

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on December 13, 2006 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 8:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDANCE

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

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –82

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 December 8, 2006:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Leonard moved seconded by Ms. Speizer 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:

Personnel, Negotiations, Legal and Student Matters.

The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved. This resolution authorizes the Board to convene into closed session as the need may arise at any time during the public session, immediately after adjournment or at any time prior to the next public meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

AWARD OF GRATITUDE: PRESENTATION TO MR. DAVID CHIN

Dr. Ferrie introduced Mr. David Chin and thanked him for facilitating the donation of laptop computers for the Monroe Township School District. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer to acknowledge receipt of and accept the donation of the laptop computers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PRESENTATION: MONROE EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANTS

During this segment of the meeting, Dr. Ferrie stated that recipients of Monroe Education Foundation Grants would be honored. Dr. Ferrie introduced Mr. Richard Salvadore, President of the Monroe Education Foundation. Mr. Salvadore stated that the mission of the Monroe Education Foundation is to enhance education throughout the district. Mr. Salvadore presented a Foundation check in the amount of \$63,823.00 to fund thirty-five grants. Next, Mr. Salvadore mentioned and thanked the trustees of the Foundation and the Grant Review Committee. Then, Mr. Salvadore and the trustees announced each grant and honored the recipients. Board President Ms. Kolupanowich thanked members of the Monroe Education Foundation for supporting the students and staff of the Monroe School District.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Ms. Speizer to recommend that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept, with sincere gratitude, a check in the amount of \$63,823.00 from the Monroe Education Foundation to fund thirty-five grants. Motion Carried Unanimously. A listing of the 2006/2007 approved grants is attached to the official set of minutes.

PRESENTATION – MS. SCHAFFER OF THE LAW FIRM SHAIN, SCHAFFER & RAFANELLO, P.C. – refer to the attached transcript #1.

PUBLIC FORUM – refer to the attached transcript #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Haring and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on November 15, 2006. Motion Carried with Ms. Leonard and Ms. Speizer abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTENROLLMENT

Elementary and secondary (within the district)  
Out of district placements

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All schools

LOCK DOWN DRILLS – Mill Lake

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Personnel Items (A - DD) be approved by consent roll call. Ms. Haring expressed concerns regarding creating the administrative position as mentioned in item Z and Mr. Braverman asked whether anyone checked on a consultant to do grant writing. Dr. Ferrie responded to the question. Roll Call. Motion Carried, with both Ms. Haring and Mr. Braverman voting no on item Z. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included where appropriate.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Ms. Leonard that Board Action items A-G be approved by consent roll call. Ms. Leonard asked if restitution had been made regarding the cut seat belt and Dr. Ferrie responded that restitution had been made. Roll Call All Yeas - Motion Carried Unanimously (10 – 0). The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included where appropriate.

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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTBOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action items A – K of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Ms. Ostrager asked for an explanation of "Commissioning Services" and why only for the new High School. Mr. Holliday responded to the question. Roll Call All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included where appropriate.

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Ms. Antoniello spoke about the following: High School Parent Teacher conferences, a hypnotist show sponsored by DECA where all proceeds were donated to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Children's Oncology Unit, the upcoming Winter chorus concert and the pep rally to mark the beginning of the Winter sports season. Next, Ms. Antoniello spoke about events at Brookside Elementary School: food and turkey collection drive, "Car"nucopia event which included Fall displays in the corridors and a car show in the parking lot, the healthy snack sale in November and December where profits were used for the Holiday Gift program to provide gifts for families in need, and the upcoming Family Feud game being sponsored by the student activities committee of the Student Council.

Mr. Malvone spoke about the following: the Applegarth Middle School Turkey Teacher Tar and Feather Event with proceeds to be donated to help visually impaired New Jersey students, eighth grade assembly with the high school marching band, administrative panel participation in an interdisciplinary unit dealing with the book "Nothing but the Truth", and postcards that were sent to members of the local VFW. Next, Mr. Malvone spoke about the following: Woodland Student Theme Day, Math Counts Assembly with a magician and the PTO Holiday Shop.

Mr. Leonard spoke about the following: the Barclay Brook Elementary School assembly about opera, the Character Education Program, and the upcoming Pennies for Puppies program.

COMMITTEE REPORTSCURRICULUM/CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ms. Faraone, Chairperson of the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum Activities/Athletics Committee, indicated that members of the committee convened a committee meeting prior to the public meeting. Ms. Faraone recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following textbooks: Parrot in the Oven, The Door in the Wall and Catherine called Birdy. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion. Roll call - Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Faraone then thanked Dr. Tienken, Mr. Goodall, Ms. Aaron and Mr. Mele for attending the meeting and the great amount of time and effort they put into enhancing the curriculum.

FINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION – refer to attached transcript #2.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS – refer to attached transcript #2.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS– refer to attached transcript #2.

PUBLIC FORUM – refer to attached transcript #2.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Speizer made a motion to recommend that the Board convene in closed session to discuss personnel, negotiations, legal and student matters at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2007. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. There was no closed session after the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
BOARD SECRETARY/  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

# TRANSCRIPT #1

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4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time,  
5 something that is not on your agenda, we will be  
6 having a presentation by the Assistant Township  
7 Attorney, Peg Schaffer, to discuss the land  
8 diversion and litigation. She will be staying  
9 to answer questions at the public forum but she  
10 may not be able to respond to certain questions  
11 that could compromise litigation.

12 We, also, will be adhering to Board  
13 Bylaw 0167 limiting the public statements to  
14 three minutes.

15 So Ms. Schaffer, at this time, I'll  
16 ask you to give your presentation.

17 MS. SCHAFFER: Thank you.

18 Good evening, my name is Peg  
19 Schaffer. I'm the Assistant Township Attorney  
20 here in Monroe Township, and I'm here, I hope,  
21 to disabuse those of you who have misinformation  
22 about what's happening with the high school and  
23 more importantly, to, in the parlance of Kids  
24 First, take ownership of this project.

25 I have been asked by the Mayor and

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2 the Council to come here to answer openly and  
3 quickly and forthrightly and efficiently, I  
4 hope, any question you may have that's not going  
5 to compromise the litigation itself.

6 Now, let me just briefly take you  
7 through where I think we have come from, how I  
8 have been involved in this and where we're  
9 going.

10 Way before the State House  
11 Commission approved this project, and the  
12 project, of course, we all know is the high  
13 school, but what the State House Commission had  
14 to approve was our application in conjunction  
15 with the County of Middlesex to take thirty-five  
16 acres of Thompson Park, use that for the high  
17 school, and trade 151 acres of property owned by  
18 the township.

