We're all
6 looking for things to happen and I think with
7 this, we would have much, much more
8 involvement of the public in terms of
9 observing what we're doing and of course, the
10 same for the Board members.

11 Now, I just want to tell you
12 again, Board members, that it's not a
13 perfect, and I certainly think that everybody
14 has their opinion as to what we should have,
15 and to some extent I'm very flexible but I
16 really think that we need to make some kind
17 of a move in the right direction. And what
18 I'd like to do is if you have some specific
19 questions, I'll be, try to answer the best
20 way I know how.

21 Let me just say one more thing
22 before I -- I made, I talked about three
23 suggestions but there may be other
24 combinations that I didn't think of that are
25 also possible. So with 10 people up here,

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2 I'm sure there will be at least 10 different
3 suggestions, so with that, I'll just turn it
4 back to the Chair and then we can start maybe
5 discussing this.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

7 Ms. Speizer.

8 MS. SPEIZER: Yes. I'm in
9 agreement with Mr. Homoki. I think it is
10 time for open committee meetings. There's
11 nothing that this Board discusses that needs
12 to be behind closed doors.

13 My own opinion is, after
14 listening to Mr. Homoki the last time and
15 tonight, what I would like to see is the five
16 Board members sitting on a committee, the
17 committee meetings open to the public with
18 possibly two or three alternates to the
19 committee insuring that we always have five
20 people there.

21 Of course, no action would be
22 taken because the full Board wouldn't be
23 there. Nor would there be any public
24 participation.

25 The schedule would be made by that

committee in advance for the year and an agenda would be posted on the website the prior day of the meeting as well as the schedule posted on the website.

MR. HOMOKI: Is that a motion or suggestion or just something to discuss?

MS. SPEIZER: I would like to make that a motion.

MR. LEARY: I think that's premature.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We can discuss that.

MR. HOMOKI: Why don't you hold the motion and let's get ideas first.

MS. SPEIZER: I'll hold the motion.

MR. LEARY: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

MR. LEARY: I live in Rossmoor and I was a director for eight years. I was the President of Rossmore for three years and I was the Chairman of the Finance Committee for four years.

Since 1991 ^{Rossmoor} ROSSMORE has operated

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1 in an open governance fashion. As an
2 example, back in 1999, the Twin Rivers
3 Development down in East Windsor, which was
4 at that time part of the Linda Greenstein's
5 legislative district was starting to have the
6 problems that have been in the newspapers in
7 the ensuing eight years.
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9 I sat down with her and went through
10 the governance policies of Rossmoor item by
11 item and after four hours of discussion she
12 said, "You're the gold standard for
13 governance", and what we do is in major part
14 what Joe has talked about.

15 We have a Board of Governors
16 representing 18, what are called mutuals
17 which are little villages, in effect. And
18 then we have six standing committees. And
19 each one of the little villages is
20 represented on the standing committee. The
21 minutes, I'll put it this way, the agenda is
22 posted well in advance.

23 We have a fixed schedule. The
24 first week is an agenda meeting analagous to
25 what you have, Joe. The second week is the

standing committees meet and the people who are the members of that group sit down and work through the items. The public participates.

The minutes that are recorded and they are published and then on the third week, we have what's called a Board of Governors which is the highest legislative body and that again is recorded. It's open public meeting and the minutes are published. And the public is welcome to participate in any way, shape or form as long as they obey Roberts Rules of Order.

On occasion, we've had people who started to get a little wacko and we had to shut down the meetings but in the main, the people are very well behaved. Decisions are made in a slow, methodical way but more often than not, it's the right decision, so I strongly support Joe's recommendation.

MR. HOMOKI: I just want to tell you I'm not too sure exactly which one I'm recommending.

MR. LEARY: The third one.

MR. HOMOKI: Okay.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you. I applaud you, Joe, in this recommendation. I think I have spoken to you in between the meetings and I was thrilled to hear this last meeting.

I ^{think} ~~take~~ Amy Speizer's suggestion that the agenda be posted on the website beforehand is an excellent one.

I think one of the problems that we have heard in the community is people don't know, you know, what's going on in the Board and I think this is a great way to solve that or to address that, at least, make a step in the right direction.

I would ask that maybe the agenda can be posted, as John Leary represented with Rossmoor well in advance so that people would have the opportunity to look at the agenda and realize, decide whether or not there's something in that particular committee or the Board meeting that they are interested in. A

1 day in advance may not be enough time for
2 people to adjust their schedule.
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4 So I probably further Amy's idea
5 of publishing it and maybe even make it
6 further ahead.

7 I would also ask that for any
8 committee or Board meetings that will be held
9 that all of the agenda and the supporting
10 material to agenda items be provided in the
11 Board package on the Friday of the previous
12 week. That way it eliminates us walking in
13 the committee meetings, quite often, with a
14 stack of materials handed to us then. We
15 don't have the time to absorb it, sort it
16 out, research it, think about it.

17 So I think that would also make
18 the committee meetings much more productive.

19 MR. HOMOKI: I would just like
20 to add I don't want to speak for
21 administration but there may be problems with
22 the agenda periodically. It may not be able
23 to produce the agenda a week or so ahead. It
24 may only be a couple of days before the
25 committee meeting.