19 After all is said and done, as of  
20 today, we own not just the 151 acres that we  
21 said we were going to trade to the County but  
22 172.37 acres. The reason for that is that when  
23 we made the application, initially, everybody  
24 understood, except perhaps some people who have  
25 come before this body and the Township Council,

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2 that we were guesstimating the amount of the  
3 acreage. We were not guessing which lot and  
4 which block and which property. We knew exactly  
5 what we were offering. We knew that at each of  
6 those cases preliminary subdivisions had been  
7 approved for developers who had agreed as part  
8 of their subdivision approval to dedicate parts  
9 of that project to the township.

10 Fast forward a year later, we are  
11 now done with the surveys and the metes and  
12 bounds descriptions, and are happy to report  
13 that it turned out to be more. Because when the  
14 State House Commission approved this application  
15 the first instance, they said we understand that  
16 the acreages are all approximate, however, the  
17 boundaries, the replacement lands to be conveyed  
18 to the county will generally conform to the  
19 maps, which is the lots and the blocks and the  
20 maps that we gave them, and if they don't  
21 produce the same amount of acreage, we might  
22 have to kick in some more dollars.

23 Well, we don't have to do that.  
24 When the approval was granted in January of '06,  
25 there were conditions to that approval. The

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2 conditions were that we produce surveys. Now  
3 again, we are dealing with eight different  
4 subdivision applications as to many different  
5 lots and blocks comprising this 171 acre parcel,  
6 and making them all adjacent to Thompson Park so  
7 that we wind up with a park that's simply, I'm  
8 not the engineer, but a park that is configured  
9 differently, but instead of the 70 -- it now has  
10 140 some acres more that it has when we first  
11 started with the project.

12 So, we had to have those done and  
13 the approval's also subject to a Phase One  
14 environmental report.

15 We are told, I'm specifically aware  
16 of the fact that the county has agreed to do  
17 whatever Phase One environmental investigation  
18 they believe is appropriate, but they are taking  
19 responsibility for that. They are doing it and  
20 my assumption is that they will report to the  
21 State House Commission that they don't need a  
22 Phase One from us. That they will take care of  
23 that.

24 The other thing we had to do is  
25 provide an environmental impact statement. We

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2 provided the environmental impact statement to  
3 the Department of Environmental Protection on  
4 October 13th of '06. I might add the day after  
5 I received the metes and bounds and the survey  
6 descriptions, which was the other thing we had  
7 to send to DEP, we sent a package to them, the  
8 evening we received the documentation, and that  
9 was because the Mayor said to me, as we go  
10 through this project, whatever has to be done  
11 needs to be done as soon as it can possibly be  
12 done. And that means you stop everything you're  
13 doing and you get that done.

14 And so in fact, I and my secretary,  
15 with the assistance of the township engineer and  
16 the Board of Education Counsel, in some cases,  
17 did what we had to do and got it done. Now  
18 those are the only conditions. Now we have sent  
19 that stuff to DEP.

20 What happens next is there are two  
21 reviews going on. One is the review of the EIS,  
22 that's the environmental impact statement. It  
23 was sent to them on October 16th, as I said, or  
24 mailed on the 13th, received on the 16th. They  
25 had 20 days to come back to us and say, "We need

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2 more." They did not come back to us. They now  
3 have 60 days to review it, in conjunction with  
4 the school's construction corporation and the  
5 Historical Commission and the Department of  
6 Environmental Protection, and make  
7 recommendations as to what they think might need  
8 to be done from an environmental perspective.

9 We have no reason to believe that  
10 they are going to require anything in addition  
11 to ordinary environmental, you know, constraints  
12 that attend any kind of construction. But if  
13 they do, they will let us know that before  
14 January fourth, and whatever has to be done,  
15 assuming it's, it can be accomplished will be  
16 accomplished.

17 January fourth is their 60 day  
18 cut-off period. If we don't hear from them by  
19 January fourth, that means that they have  
20 approved the environmental impact statement.

21 The other thing that's being  
22 reviewed in DEP right now is the surveys, the  
23 metes and bounds descriptions and the title  
24 reports. We're going to go into the title  
25 reports just a little bit because I understand

2 there's been lots of questions raised but they  
3 have all of those, they are reviewing all of  
4 those.

5 I speak to Dave Smith, who is the  
6 person at DEP charged with reviewing the  
7 surveys, the title reports and the metes and  
8 bounds descriptions, at least once a week. I  
9 spoke with him today, and I speak to the  
10 gentleman who is reviewing the other submission,  
11 the EIS, twice a week to find out from them  
12 whether there's anything else that we can do.  
13 Because again, I repeat, my instructions are  
14 "get it done."

15 Since I'm now the person who is  
16 going to take the heat if it doesn't occur, at  
17 least from the Mayor's and Council's  
18 perspective, I take those words very seriously.

19 So, my anticipation is that we  
20 will hear whatever we're going to hear by  
21 January fourth, if not, sooner.

22 If there's anything else they need  
23 from us between now and then, we intend to  
24 provide it to them.

25 I did get a call from Dave Smith

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2 today saying that his surveyor has some  
3 questions. I'm sitting my surveyor and my  
4 engineer down with Mr. Smith, and Mr. Smith's  
5 surveyor within the next week at his  
6 convenience. I said to him, whatever date you  
7 want, we will get down there and see what it is.

8 Just so you know, as part of the  
9 title process, all of these surveys have been  
10 sent to a title company I engaged. In the  
11 ordinary course of events, when one sells  
12 property, you get a title search. That's what I  
13 did for each of these parcels. And I know over  
14 several, at several meetings people have said,  
15 "Oh, there's a three million dollar mortgage on  
16 this property", or "there's an 88 thousand  
17 dollar mortgage" or "there is a tax lien" or  
18 there's some other kind of encumbrance. Well,  
19 there isn't.

20 In the tax search, you would find  
21 on one of the parcels a three million dollar  
22 loan that was made to the subdivider, to the  
23 developer. In fact, there was such a loan on  
24 one of these parcels and secured by a mortgage.  
25 What happens is that before we take title to

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2 that property, we get from Wachovia Bank, who  
3 was the one who loaned the money to the  
4 developer, not to us, we don't owe Wachovia a  
5 dime. The developer goes to Wachovia and said,  
6 "Let me, I want to fund my subdivision. Give me  
7 three million dollars." They did. They secured  
8 it by a loan on the entire parcel, initially.  
9 What Wachovia knows and the developer knows that  
10 if they don't give us the property unencumbered,  
11 there is no development. So the three million  
12 dollars goes back to the bank and nobody owes  
13 anybody anything.

14 The reality is that Wachovia did  
15 exactly what we would have expected them to do,  
16 that is, they executed a release of part of  
17 mortgage premises which is a document that says  
18 what I just said their intention was. Anyway,  
19 we have that obligation on, from the developer  
20 and we have a lien on the parcel but not on your  
21 parcel.

22 So I think it was two days ago that  
23 I received that, and I go into that specific  
24 example because many of the things, I know there  
25 are people wondering why it took so long. Many

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of the things are not within our control. The subdivision applications were all preliminarily approved but they weren't finalized, so lots of things had to happen to get that into place.

The surveyor had to go out and look at great big parcels of property and carve out the part that we were going to take, do a report on that, create a metes and bounds description. Those descriptions and surveys then went to my title company who then had to look and agree that those surveys and metes and bounds description accord with the way they have carved out the property based on the subdivision plat.

And I'm throwing all these things out just to sort of tell you that it's not a very simple process.

When you guys buy and sell houses, you go to a closing table and there are things you have to clear up, there are mortgages you have to clear up, there are affidavits of title you have to exchange. In this case, because we are talking about large pieces of property, they are subdivided sometimes how of what once was a farm.

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There are lots of clouds on titles that show up. There are things, I saw the name of Harold Herbert in one of the titles. I saw somebody named Warren. I saw lots of people who are some of the forefathers of Monroe Township. Their names show up just because a document hadn't been shown to the title company or whoever got the document in the County Clerk's office may not have properly notated the record to show that that encumbrance is not really an encumbrance.

Without going into great detail, although I'll be happy to answer any questions about a specific lien on any piece of property, there are none, as we speak today, with one, there is an exception, there are taxes due on one property of a \$1100. I collected the check from the developer. I now have the check in my possession. And I'm sending it to the tax collector to make sure that that gets removed of record.

There are a couple of tax certificates noted on our tax records in town. However, M. Schauer who is the Tax Collector,

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tells me that those are paid so there's going to be that redemption certificate. Mostly, it's just pieces of paper, pieces of paper that we needed to get to the title company to demonstrate that the title is clear.

So today, as we speak, there may be a couple of pieces of paper. There are, I think, I sent an affidavit of title involving this Joan Warren person. I need a title policy from when she sold the property to the developer. The lawyer's getting that for me. It's not an encumbrance that's going to affect title.

So title is in the name of the township. There is no three million dollar mortgage. There are no mortgages. There's a one thousand dollar tax obligation that I have the money for and when we get DEP to say the restrictions are released, and that we have sent them all the things we believe they need for them to get to that point, when they say the restrictions are released, the County of Middlesex is prepared, ready, willing and able to transfer the title to us and we are prepared

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2 to transfer the title to the Board of Education.

3 We are hoping that that actually  
4 will happen sometime during the month of  
5 January. I think worse case scenario is that it  
6 may extend into sometime in February but I'm  
7 told that's not going to impact the construction  
8 of the high school and the timeline that we set  
9 up for the high school, in the first instance.

10 And I think the only other thing,  
11 there is, as you know, an appeal pending. I'm  
12 not going to go into any details about what  
13 that's about because it is in the courts right  
14 now. But we an got approval, the Township of  
15 Monroe and you folks and this Board of Education  
16 and the Township of Monroe and the County of  
17 Middlesex from a bipartisan State House  
18 Commission, our application is approved.

19 There are people, your neighbors,  
20 who are appealing. But that doesn't affect the  
21 approval. We have the approval. We intend to  
22 go forward unless and until someone tells us  
23 that we can't go forward. And there is no  
24 reason for us to slow up at all.

25 The fact is that most of the

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2 questions that are being raised even now,  
3 leaving aside the appeal, as we submit our  
4 environmental impact statements, as we submit  
5 our title work, we are constantly receiving  
6 communication and objections from a group in  
7 town who are making it an adversarial process.  
8 The adversarial process is actually over except  
9 for the appeal.

10 We won. The State House Commission  
11 said this is okay, the alternatives analysis is  
12 fine. The environmental impact issues are  
13 resolved, except for the Bethel Mission question  
14 which is now part of the EIS submission we just  
15 sent to them. And they want to rehash it. And  
16 while they are rehashing it, they are causing  
17 the Board to take time to have me come here. I  
18 get paid for what I do too. So they are causing  
19 you to pay me to respond to questions that  
20 ordinarily I wouldn't have to respond to because  
21 it is moving along in the ordinary course. But  
22 they choose to do that.

23 It is America. They are allowed to  
24 do it. I'm here now, hopefully, to give  
25 assurances to those of you who worry, based on

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2 what they said, that there was something going  
3 wrong in this process. It's moving along. We  
4 would like it to move faster. That's all I have  
5 right now. I'm happy to --

6 MR. LEARY: You bring out the  
7 fact --

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary  
Dr. Leary.

9 DR. FERRIE: You have to be  
10 acknowledged by Chair, say your name. It's got  
11 to be recorded.

12 MR. LEARY: Madam Chair.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes, Mr. Leary.

14 MR. LEARY: I would like to bring  
15 out to the audience that the State House  
16 Commission was approved seven/zero by both  
17 Democrats and Republicans.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

19 Are there any questions from any  
20 members of the Board of Education for Mrs.  
21 Schaffer?

22 Okay. Seeing none, then we will  
23 open this to the public for anyone who has a  
24 question for Ms. Schaffer or to something on the  
25 agenda. Please come to the microphone and give

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2 your name and address for the record, and please  
3 give your name and could you please spell your  
4 last name? We're going to have everybody do  
5 that.

6 DRESSEL Dressel  
MS. DRESSLER: Jennifer Dressler,  
7 D-r-e-s-s-e-l,  
D-r-e-s-s-l-e-r, Dey Grove Road.

8 I object to this presentation being  
9 given without being on the agenda. The  
10 opposition has never been given equal time and  
11 we request that in the future we be given that  
12 courtesy.

13 DR. FERRIE: Thank you.

14 Dressel  
MS. DRESSLER: Thank you.

15 MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska,  
16 Perrineville Road. I too also object to this  
17 presentation this evening. Opposition is  
18 involved in this. And they should have been  
19 given notice that Peg was giving a presentation  
20 so they were also able to give their side of the  
21 presentation.

22 DR. FERRIE: Thank you.

23 MS. PROHASKA: I'm not finished. I  
24 believe I have three minutes.

25 My question is to Peg regarding my

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OPRA that I filled out on November 15th at the township requesting the documents that you just stated this evening that were already satisfied regarding these liens. Is there any reason why I was unable to receive copies of those documents, if you had them?

MS. SCHAFFER: Ms. Prohaska, I have seen that OPRA request. I believe that your request was for any documents that would release liens against the township.

There are a couple of documents, i.e., a warrant to satisfy a judgment against the township. We'll be happy to give you a copy of that. The only other lien, there are no other liens against the township.