But I think a mechanism could be put in place whereby everybody who is interested has access to it. But I don't think you could make the commitment that you have four or five days ahead because that may be a real problem. So I think you have to be flexible on that.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Right now, Ms. Ostrager, I think we post the agenda for our Board meetings on the day before the Board meetings on Tuesday because people know the schedule. If we have a schedule of meetings, committee meetings throughout the year, it would probably be appropriate to do the same thing. People would look for the agenda the day before the committee meeting, having the committees already posted the schedule.

MS. OSTRAGER: Would it be possible for Board members to be able to receive the material for committee meetings a few days in advance, rather than at this committee meetings themselves? I would find that very helpful.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Well, I believe, in most cases, that you do get the information before the committee meetings.

DR. FERRIE: The answer to that is yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you, very much.

MR. HOMOKI: I think, Rita, what we also have to understand --

DR. FERRIE: Qualify that, That's for committee meetings. There are other implications regarding Board meetings in terms of why the packet goes out on Monday and they relate to financials in terms of Wayne and they also relate to the issue of us trying to ensure that we minimize the number of addenda items.

Can't have it both ways because you know, because there are things that come up like tonight that we want to make sure we address in an ^{expedient} expeditient manner, so sometimes that's an issue.

But I'll let Wayne address the financial piece.

MS. OSTRAGER: I think there's always been exceptions. There are emergencies like we had tonight, which was clearly understood why it was done as an addenda which was given to us today and there has been an effort to minimize that, and I appreciate that. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Holliday.

DR. FERRIE: Can Mr. Holliday Just address the financial?

MR. HOMOKI: Sure. Go on, why don't you do that, Wayne, and I'll speak afterwards.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you. For the tape, this is Wayne Holliday speaking.

In terms of the committee receiving the agenda and materials related to the agenda for committee meetings, personally speaking for myself, I would see that where that would be very possible because we would not be taking any action during committee meetings, so I'm very comfortable with that particular situation.

However, in terms of the Board package

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2 for the Board to receive on Friday, that
3 could be very trying inasmuch as very often
4 I'm working on Saturday and Sunday in trying
5 to get the financials completed because I
6 cannot control the banks, and we deal with
7 many banks as to when they are going to send
8 us the bank reconciliations. And I won't
9 present anything to the Board until they get
10 the information that they get will be
11 accurate and reconciled.

12 Also, the other thing I found
13 that very often when we had the Friday
14 agendas, for some reason, they often, our
15 mail is very light on Friday. I don't know
16 the reason, I'm not going to question the
17 post office. Then we have mail, of course,
18 that we receive on Monday which is often
19 Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's mail so on
20 Mondays we receive an inordinate amount of
21 mail. Very often what I'm doing, I think I'm
22 speaking for Doctor Ferrie and my other
23 colleagues, Monday we're going through all
24 the material that we received through
25 interoffice from fellow colleagues, as well

1 as through the U. S. Postal Department and
2 they get added to the, to our reports, the
3 Superintendent's report and my report so the
4 Board can get as most comprehensive package
5 as possible, on Monday and then have Monday,
6 Tuesday and Wednesday prior to taking any
7 action.
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9 So those are the reasons why we
10 have always put it out on Monday.

11 MR. HOMOKI: I would like to
12 just follow up on that and say --

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

14 MR. HOMOKI: And say that it's
15 very important to understand that none of us
16 have operated under the system in the past
17 and you're going to experience growing pains
18 and there will be shortcomings here and there
19 but I think if we have a positive attitude
20 and if there is a gap or lacks something here
21 or there, instead of criticizing, let's make
22 it, correct whatever corrections need to be
23 made.

24 And it's going to happen but we have
25 to understand that everything will not be

perfect, but I think it is still a giant step because we're going to involve the public and we're going to involve Board members so that's the thing that we need to understand.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on the Board? Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes. I just wanted to say I think it is a great step in the right direction. The first option Mr. Homoki mentioned before about the committee of the whole, I agree with Joe, I think it would just have a tendency to make Board meetings very long and the whole idea about having a committee is to be able to subdivide the workload, to take committee members and Board members and separate out a lot of the work so that we don't have to spend an inordinate amount of time going over the minutia and it is important that we work efficiently not just to allow everyone to be able to have open access, and I believe the spirit of this event is to be able to allow people from the public to actually see what's going on in committee meetings.

So as was mentioned earlier, I have no problem supporting the process by allowing public access to be able to listen to the committee meetings and be in a non-participatory capacity.

Because this, at least, gives you an insight on the issues that do come up at the Board level so the public can have a better understanding as far as what we do to govern and to move forward. So I fully support the effort to allow the public access to the committee meetings.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on the Board? Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: Well, being the new guy sitting on the other side of the table here, the past two years I was involved in the two elections and over and over again I heard that people want a change. They want more openness on the Board of Education. So I think the open committee meetings is a great idea, something I would support and to get the public more involved.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

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2 I would just like to say too I don't think
3 there's anybody on this Board who does not
4 agree that an open committee system is the
5 way to go, to be more transparent, to get the
6 public involved.

7 A non-participatory meeting, the
8 public can come to our meetings, they can
9 observe our meetings and they can always come
10 to our regular Board of Education meetings
11 and discuss anything that we have done in
12 committee and they have the opportunity to be
13 observing us all through the process.

14 So I agree as a member of the
15 Board that a non-public participatory open
16 public, open committee meeting would be the
17 way to go. Is there any -- Ms. Speizer.

18 MS. SPEIZER: Well, if there's no
19 more discussion.

20 DR. FERRIE: I have a few. This
21 is evolving here. I don't disagree with
22 anything you're saying tonight in terms of
23 the openness and so on, it is important. The
24 only thing that concerns me and concerns my
25 team, and we have had some conversation about

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2 having a committee meeting on this date prior
3 to the next meeting, that would give the
4 public enough time to plan to attend, and
5 also the opportunity to look at the agenda.

6 But it is important that you
7 consider how we have to plan as well, so that
8 we address the needs of the public, but also
9 the needs of the organization as things
10 develop, as issues come forward, there has to
11 be some flexibility.

12 LEARY
 MR. ~~KAUFMAN~~: Ms. Kolupanowich,
13 we have operating experience in Rossmoor
14 going back 16 years, and when there are slow
15 times we say no meeting that month for a
16 designated committee. On the other hand, if
17 an emergency comes, we convene the meeting as
18 required. And so I do believe that we should
19 have the flexibility that Doctor Ferrie was
20 talking about and make sure that we don't put
21 ourselves in a strait jacket but respond to
22 the emergent need, as we see it.

23 But if it's on a regular schedule, it
24 puts some kind of a framework to start the
25 process and hey, if for that month there's no

work in the Finance Committee just say, hey,
the meeting will not be held on Wednesday.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

MR. HOMOKI: Traditionally--

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: At least our past
practice has been that many of our
subcommittee meetings has been prior to the
Board meeting. Sometimes people don't know
we're here at five o'clock in the afternoon
starting our first ^{meeting} ~~me~~ and we have another ^{meeting}
^{after, another} subcommittee, it may not be that difficult to
identify when you have curriculum meetings,
you know, certain days and of course, ^{if} there
is nothing to talk about, you're not going to
have a meeting.

Did you want to make a motion,
Amy?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I think Mr.
Kaufman has --

MR. KAUFMAN: I'll just throw
this out on the table to maybe kind of manage
this a little bit better. If we know right
now we are going to be starting our meetings

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2 at 7 P.M., maybe the way we can manage this
3 is by scheduling a committee session, one
4 that starts at 6 P.M. and you have a block of
5 time like one hour by which you determine
6 which committee will meet at that session
7 one.

8 Session two may be a committee
9 session that will start at five o'clock so
10 then as you go, this week you know that you
11 need two of the committees and they may need
12 to meet, one of them, if you can run them
13 simultaneously, then they can both be run at
14 the six o'clock window because it typically
15 runs for an hour. And that's typically ,
16 what we have done in the past.

17 If we scheduled a block of time
18 but not which committee is going to meet at
19 that time, at least that hour or window is
20 scheduled and you guys have the ability to
21 flex in what committee you want to slide into
22 that window.

23 DR. FERRIE: That would work.

24 MR. HOMOKI: It's a good
25 suggestion.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: I think that Lew's idea of actually scheduling these committee meetings on the same evening, I think is what you're addressing so that you would have let's say ^{one} night a week that would be our regular Board meeting and then at some other time, you would have these flexible scheduled committee meetings is a very good one but I would prefer, I think it may be better if we didn't have those committee meetings on the same night as the regular Board meeting.

DR. FERRIE: What I'm hearing Mr. Kaufman said --

MR. KAUFMAN: I'll try again.

DR. FERRIE: The schedule that we have approved this evening, taking, those meetings all beginning at seven P.M. to put a block one in at six and a block two in at 5, on each one of those evenings and then frame in what committees are going to be meeting as needed and that would work for us.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes, that's it.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: I think that's an excellent idea because the public would always know that between those two hours that there's a meeting going on. Most of us are computer ^{literate} literate and own computers. It's easy to go on the website and see what's going on, stop at the high school and find out which meeting is going on. I think it's an excellent idea, Mr. Kaufman.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone? Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: I think the only problem with when we have a committee meeting that's like an hour before the Board meeting, there isn't enough time for the entire Board to absorb the decisions and the discussion that was taking place in that committee meeting to really make a decision.

It takes time to be able to look at the material and analyze it in order to decide which way to vote, so I think the concept is great. I would just suggest that maybe that those blocks be scheduled on some

night other than the day that we're having the Board meeting, that we're going to vote on that same item.

DR. FERRIE: To address that issue in the bylaw you could say the action taken on the information discussed during that committee meeting takes place on the following meeting, not the same meeting of that evening. So this way we're getting everyone into a pattern of five and six on the nights that we have our meetings and the action not taken until the next meeting.

LEARY
MR. ~~KAUFMAN~~: And in Rossmoor what we have is a week separation. We have a second week of the month is the committee meetings and then the Board of Governance is on the third week so it gives the time to percolate through and make the idea available to a large spectrum of people.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: Also Mr. Busch, and you can correct me if I'm wrong in saying this but Board members who are not sitting on

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2 the committee meeting do have the option of
3 sitting in the audience, is that correct?

4 MR. BUSCH: Yes, I think under
5 Joe's initial proposal, Kathy if I may.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

7 MR. BUSCH: It would be
8 equivalent of a gold fish bowl for the
9 public. It would be public viewing but not
10 participation and no Board member gives up
11 his right or her right to be a member of the
12 public, they would be able to be there, Amy.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr.
14 Busch.