MS. PROHASKA: It wasn't against the township. It was against the swap properties that you described this evening.

MS. SCHAFFER: There are none.

MS. PROHASKA: Well, at the time what happened was this letter was read into the record, your previous letter on November 10th that you had already satisfied those documents. Those are the documents that I was requesting.

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2                   Unfortunately, for everybody who  
3 doesn't know, I was given it in writing that  
4 they were unable to give me those documents and  
5 they were unable to find those documents. That  
6 was what was written on my OPRA by Sharon for  
7 the township. So I would like to clarify that  
8 for you.

9                   My other question is regarding the  
10 EIS, the environmental assessment, was that  
11 document ever signed before it went into the  
12 DEP? And who prepared that document?

13                   MS. SCHAFFER: The document was  
14 prepared by Ernie Feist, and John <sup>Katerba</sup> Katour, the  
15 township historian.

16                   MS. PROHASKA: Okay. And does  
17 Ernie Feist have the qualifications needed to  
18 submit that document?

19                   MS. SCHAFFER: I believe he does.

20                   MS. PROHASKA: You believe he does.  
21 Okay. The approval process that took place at  
22 the State House, was there any contingencies to  
23 that approval process, considering that you did  
24 win approval unanimously?

25                   MS. SCHAFFER: I believe when I

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2 made my statement, I specified the requirements  
3 to get the release of the Green Acres  
4 restrictions, the surveys and the metes and  
5 bounds description and the EIS Phase One if  
6 required by the county.

7 MS. PROHASKA: At this time,  
8 everything has been submitted.

9 MS. SCHAFFER: Yes.

10 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. I do believe  
11 that the county is doing their own environmental  
12 impact study, am I correct in that, saying that?

13 MS. SCHAFFER: My understanding is  
14 that the county is dealing with the issue of  
15 whether or not a Phase One is required and if  
16 one is required, they intend to conduct it  
17 themselves.

18 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. Correct.  
19 That's not even on the agenda yet at the  
20 Freeholders. They haven't even -- I have been  
21 going to the Freeholder meetings and that's not  
22 going to be on the agenda until late January, so  
23 they haven't even hired anybody yet to do their  
24 environmental assessment. That could put you  
25 back possibly another three to six months. They

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2 didn't waive that. I have it in writing that  
3 they are going to do their own.

4 MS. SCHAFFER: We're getting into a  
5 legal question. The conditions of the approval  
6 did say a Phase One, if required by the county.  
7 Now, if the county is determined to do their own  
8 Phase One and not make it a condition, then I  
9 don't believe that's going to impact the release  
10 of the Green Acres restrictions, and if it does,  
11 then I believe the county is committed to  
12 expedite whatever they have to do to the same  
13 extent that the municipality is committed to do  
14 it.

15 Well,  
16 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. Weell, I just  
17 wanted to add that in because it seems a little  
18 misleading to say everything is at the DEP and  
19 they're waiting for that. If the county's  
20 environmental assessment isn't there yet, we're  
21 still waiting for another environmental  
22 assessment.

23 MS. SCHAFFER: I'm not waiting for  
24 anything. I told you what their conditions  
25 were. I read the conditions. It says, "shall  
prepare a Phase One if requested by the county."

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2 The county has not requested it and at this  
3 juncture, I do not believe that's going to hold  
4 up the release of the Green Acres restrictions.  
5 I said that upfront.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Ms.  
7 Prohaska. Your three minutes are over.

8 Is there anyone else from the  
9 public wishing to speak?

10 MR. SALVADOR: Yes, Rich Salvadore,  
11 3 Talmadge Drive.

12 Earlier, Peg, you had said we are  
13 hoping in January to get this resolved and maybe  
14 going into February and that will not hold up  
15 the construction and that the timelines will be  
16 met. Is there a new list of timelines? Because  
17 the list that we have, every timeline has not  
18 been met, to be honest with you. And I'm just  
19 curious if there's an updated.

20 MS. SCHAFFER: There's a good  
21 question. I never actually did a timeline. The  
22 timeline was done, I think, by Kids First. And  
23 I spoke with them and appreciated their input  
24 with my office and with the Mayor's office, and  
25 I think, as I said during my presentation, much

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2 of this is not within our control. So to the  
3 extent we controlled it, we moved it forward.  
4 Now so my January fourth is based on my reading  
5 of the regulation that says the DEP has until  
6 January fourth to respond to our EIS.

7 I have spoken to the DEP and  
8 expect, since they have had everything now since  
9 October 15th, expect to get back from them  
10 before the end of the year any issues regarding  
11 the surveys and the other stuff that's being  
12 reviewed right now. So it's not a timeline I  
13 control.

14 I understand that the Board of  
15 Education is not going out to bid until sometime  
16 after my projection as to when this should all  
17 be resolved. Based on what I have submitted to  
18 DEP, and based upon my conversations with them,  
19 I don't know of any reason why we shouldn't get  
20 a final release of the Green Acres restrictions  
21 in time to meet the Board's deadline.

22 MR. SALVADOR: Okay. I think we  
23 just want to have a sense where we're going to  
24 be six months, a year from now.

25 MS. SCHAFFER: I sure hope that

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2 you're not going to be asking me questions.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.  
4 Anyone else from the public?

5 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Good evening, Tom  
6 Nothstein, N-o-t-h-s-t-e-i-n.

7 I have a question regarding a minor  
8 saying there's some sewer easements on some of  
9 the property. Is that accurate?

10 MS. SCHAFFER: There are easements  
11 that do not affect marketability of title and  
12 would not affect the township's ownership  
13 interest or its ability to transfer those  
14 properties.

15 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Does it affect the  
16 value of those pieces of property? I have been  
17 out to the property. It's very large sewer  
18 lines above ground.

19 MS. SCHAFFER: Those easements have  
20 been on the property. The appraisers at DEP  
21 have appraised those properties with the  
22 easements on the property. I'm not an  
23 appraisor. So I don't believe that it's going  
24 to impact the value that they have put on the  
25 property at this time. And if it does, I think

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2 the worst that happens is that, since we're  
3 giving them additional acreage now, it may, they  
4 may take that into account and that would solve  
5 the problem.

6 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. Also as far  
7 as the DCA approvals, have we obtained them?  
8 Where do they stand? I don't know if that's  
9 necessarily the question.

10 MS. SCHAFFER: That's out of my  
11 bailiwick.

12 DR. FERRIE: Tom, the DCA is still  
13 reviewing the high school plans. They did  
14 contact us, I want to say, three or four weeks  
15 ago. Because they said they had additional  
16 reviewers available, and if we would provide  
17 them an extra set of plans, it would help  
18 expedite it. So we did immediately provide them  
19 with an extra set of plans.