15 MR. BUSCH: I think Joe also
16 suggested there would still be five member
17 committees but there would be alternates one
18 and two, so if a member of the committee
19 couldn't be there, pre-designated alternates
20 appointed by the Chair would be available.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Right. Ms.
22 Patrice.

23 MS. FARAONE: Also there are
24 issues that are more pressing for some people
25 than for others, and if you need to sit on

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2 that committee meeting, I think you should be
3 able to ask someone to remove themselves if
4 there's a pressing issue for you because I
5 agree with everyone, but I hate to act like a
6 fuddy duddy here but I'm already out for
7 Jamesburg because I sit on their Board so if
8 we can do it on the night of the meeting, I
9 mean, absolutely, if it can't happen, I
10 totally understand, but there are going to be
11 times when Doctor Tienken or Doctor Ferrie,
12 Doctor ^{Forsthoffer} Forthstoffer have issues the day of
13 the meeting that might have to be taken
14 action that night.

15 I don't think we should not let that
16 allow to happen because of a time constraint
17 because we always do get notice of issues and
18 if it's pressing circumstances, I think if
19 the meeting has to happen that night any
20 actions --.

21 DR. FERRIE: Talking with Doctor
22 Tienken, you're absolutely correct, we need
23 some flexibility.

24 MS. FARAONE: Absolutely.

25 DR. FERRIE: We don't want to

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2 put all this curriculum forward, bring it out
3 and implement curriculum without it being
4 approved, as an example.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on
6 the Board? Okay. Did you want to make a
7 motion, Ms. Speizer?

8 MS. SPEIZER: Yes, I would like
9 to make a motion that the Monroe Township --.

10 MR. HOMOKI: Excuse me, for a
11 second.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

13 MR. HOMOKI: I would like to
14 suggest that whatever motion you make, Mr.
15 Holliday take down the exact things that she
16 proposes so we can back read it so we won't
17 have misunderstanding as to what we're
18 approving, so whatever she says, I think it
19 should be put down on paper so that we're all
20 clear as to what we're doing, what we're
21 approving.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: For the tape,
23 this is Wayne speaking. This dialogue,
24 especially the motion, will be transcribed
25 verbatim and so therefore, those words that

are spoken will be those words that are written, will be those words that will be voted upon.

MR. HOMOKI: Will the tape be available to be replayed immediately? That's what I'm asking. Please put it down now.

MS. SPEIZER: I have it written down as well.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: I would like to make a motion that the Monroe Township Board of Education have open committee meetings, five standing Board members would sit on each committee; each committee would have two alternates; the meetings open to the public, yet no action would be taken at these meetings; nor would there be public participation.

We would try to do the schedule as Mr. Kaufman suggested and the agenda on the website.

MR. KAUFMAN: Second.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Second by Mr.

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2 Kaufman.

3 MR. BUSCH: Ms. Kolupanowiwh,
4 may I suggest an amendment?

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Amendment,
6 yes.

7 MR. BUSCH: Can you also, AMY,
8 and the seconder agree that the bylaws, to
9 the extent necessary, would be amended?

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

11 MS. SPEIZER: Yes.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager.

13 MS. OSTRAGER: I would like to
14 make a motion to amend.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We have a
16 motion and amendment already.

17 MS. OSTRAGER: He really didn't
18 make a motion to amend that was seconded, did
19 he? Because he's not a member of the Board.
20 He's an attorney.

21 MR. BUSCH: No, I simply said
22 what Amy and the seconder agreed to amend the
23 main motion by providing that to the extent
24 necessary, the bylaws would be amended.

25 MS. OSTRAGER: And I believe she

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2 did, correct?

3 MR. BUSCH: Yes.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay. So now we
5 still have a main motion on the table with no
6 motion to amend, correct?

7 MR. BUSCH: You could do it that
8 way or you could just simply deem the main
9 motion has been made to include what I said,
10 that the bylaws, to the extent necessary,
11 would be amended. If that's in your main
12 motion, you don't have to have two votes.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: I would just like
15 to make a motion to amend Ms. Speizer's
16 motion to what Doctor Ferrie had said was
17 very doable, having those committee meetings
18 in the slots, as Mr. Kaufman had suggested,
19 but that the items that were discussed in
20 those committee meetings would not be voted
21 on, the Board meeting immediately afterwards
22 unless there was an emergency situation which
23 I believe is what Doctor Ferrie said was
24 doable, and I think we do have to have that
25 flexibility because sometimes there are

emergencies.

DR. FERRIE: I don't think I would like to use the word "emergency". I think I would like to use the word "where appropriate".

MS. OSTRAGER: Okay, that would be fine.

DR. FERRIE: You know, as deemed appropriate or as requested by the administration.

MS. OSTRAGER: That would be acceptable.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there a second to that?

MS. SPEIZER: I'll second that.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there discussion on that? So we're going to have a roll call on the amendment.

MR. BUSCH: On Rita's amendment.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: On Rita's not on yours.

MR. BUSCH: Mine is considered part of the main motion, I think.

MR. HOMOKI: Could you just

repeat that amendment again just to make sure we understand?

MS. OSTRAGER: My motion to amend was that the items discussed in the committee meetings that were held prior to the Board meeting would not be voted on at the Board meeting that's held immediately subsequent to those committee meetings but would be held at the next Board meeting except limited cases where the Board or the administration feels that it is necessary to vote on them in an emergent basis.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Not emergent but as needed.

MS. OSTRAGER: Fine, as appropriate.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: As necessary by the administration.

MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. We're going to have a roll call on that motion, that motion to amend.

MR. BUSCH: Just to the amendment.

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MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

MR. LEARY: No.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Faraone.

MS. FARAONE: No.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: No.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: No.

MR. BUSCH: Four to four, it
does not pass.

MR. HOLLIDAY: The amended
motion doesn't pass because it's tied four to
four. Correct, counsel?

MR. BUSCH: I'm sorry?

MR. HOLLIDAY: Because it's a
tie, the amended motion does not carry.

MR. BUSCH: Correct, four to four means it did not carry.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Then we will vote on the main motion that Ms. Speizer read.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

MR. TESSLER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Speizer.

MS. SPEIZER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Faraone.

MR. BUSCH: The main motion amended to include the bylaws

MS. FARAONE: If we need to vote that night?

MR. BUSCH: No, no, that's been voted down. It's the original motion that Amy made plus the bylaw.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Faraone.

MS. FARAONE: Yes.

MR. BUSCH: She said yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Recorded voted yes. Ms. Ostrager.

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MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

MS. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

MR. LEARY: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: Not exactly what I
proposed but it's a step in the right
direction, yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board
President, the motion is passed.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Is
there any other Board of Education business?
Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: I believe part of
what Mr. Homoki had brought up was the
re-evaluate the committees, the standing
committees that we have.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MS. OSTRAGER: Would it be
appropriate to have a discussion on what
committees we think are appropriate or would

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2 you prefer to just leave that to the
3 discretion of the President? I'm fine with
4 it either way but since Joe brought it up.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Since Joe has
6 said leave it to the discretion of the
7 President but if you have a suggestion, you
8 can let me know.

9 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay.
11 Anybody else? Mr. Kaufman.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: It was brought up
13 a couple of meetings ago about, in a private
14 session with the Board Secretary, one of the
15 Board members spent quite an inordinate
16 amount of time going over some line items
17 about some of the information that came
18 across in some of the packet data that we get
19 every week, and then the same information was
20 talked about at length at a following public
21 session almost line item for line item.

22 It is my concern that some Board
23 members are spending quite a lot of time
24 taking, or I should say taking a lot of time
25 of our central administrators on getting

1 answers to questions and, you know, things of
2 that nature.
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4 And I would just like to put something
5 out on the table for discussion. I don't
6 know how much of that time is going on but I
7 know how much time was taken here that
8 evening when we went over line items that
9 were already discussed on an individual basis
10 that some of us really didn't need to hear
11 because we weren't up to that level of detail
12 for that particular line item.

13 So I would just like to make a
14 suggestion again for discussion as we just
15 did that if any Board member takes up the
16 time, let's use a fairly easy time frame that
17 will take an administrator, and when I look
18 at administrators, I mean central office
19 administrators because if I, as a parent,
20 have a question about something that's going
21 on with my child in this district, there's a
22 chain of command that I follow. I will talk
23 to my teacher first. I will find out what
24 the issues are. If I don't get resolution
25 there, then I have to decide, as a parent,

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2 how I want to progress. It's not my job
3 because I happen to be privileged to sit up
4 here to go straight to the top and work my
5 way down. It's not the way the process works
6 and I don't approve of that, in any way,
7 shape or form.

8 So the bottom line is any Board
9 member, I believe, that takes a central
10 office time, and that would be any of these
11 gentlemen up here, that would also include
12 people like Joe King, anybody that has an
13 office in the central office or even a lot of
14 the supervisors outside this, normal chain of
15 command that extends more than three minutes,
16 because that to me is a phone call and an
17 answer, you're doing it and it's answered and
18 you walk away.

19 If you spend more than three
20 minutes on a particular issue, I personally
21 would want to know what was that issue that
22 required more time, how long did it take,
23 because when you're responding to requests
24 from Board members, basically, you're costing
25 me money because you're not doing your job.

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2 You're doing something for me and you know, I
3 think I would want my fellow Board members to
4 know what it is that you're doing.

5 So I would like to put it out
6 there on the floor for discussion, that if
7 any central office administrator spends more
8 than three minutes on a request from a Board
9 member, I want to know what it is.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anybody else?
11 Anyone else on the Board? Ms. Ostrager.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: I guess --you're.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Ms. Ostrager.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: You're obviously
15 talking about when I raised the issue about
16 the landscape contract.

17 What I was trying to ^{point}~~find~~ out at
18 that meeting is that the bid that we were
19 awarding, the way I looked at it, appeared to
20 be going to the highest bidder and the lowest
21 bidder. Apparently, nobody really understood
22 what I was trying to say. I apologize. The
23 way I communicated that was not in a way that
24 people understood my point but that was my
25 point.

As far as being able to ask questions, as a member of the public, I believe ^{we} wea are all allowed to ask questions of our public officials, of our public employees. We have the right to get information.