20 So we are eagerly awaiting the  
21 first set of comments from them.

22 MR. NOTHSTEIN: And obviously, we  
23 can't even consider going out for bid,  
24 obviously, until we get those approvals from the  
25 DCA, is that accurate?

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DR. FERRIE: That's correct.

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MR. NOTHSTEIN: Once the approvals for the DCA are received, will it typically then go out for bid, at that time, is that accurate?

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DR. FERRIE: No, not unless we have the land.

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MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. I'm assuming that prior to that, right, I realize that.

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My next question, I guess, might be to Mr. Holliday, how much is left of the original money, of the 82 point one million?

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MR. HOLLIDAY: Approximately, \$75,000.

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I guess the audience is not amused.

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MR. NOTHSTEIN: Now, is that still a good number that we expect as far as when we go out to bid, do we expect the bids to be in at the 75 million dollar number?

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DR. FERRIE: Mr. Nothstein, I know I have answered that question not only here but publicly in the newspapers, that we're going to need more money.

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MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. Because there are a lot of people here who aren't

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typically here and --

DR. FERRIE: I understand that.  
It's a fair question.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: It's imperative  
that people realize --

DR. FERRIE: It's a fair question.  
I have said it many times numerously with the  
newspapers and here we do have to procure  
additional funds. How much, I wish I knew. But  
it all depends upon what the bids come in at.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Typically, I guess  
that was the question.

DR. FERRIE: Well, we're going to  
look at how we structure those bids too. We  
could do add alternates.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: That actually was  
my next question. I think you did mention that  
last time the bids could go out, even though we  
know they are going to go over.

DR. FERRIE: As long as you  
structure the bid appropriately so it can go out  
with add alternates, so we are looking at  
strategies right now as we speak.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. So we may

1  
2 just go out and try to get it without going out  
3 for a referendum first, is that correct?

4 DR. FERRIE: That's a possibility,  
5 yes.

6 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. Just one  
7 other comment about the three minute rule. I  
8 personally feel that that is a terrible thing.  
9 I wish that someone could give me a reason for  
10 it since when I come to the meeting, there's  
11 typically maybe six people here. Unfortunately,  
12 to me, it wreaks of arrogance in government.  
13 And the one thing that I despise in my elected  
14 officials is arrogance.

15 So I really wish you would  
16 reconsider. The people that come here give up  
17 their valuable time too and sometimes we take  
18 more than three minutes.

19 DR. FERRIE: Mr. Braverman is the  
20 Chair of the Policy Committee. And I'm sure he  
21 heard your comment and certainly, that's one of  
22 the bylaws and that's up to the Policy Committee  
23 to review bylaws and make recommendations to the  
24 Board.

25 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. Well, I hope

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2 he's listening because it has a lot of people  
3 upset.

4 DR. FERRIE: I'm sure he's  
5 listening.

6 MR. NOTHSTEIN: And I would like to  
7 take to thank Ms. Schaffer, because we were  
8 meeting two or three meetings ago, to get some  
9 solid answers on this. Obviously, a lot of this  
10 stuff that was said was accurate but wasn't  
11 necessarily in a timely fashion that you so  
12 eloquently described tonight.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, very  
14 much. Anyone else from the public?

15 MS. RYAN: Hello, Andrea Ryan, 5  
16 Regent Drive, also of Kids First.

17 I also would like to thank you for  
18 coming out tonight and explaining everything. A  
19 lot of items did get clarified to me a lot  
20 better.

21 One thing I want to clarify though,  
22 being on Kids First, we are the voice of the  
23 children. We are the voice of the people. We  
24 are not part of the planning and the development  
25 and we are certainly not part of that timeline.

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2 We did not create that timeline. We have gotten  
3 that timeline from the Board of Ed back in June  
4 and we marketed it to the public.

5 DR. FERRIE: Time out. I do have  
6 to clarify that. That timeline was provided  
7 through the township.

8 MS. RYAN: And the township both.  
9 At any rate, it wasn't provided or made by Kids  
10 First. But we certainly like to market to the  
11 community and let them know and keep them aware  
12 of what's going on with the school.

13 One of the questions I had though  
14 about the title -- (end tape one) -- properties,  
15 it had a thousand dollars or so for a tax lien.  
16 Is that --

17 MS. SCHAFFER: Right.

18 MS. RYAN: Is that something major  
19 that has held up our progress in moving forward?

20 MS. SCHAFFER: Absolutely not.

21 MS. RYAN: Okay. I was just  
22 curious when we procured that property and how  
23 long it took to possibly get that trivial amount  
24 cleared up, and if anything like that moving  
25 forward would hold us up.

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2 MS. SCHAFFER: First of all, there  
3 are no issues like that anymore. But that was  
4 one of many. I alluded to that just to try to  
5 explain what the process was of reviewing all of  
6 that. Each title binder was about that big.

7 MS. RYAN: Right.

8 MS. SCHAFFER: That doesn't mean  
9 that we didn't spend the time to do it or review  
10 it but the tax lien was a minor item. When we  
11 looked at it, initially, I said, "Oh, that's a  
12 township issue. The township can take care of  
13 it."

14 It did not hold anything up. It  
15 turned out we went to the developer and said,  
16 "You need to pay that."

17 MS. RYAN: Right.

18 MS. SCHAFFER: Even though we  
19 probably could have passed a resolution and just  
20 like refunded the money to the person who bought  
21 the lien.

22 MS. RYAN: Gotcha.

23 MS. SCHAFFER: Moved it onto the  
24 parcel, because it wasn't supposed to be on the  
25 parcel that the township took, but the fastest

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2 way to do it was to say pay that money, let's  
3 get rid of it.

4 Wachovia was another issue.

5 MS. RYAN: Right.

6 MS. SCHAFFER: That was a bigger  
7 issue because Lafayette Knolls owned the parcel  
8 that the Wachovia loan was on. We just took  
9 title. That was the last subdivision that was  
10 completed. It's only 3.83 parcels but we  
11 committed to the State House Commission that we  
12 were giving them these very properties, so we  
13 needed to give them that property. And that  
14 just, I just got the deed on that property  
15 signed maybe a couple of weeks ago. I just got  
16 the release two days ago and --

17 MS. RYAN: Right. Gotcha. I know,  
18 it can be a nuisance. I know there's a lot.  
19 Just so you know, I'm in the real estate  
20 business and my husband owns a title company.

21 MS. SCHAFFER: So you understand.

22 MS. RYAN: I totally understand.

23 Just so the public also knows that  
24 any property, whether the builder buys it or you  
25 buy it as an individual, you're going to have

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2 title liens on them. My concern was from point  
3 A to point B, being in the business, it  
4 shouldn't take six months to a year to clear  
5 them up, that's all.