I think as an elected member of this Board I have a responsibility as part of making sure that the district is well run, I have a responsibility to ask questions. We are supposed to be providing oversight.

Sometimes information comes in and it's not very clear because sometimes it's producing, you have additional questions and I believe it's the responsibility as part of our oversight responsibilities to ask those questions.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on the Board?

Okay. Before we go onto the public forum, I just want to say something about committees. We received a message from the public that we need to make some changes on the Board and I believe that we're doing

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2 that. This evening we talked a lot about
3 committees and how they operate. And I
4 think we need to look at the committees
5 themselves. Since we all know that getting
6 this new high school built is a priority, I
7 would like to propose a subcommittee formed
8 under our Buildings and Grounds Committee for
9 the sole purpose of moving the process
10 forward and building the new high school.

11 My thoughts are that it would
12 operate much the same way as our Community
13 Relations Committee where it is chaired by a
14 member of the Board of Education, include
15 Board of Education members on that committee,
16 an administrator or more, and members of the
17 municipal government, a Kids First
18 representative, a high school PTO parent and
19 members of the public at large.

20 The committee would have the
21 responsibility of owning this high school
22 project and reporting back to the Board each
23 month just as our other committees do. The
24 responsibility would be to find out where we
25 stand on the project each month, what reports

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2 are due, what can we do to help those reports
3 come in quicker; if they haven't been
4 submitted when can they be submitted; time
5 lines, follow-up phone calls, contact with
6 the DEP and what can we do to expedite the
7 process.

8 I believe now is the time to
9 take a more proactive approach to getting
10 this project done, getting it accomplished.

11 I don't know if the Board
12 members have any comment. Ms. Speizer.

13 MS. SPEIZER: I'm in a hundred
14 percent agreement with you, Ms. Kolupanowich.
15 We need to move forward as quickly as
16 possible once we acquire this land but prior
17 to that, we need to start being more
18 aggressive. We heard the voices of the
19 people saying they want this school built. I
20 know this Board wants this school built. I
21 believe that working together with the
22 community and our township officials on a
23 committee like this will help us get
24 information out there and I believe move
25 forward much more quickly.

(Tape change.)

MR. KAUFMAN: I have an organizational problem. I think we should revert back to the ad hoc committee format rather than tie up the Finance Committee. And I think that would be of the appropriate body rather than, you know, tie up the Finance Committee in knots.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Well, this was probably, we're going to reorganize the committees so you have to sit down and look at the committees so this is not going to be part of Finance, it will be a subcommittee under the Buildings and Grounds, and it's not going to have an ad hoc committee of seventy people but a more managable number of people that can work.

MR. HOMOKI: I would like to make a suggestion.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes, Joe.

MR. HOMOKI: The high school more or less has been under Buildings and Grounds but I think the topic is so important that it should be a major committee. It

1 should not be under any of our committees.
2 It should be a free-standing committee,
3 free-standing committee that is consisting of
4 people from there, here and every place else
5 and it should not be a subcommittee of
6 anything, especially Buildings and Grounds
7 and let Buildings and Grounds just deal with
8 the routine matters but this is so important
9 that I think an independent committee should
10 be.
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12 MR. LEARY: I heartily agree
13 with Joseph.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr.
15 Leary.

16 Mr. Kaufman.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: I would like to
18 add one other comment. This committee is so
19 critical for this project that there's one
20 person that I believe without their presence
21 the committee is worthless and that is Peg
22 Schaffer. Several meetings ago she stepped
23 up, she sat at this table and claimed
24 ownership of this project as a representative
25 of the township.

Without Peg Schaffer being a representative on this particular committee, the committee does not have the teeth that it needs to give the correct bite. So my recommendation is I think it is a great idea but without having her being on this committee and having the buy-in from the township to have her here, the committee is not going to have the necessary clout that it will need to get the job done.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will reach out to her and see if we can get her support. Anyone else?

MR. HOMOKI: Could we have a report back at the next meeting as to what the composition of the committee is and what the goals are and so on so that we really are informed if it's possible?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We'll do our best to get such information.

MR. HOMOKI: If it's possible.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else? Then next is our public forum.

DR. FERRIE: I have one other

1 thing. Those committees that the Board
2 talked about in terms of the schedule, I
3 don't want anybody in the public to get
4 anxious or upset with us but on May ninth we
5 will not have committee meetings because
6 that's the night that we honor our teachers
7 of the year. Okay? So the Board meeting
8 begins at, that's 7 P.M. beginning on a Board
9 meeting but we are honoring our teachers of
10 the year, so ^{there are} ~~our~~ activities with the teachers
11 of the year during the time slots that were
12 suggested, so we will certainly put those
13 time slots in at five o'clock p.m. and six
14 o'clock p.m. beginning on the first meeting
15 in June since there's only one meeting in
16 May. So I don't want people to think that
17 we're not paying attention to what the motion
18 was this evening but that's a very special
19 evening on May 9th and we will not have that
20 opportunity.
21

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Before
23 we go to the public forum, we talked about
24 this Board of Education doing business in a
25 new way but we still need to adhere to the

1 policies that we have in place and I would
2 like to read part of policy 167 Public
3 Participation In Board meetings.
4

5 "The Board of Education
6 recognizes the value of public comment on
7 educational issues and the importance of
8 allowing members of the public to express
9 themselves on school matters of community
10 interest. In order to permit the fair and
11 orderly expression of such comment, the Board
12 shall provide a period for public comment at
13 every public meeting," which we do. "Public
14 participation shall be governed by the
15 following rules: One, a participant must be
16 recognized by the presiding officer and must
17 preface comments by an announcement of his or
18 her name, place of residence and group
19 affiliation, if appropriate."