6 MS. SCHAFFER: The major hold-up, I  
7 just want to thank you, by the way. I was  
8 giving you credit for that timeline. Because I  
9 was under the impression someone who I was  
10 speaking from Kids First had the foresight to  
11 sit down and actually plod it out.

12 MS. RYAN: We wouldn't know that  
13 unless somebody gave it to us, you know.

14 MS. SCHAFFER: I wasn't blaming  
15 you, no, no. I know you talked to somebody.

16 MS. RYAN: It's all right. You  
17 know.

18 MS. SCHAFFER: But the hold-up had  
19 nothing to do with the title work. The hold-up  
20 was the surveys and the metes and bounds  
21 descriptions that were carved out of the  
22 development, because that had to be done  
23 physically by a surveyor who had to go out to  
24 the sites.

25 First it was held up by the

1 subdivision, finalizing the subdivision  
2 approvals, then the surveyor, then the title.  
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4 MS. RYAN: So we can hopefully take  
5 ownership on this property in January and move  
6 forward.

7 MS. SCHAFFER: That's my hope.

8 MS. RYAN: Okay. Speaking on  
9 behalf of myself and my members with me of Kids  
10 First, we support the land swap, we support the  
11 school and the park, and I encourage you to move  
12 forward on it. Thank you.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from  
14 the public?

15 MS. KAPOOR: Tracy Kapoor,  
16 K-a-p-o-o-r, 4 Saddle Court. I wanted to just  
17 again say thank you, I learned a lot from your  
18 presentation.

19 I'm also part of Kids First. I had  
20 one comment which was myself, like most of  
21 Monroe Township who voted yes want this high  
22 school at this piece of property, and I just  
23 wanted to make that clear to the Board. That's  
24 my statement.

25 My question is what is the last

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2 possible date that we can get a shovel in the  
3 ground and still have the 2011 opening, if you  
4 have any idea, guesstimate?

5 DR. FERRIE: I hate to give you a  
6 possible date because you know, there's  
7 weather --

8 MS. KAPOOR: Yeah, I understand. I  
9 have a freshman going in in 2011. You know, I'm  
10 crossing my fingers.

11 DR. FERRIE: We still, at this  
12 point in time, have a goal of 2011.

13 MS. KAPOOR: Okay. That's  
14 basically it.

15 DR. FERRIE: One of the reasons why  
16 we said 2011, because there was conversation  
17 about, well, maybe middle of 2010. And I don't  
18 want to be in the business of opening up a high  
19 school in the middle of a school year.

20 MS. KAPOOR: That's great. I'm  
21 glad that's still a projected date. You guys  
22 are doing a great job. Thanks.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone  
24 else from the public?

25 MS. DIVINS: Hi. Jackie Divins, 28

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Mr. Nothstein brought up the issue of money. We have been paying tax on this land for, I guess, three years now. Is that set aside in a special account going somewhere so when we need it, it's already sitting there, it's not going in --

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MR. HOLLIDAY: For the tape, Wayne Holliday.

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The money that was raised through the sale of the bond referendum has been segregated from all other funds, from the General Operating Fund as well as from the Bond Referendum for the new elementary school. So there is a complete accounting of every dollar that was spent to date for the new high school because that money is segregated.

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MS. DIVINS: Okay, great. Thank you.

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MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

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4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will now go  
5 on to the Finance/Building  
6 Grounds/Transportation. Joe.

7 MR. HOMOKI: Thank you. I have  
8 three quick reports.

9 First of all, the new elementary  
10 school construction update, the construction  
11 documents for the new elementary school on  
12 Applegarth Road are moving towards completion.  
13 The documents has been revised in response to  
14 the comments from the State of New Jersey  
15 Department of Community Affairs and were  
16 resubmitted to the Department of Community  
17 Affairs before Thanksgiving.

18 The Department of Community Affairs  
19 has 20 days to review the resubmissions. So  
20 their response is expected in mid or late  
21 December, I would say late December now. The  
22 bid date will be established once we receive the  
23 Department of Community Affairs response.

24 And just a general comment that we  
25 are very, very pleased with the progress of this

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2 particular project. It's really moving quite  
3 well.

4 On the high school, I think you had  
5 an excellent presentation by Peg Schaffer. And  
6 that's about the latest up-to-date information  
7 thta anybody can have. And I think she gave  
8 information to everyone that you may have  
9 questions about, so I just thought it was a  
10 great presentation.

11 The other thing is I'm legislative  
12 representative, and I'll just keep on talking  
13 about this, taxes and taxes. I made reports  
14 almost every time we had a Board meeting. You  
15 remember four committes, Schooling Funding, Tax  
16 Reduction, Consolidation, Shared Services, and  
17 you read the paper the same way I do, and right  
18 now it comes down to taxes. And the issue is  
19 where is the money coming from?

20 Nobody wants to give anything and  
21 it's like a Mexican stalemate, at the present  
22 time. So nothing is happening, except a lot of  
23 probably back-door politicing trying to figure  
24 out how you can give a 20 percent tax reduction  
25 for homeowners, at the same time increase school

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2 funding, at the same time work on consolidation  
3 and so on. So right now, there's not too much I  
4 can tell except it's mass confusion, the way I  
5 see it.

6 That's the end of the report.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Joe.  
8 Personnel negotiations, Amy.

9 MS. SPEIZER: No report.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Community  
11 Relations, Rita.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: The Community  
13 Relations Committee met on December the fourth.  
14 That was video-taped for close circuit TV and  
15 many of the PRCs and Channel Three. The next  
16 meeting of the Community Relations Committee  
17 will be on January 4th.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.  
19 Policy, Marv.

20 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes. We last met  
21 on Monday, November 6th, 2006. And the eighth  
22 item on the agenda was dissemination of  
23 information to the members was Board of  
24 Education. And that was put on the agenda  
25 because of the following question: That

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2 question was on an e-mail from me to Wayne  
3 Holliday. I said, "Wayne, how much money have  
4 we charged to the new high school, for what,  
5 when, and is there any thought to how much the  
6 portables are costing the Board each month?"

7 Following that meeting, in the  
8 packet I received, like all the other Board  
9 members, to all members of the Board of  
10 Education from Wayne Holliday, Business  
11 Education, Business Administrator/Board  
12 Secretary, "Many members of the Board of  
13 Education have requested copies of the attached  
14 e-mails. Therefore, I have discussed this  
15 information and requested the Board President,  
16 Kathy Kolupanowich, and Board Attorney, Bertram  
17 Busch. As a result of this discussion, the  
18 e-mails are being presented for your reference."