20 "Two, each statement made by a
21 participant shall be limited to three minutes
22 duration."

23 "Three, no participant may speak
24 more than once on the same topic until all
25 others who may wish to speak on that topic

1 have been heard."

2 "Four, all statements shall be
3 directed to the ^{presiding}residing officer. This bylaw
4 was approved unanimously by the Board of
5 Education and adopted on October 19th, 2005."

6 We will continue to adhere to
7 this policy and the three minute rule. So I
8 will open up the public. Anyone again from
9 the public wishing to speak on anything,
10 please come to the microphone and state your
11 name and address for the record.
12

13 MR. GILBERT: Good evening,
14 Frank Gilbert, 59A Winthrop. Two small
15 items. I noticed in the paper today that
16 there was a report that Bill Gates and Eli
17 ~~Broad~~^{Broad}~~Brohad~~, billionaires, will spend 60 million
18 dollars to try to vault education high on the
19 agenda of the 2008 presidential race. This
20 is what they plan to do.

21 They plan to run advertisements
22 calling for more consistent curriculum
23 standards, a longer school day and merit pay
24 for teachers. Here here.

25 Good thing I like is that

education will probably be in the forefront of the election next year.

This morning a bunch of the substitutes got together and asked me at this meeting to speak about money for them. It appears that, I asked them why they selected me. They selected me for three reasons: I was the oldest, I have been doing it the longest time and I go to Board meetings. Other than that, there was no reason to it.

They said that the last time they got a raise was about seven years ago. and they hoped that the Board of Education next year will consider them to jack it up a little bit in view of the inflation and everything else that happened since that time. I know you'll do the best you can. Thank you, very much.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We'll take that under advisement.

Thank you, Mr. Gilbert.

MR. WALLING: Richard Walling, 122 East Main Street, Somerville, New Jersey.

Good evening. First of all, I

1
2 would like to express my regrets on the death
3 of Mr. Appleby. I know his family has been
4 in this community for quite awhile. Other
5 than that, associated with the Board of
6 Education he was a local public servant.

7 The site of Bethel Indian town
8 was pointed out to local, county and state
9 officials three years ago. The site of
10 Bethel Indian town was pointed out to the
11 township engineer two years ago. A historic
12 site is significant based upon its
13 association, not the presence or lack of
14 presence of archeological resources. The
15 Board of Education has been operating in the
16 dark without full benefit of the information
17 it should have been given it three years ago.

18 The more I have researched the site,
19 the more my sense of commitment to preserving
20 this cultural resource. It's young men were
21 massacred at Fort William Henry. Its
22 leadership preserved the piece with the
23 western indian tribes that enabled the
24 establishment of Fort Pitt and Pittsburg in
25 1758, and it was the most significant Native

American community in New Jersey during the Colonial period.

Cultural resources are more important on public lands. The reason for this is because they are held in trust by the government for the people.

So what are the facts as of today? First, the site has been nominated to the State National Register of Historic Places under the provisions of N.J.A.C.7.4 et seq. which automatically installs a shield of protection provided for by a number of state and national laws, including the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Protection Act, the National Archeological Resources Protection Act and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

Second, until the nomination process is allowed to follow the due process of law, no undertaking including land transfers impact or other encroachment may occur whichever directly or indirectly

1 affect the site. This includes construction
2 activity, land clearing, et cetera.
3

4 Given the sensitivity of the
5 project, the public officials' knowledge of
6 the site and the actions to date which
7 indicate that the local governments
8 indifference to this cultural property, if
9 court action is required to maintain the
10 status quo until the nomination process is
11 complete, any party to litigation seeking to
12 prevent such encroachments will seek not only
13 a restraining order but also punitive damages
14 as well.

15 Two handouts are being presented
16 to you this evening. The first is an
17 overview of the cultural significance of the
18 site with a map delineating the Bethel Indian
19 town historic register boundaries.

20 The other consists of two original
21 documents. One is a pass written by John
22 Brainerd and ^{Aaron Burr, Sr.} ~~Eric Barsinger~~ in 1754 for two
23 young Delaware boys ages 14 and 11 who
24 traveled from here to Connecticut.

25 The other is a document written in

Plumshire

1756 by John ~~Pungshihar~~, an American Indian diplomat during the French and Indian War. It's signed from Cranbury Indian town place called Bethel.

You now face a forefront war in your efforts to build on the site of Bethel Indian town which is currently protected by Green Acres Funded Open Space versus the challenge of diverting Green Acres property.

Second is the challenge of destroying a cultural resource nominated to the National Register.

Third is the challenge of facing public demonstrations staged by Native Americans and their supporters and finally, there is the challenge of facing demonstrations and remonstrations --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Your time is up.

MR. WALLING: Thank you. I have a copy for the record. That's for you, Mr. Holliday.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on the public?

MS. AITKEN: I'm Sharon Aitken,
2 Hampton Road, Monroe.