19 Well, I just read you the first  
20 e-mail. And I don't remember a second e-mail  
21 from Wayne or if it was a phone call, however he  
22 said something like, "You know, I'm going to  
23 have to send everybody a copy of that answer."

24 And I said, "Yes, I object. I  
25 never would object to information you think all

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2 Board of Education members should have.  
3 However, if you're suddenly concerned that they  
4 weren't privy to information that you should  
5 give them, as a matter of fact, you have a  
6 problem. I asked for the info because I wanted  
7 to be informed. Perhaps they do not care or  
8 want to be informed anymore than they are."

9 The response from Mr. Holliday was,  
10 "Thank you for your e-mail related to your data  
11 request. As a matter of protocol, I will  
12 discuss your e-mail with Doctor Ferrie."

13 And I said, "I assume you discuss  
14 everything with Ralph. That is as it should be.  
15 However, I have the right to ask for items  
16 without copies to Board members or anyone else,  
17 and I do object strenuously to my being policed  
18 by others. And do not send them copies of  
19 information that I asked for. You have done it  
20 in the past and I have said nothing."

21 And of course, then I received a  
22 reply from Mr. Holliday, "Doctor Ferrie and I  
23 have discussed your request for data and your  
24 e-mail. Certainly, your request is unique."

25 I don't know why it's unique.

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2 "Whereas in the past you have  
3 stated that all Board members should always  
4 receive the same information at the same time",  
5 and I have, and I believe all information should  
6 be given to all Board members if it's emanated  
7 from the administration. I think everybody  
8 here, including the President, has no more  
9 rights than the other, and I think that is  
10 stated in the law for boards of education.

11 At any rate, my last e-mail to Mr.  
12 Holliday is what I have said is all Board  
13 members should get the same information at the  
14 same time if it emanates from the  
15 administration. This is a request by a Board  
16 member. And I'm sure you have had other  
17 requests for information in the past which you  
18 haven't shared.

19 What's interesting about it is,  
20 obviously, you strain or filter the kinds of  
21 information that you send to everybody. For  
22 example, prior to the conference that we went to  
23 in the fall, I asked for the carriers of all our  
24 insurance. I didn't see that in the packet. I  
25 saw an individual letter responding to my

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2 request. So I don't understand why some  
3 information all Board members have to have. I  
4 don't understand why you even had to ask the  
5 attorney with the President of the Board why you  
6 could share this with the entire Board. I think  
7 once a written request is mailed to anyone, I  
8 think they own the request. So I didn't see any  
9 need for that. But whatever.

10 I just wanted to discuss that and  
11 if any Board members have any problems with what  
12 I have said, please speak up. That concludes my  
13 report.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Speizer.

15 MS. SPEIZER: I just don't  
16 understand why you would have a problem with all  
17 of us receiving that information.

18 MR. BRAVERMAN: What's interesting  
19 about it is during our meeting, Doctor Ferrie  
20 said, "You know, that's a good question."

21 And I said something to the effect  
22 of if it was a really good question, why didn't  
23 everybody get that information without it being  
24 asked for. And I don't think you have to know  
25 everything that I know. And I don't want to

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know everything you know.

MS. SPEIZER: Why do you assume that we don't care?

MR. BRAVERMAN: I assume you don't care to know anything more than is told to you and that's why there is so little conversation for discussion at this Board level.

I also believe that everything that appears on our agenda should have at first gone through a committee. It should, everything that's on the agenda should be through the committee as some kind of a review so that we do know it's been discussed.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Then we will go to technology. Mr. Kaufman.

MR. KAUFMAN: Yes. I was unable to make the meeting this evening. Ms. Haring, would you like to report?

MS. HARING: We met earlier this morning and the tech staff is revising the technology plan and the revisions will be presented to the Board in March. They are preparing to convert Mill Lake School to PC platform.

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2                   Currently, the third grade is the  
3 only grade that's running PC at Mill Lake.  
4 Grades Pre-K through 2 are running on a MAC  
5 platform district-wide.

6                   The conversion of grades Pre-K to 2  
7 to PC platform is part of the upcoming budget  
8 process, so they are hoping to complete that.  
9 There's the placemewnt of projectors in  
10 classrooms for the whole group presentations  
11 that are becoming more and more things that you  
12 do like with Power Point, that sort of thing.

13                   New Jersey Smart Data Submission is  
14 complete and the results will be submitted to  
15 the state on Friday. And then they are going to  
16 follow up on the Principal's Newsletters and the  
17 cafeteria menus to make sure the most current  
18 one's on the website. That concludes my report.

19                   MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you,  
20 Carol.

21                   Library Report, Doctor Ferrie.

22                   DOCTOR FERRIE: I would like to  
23 refer one to the <sup>tape</sup> cape the of Community Relations  
24 Committee. Irene Goldberg, the Township  
25 Librarian gives an extensive report on all the

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2 programs that are going to be available in  
3 Monroe Township, public librarian, there are  
4 program brochures for both adults and for  
5 children. Thank you.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Human Relations  
7 Commission, John.

8 MR. LEARY: Yes. Sergeant, Lisa  
9 Robinson is the Chair of the Human Relations  
10 Commission. We were scheduled to have a meeting  
11 yesterday at 4:00 P.M. Unfortunately, she  
12 became quite ill and we had to cancel the  
13 meeting.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.  
15 Municipal Rec Board, Amy.

16 MS. SPEIZER: Yes. We had a  
17 meeting on November 20th but what I would like  
18 to talk about is Greg Johanson runs the table  
19 tennis camp for the township, and they do that  
20 out of the high school.

21 Unfortunatly, because of the  
22 amount of programs we now have running at the  
23 high school, that program was about to be shut  
24 down. There was just no room for it. Thanks to  
25 the effort of Wayne Holliday and Jerry Tague who

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2 went out school to school and looking for space  
3 and availability, managed to find some space at  
4 Barclay Brook School. The very next day after  
5 our meeting, a trailer was moved over there, the  
6 tables were moved in, and the program is now  
7 alive and running. And I think it is a great  
8 effort between the School Board and the  
9 Recreation Department.

10 Also, thanks to Dominick Scarano  
11 who is the Chairman who really was on top of  
12 this and helped get it going, and to Jay Brown  
13 who coordinated the effort of moving everything  
14 over. And I just think it's a great effort on  
15 behalf of everybody. It's 125 people who  
16 participate in this program, and I'm glad we  
17 could keep it going, so thank you, Wayne and  
18 please thank Jerry on behalf of the Rec Board.  
19 That's my report.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Amy.  
21 Jamesburg Board of Education,  
22 Patrice.

23 MS. FARAONE: My next Board meeting  
24 is tomorrow night.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Middlesex

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2 Regional Education Services Commission, John.