I just had a question. I came
late. I don't know if you addressed it. My
question was addressing, I spoke to Doctor
Ferrie over the week about the holiday that
was a snow day that was given.

DR. FERRIE: Yes, we did address
it. I apologize for doing that before you
came, but we are going with a four day and
four day. We have consulted with the
association, the teaching association as we
always do with calendar issues, and we
believe that four day and four day is an
appropriate educational response, as we
spoke.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you
please spell your name for the record.

MS. AITKEN: A-i-t-k-e-n.

DR. FERRIE: Sharon, let me just
elaborate so the Board understands. We had a
conversation about the potential of having a
full
~~four~~ week and then a three day week the
second week, correct, that's what we talked

1
2 about?

3 MS. AITKEN: Correct.

4 DR. FERRIE: And that is
5 certainly one of the options we looked at.
6 In speaking with the, speaking with the
7 association, collaborting among the
8 administration, the recommendation was four
9 days and four days.

10 MS. AITKEN: So they are aware
11 of my position.

12 DR. FERRIE: Yes.

13 MS. AITKEN: My position was
14 that the, for two reasons, one, having a full
15 five day week and then having a three day
16 week was to me more logical for the
17 instruction and continuity of the school week
18 for the children and the teachers, and the second reason was
19 for the fact that it's Memorial Day weekend,
20 and most people would want the extra day at
21 the end considering all the traffic that's
22 usually generated because of the holiday.

23 DR. FERRIE: Other people told
24 us let us get out of here early for that
25 traffic. So people are on both sides. Thank

you, though.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public? Okay, seeing no one, our next scheduled Board of Education meeting is Wednesday, May 9th, 2007 at the high school where we will honor our teachers of the year at seven o'clock.

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MONROE TOWNSHIP
Board of Education

SUBJECT: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 25, 2007

I. BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$8,038,900.97 for March 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 SCHOOLS ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$55,582.79 for March 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 \$59,356.98 for March 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 \$1,250.00 for March 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 March 2007, which indicates that no major accounts or funds have been over expended and that sufficient funds are 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 March 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. TRANSFER #10

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve Transfer #10 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

G. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to issue a “Request for Proposal for Professional Design & Engineering Services for the Design of a Synthetic Multi-Purpose Athletic Field & Site Lighting at Fields and Tennis Courts at Monroe Township High School”.

H. BID – MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK FOR VARIOUS TRADES: TIME AND MATERIAL RATES

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I. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

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 Kenwin Nancoo, LPC, NCC, MS, CNLP to provide Social Skills for small group work for students on the autistic spectrum at a fee of \$55.00 per hour for the 2006-2007 school year.

J. COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION GRANT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and accept a grant for Brookside School in the amount of \$500.00 from the County of Middlesex, Cultural and Heritage Commission to be used to purchase archival and display materials to create history exhibits.

K. AUTISM GRANT ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge the receipt of and approve a “Grant Acceptance Certificate” related to the Governor’s Initiative on Autism in the amount of \$300,000.

L. RESOLUTION - PARKER McCAY

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education was named as a Defendant in litigation instituted by John Paff in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, Law Division, Docket No. L-7770-06; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education submitted the Summons and Complaint to New Jersey School Boards Association and Insurance Group ("NJSBAIG") which received the notice of the Complaint on November 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, NJSBAIG assigned defense of the litigation under Insurance Policy No. E-354-X to Parker McCay P.A., which represented the Monroe Township Board of Education in the litigation; and

WHEREAS, the litigation has been completed and Parker McCay P.A., has submitted its bill for professional services rendered in the amount of \$4,006.23.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes payment of Parker McCay P.A.'s bill as set forth above.

M. BID AUTHORIZATION – THREE 54 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THREE 54 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AND THE FINANCING THEREOF."

Adopted April 25, 2007

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42 authorizes the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe (the "Board") to enter into a contract exceeding the fiscal year for the leasing of equipment of every nature and kind; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a need to acquire three 54 passenger school buses (the "Vehicles") for school purposes in time for the start of school in September 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to acquire the Vehicles through competitive bidding from vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to obtain financing for the acquisition of the Vehicles through competitive bidding; and

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

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Board Secretary and the Board's Bond Counsel to proceed to draft documents and conduct such other activities as are necessary to accomplish (a) the acquisition of the Vehicles through the receipt of bids from vendors and (b) the receipt of bids for financing the acquisition of the Vehicles.

Section 2. Upon receipt of bids and the approval of the successful bidder for the acquisition of the Vehicles by the Board, the Board hereby directs the Board Secretary to process the necessary purchase orders to acquire the Vehicles in advance of the receipt of bids for financing the acquisition of the Vehicles. Such purchase orders shall be expressly subject to the condition that the Board (a) awards of the contract for the acquisition of the Vehicles and (b) receives and accepts one or more bids for the financing of such Vehicles.

Section 3. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the acquisition and financing of the Vehicles not determined by this or subsequent resolution of the Board, as permitted by law.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

Section 5. The making of and submission to the County Superintendent of the application as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:26-10.1(d) is hereby authorized and approved, and the Board's Bond Counsel, along with other representatives of the Board, are hereby authorized and approved to prepare and submit such application and to represent the Board in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

April 25, 2007
Meeting Date