3 MR. LEARY: Yes. The Finance  
4 Committee of the Educational Service Commission  
5 met yesterday and we reviewed the preliminary  
6 tuition rates for the 2007/2008, and the average  
7 increase will be a five percent increase. And  
8 they will be discussed and probably approved on  
9 Friday when the Board of Directors meet.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, John.

11 Is there any other Board of  
12 Education business? Doctor Ferrie.

13 DOCTOR FERRIE: I just have a few  
14 things. Warren, also, first I would like to  
15 thank the Administration for coming out this  
16 evening to support the grants for their  
17 teachers. And I also would like to thank the  
18 supervisors for all the work that you did in  
19 preparing the voluntary community service kind  
20 of work that was presented before the Community  
21 Relations Committee. We appreciate that.

22 I also would like to let the public  
23 know that beginning in January, we're going to  
24 start honoring students at our meeting, students  
25 and staff, so on January 10th, we will be

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2 honoring our high school football team and boys  
3 soccer team; the high school football team for  
4 qualifying for the State championships and the  
5 boys soccer team for becoming the GM, Greater  
6 Middlesex County champions.

7 We will also honor all of our  
8 coaches of the year and students who received  
9 honors in all falls sports.

10 On the January 24th meeting we will  
11 be honoring students in the district who have  
12 received academic and other competitive honors.  
13 And we are going to do this periodically  
14 throughout the remainder of the school year.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from  
16 the Board?

17 Mrs. Leonard.

18 MS. LEONARD: I would like to share  
19 with the Board and the public something that I  
20 came across today which, if this goes through,  
21 will vastly change education in New Jersey.

22 "Assembly Approves County Pilot. A  
23 proposal to create a pilot county school  
24 district which will result in turning local  
25 school boards into advisory panels passed in the

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2 Assembly on Monday by a vote 63 to 33. The Bill  
3 A8 would organize a five year pilot county  
4 administrative school district with the goal to  
5 evaluate the administration and educational  
6 effectiveness of the county school district  
7 model. The State Senate is scheduled to vote on  
8 A8 and its Senate counterpart S49 on December  
9 14th."

10 "Governance at issue. Appearing  
11 before the Joint Legislative Commission on  
12 Consolidation and Shared Services last week,  
13 Mike Farnick, New Jersey School Board  
14 Association Director of Governmental Relations,  
15 expressed concern about the impact of the pilot  
16 program on educational services, as well as the  
17 inability of school districts in the affected  
18 county to return to local governance if the  
19 experiment failed. Within 180 days of enactment  
20 of the bill, the State Commissioner of Education  
21 would approach a County Board of Freeholders  
22 with recommendations to create a pilot district.  
23 County Freeholder Boards could also apply for  
24 the pilot. Under the bill 11 of New Jersey's 21  
25 counties would be eligible to participate."

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2 Middlesex is not one of the  
3 eligible ones.

4 "The bill excludes counties the  
5 First Class Designation determined by overall  
6 population and density and those counties with  
7 two or more Abbott districts. Dissolving  
8 districts under A8, S49, local districts under  
9 the jurisdiction of the new county pilot school  
10 district could vote to dissolve. The  
11 superintendent's district level administrators  
12 or supervisory personnel positions also would be  
13 eliminated."

14 "At the beginning of the pilot  
15 project, the Freeholder director or county  
16 executive would appoint a four member county  
17 school board. No more than two members of the  
18 Board could be from the same political party and  
19 each of the four would be initially appointed  
20 either to a one, two, three or four year term.  
21 The governor would also appoint a chief school  
22 administrator for the selected county school  
23 district for a contract of three to five years  
24 duration."

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

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2 Anyone else? Mrs. Haring.

3 MS. HARING: I just want to comment  
4 about how pleased I was to see in the paper that  
5 the contract for the traffic light at the  
6 intersection of Schoolhouse Road and  
7 Perinneville Road has been awarded. And this is  
8 a topic that I have been talking about for  
9 years. It's a really treacherous intersection,  
10 particularly dangerous when our kids are going  
11 to school in the morning. A lot of them are not  
12 really experienced drivers and if you're running  
13 a little late, you could be making that turn and  
14 you know, maybe your judgment is not so good.

15 So according to the article, if I  
16 recall, it's going to take like six to nine  
17 months to complete, and they are also going to  
18 incorporate in any changes that have to be done  
19 for the intersection because of the high school  
20 construction so that shows that their forward  
21 thinking.

22 So I just want to comment that I'm  
23 really pleased to see that they are finally  
24 doing something about that intersection.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thanks. Mrs.

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Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: I have the question, on this past Monday I was at a luncheon for the League of Women Voters, and when I was introduced, it was also announced that Peg Schaffer would be at today's meeting, so that was known by somebody from the league.

I was also sitting next to a member of Town Council who also was aware that Peg Schaffer was going to be at the meeting today, yet even though I was on the Board of Ed, I was unaware that this was going to be on the agenda.

I'm very glad that Peg came. My question is even after that, when we got the agenda in our package, it wasn't listed on the agenda. I'm just wondering why this information was available to other people and even those of us on the Board didn't know what our agenda was going to be.

DOCTOR FERRIE: You had an agenda on which it was on. And I'll show that to you afterwards.

MS. OSTRAGER: But not the agenda for this public meeting, it was not listed. I'm

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just curious as to why.

DR. FERRIE: I don't have an answer to that. Sorry.

MS. OSTRAGER: Okay. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else from the Board?

Then we will go to, again, to our public forum. Anyone from the public wishing to speak, please come to the microphone and state your name and address for the public, for the record.

MS. RYAN: I'm back. Andrea Ryan, 5 Regent Drive. Just a quick statement.

I welcome the opportunity that Peg came here tonight to speak with us, and maybe it didn't get the information, but you know what, any channel that we can get, whether you know about it or you don't, if it's a surprise, welcome it. It's three years in the making now we're waiting for this school. If this woman can come out here tonight and give us clear information about what's going on, I think it's about time that we welcome it. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

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Anyone else?

MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska,  
Perrineville Road.

I personally don't find, after  
three years plus, that maybe we possibly have  
these deeds cleared, maybe we don't because Peg  
Schaffer came here tonight and said so. I have  
been listening to officials and attorneys speak  
for the past three years, and I personally don't  
believe anything until I see the documents. As  
I said before, I personally requested those  
documents, and, for whatever reason, they  
weren't given to me.

I also would like to just read a  
little statement here that was made by Peg on  
her November 10th letter here on the Thompson  
Parkland conversion.

She puts in here, "Notwithstanding  
we were required yesterday to once again expand  
the time and the taxpayers dollars to interpret  
that submission for the Rutgers Environmental  
Law Clinic Counsel and its clients." To date,  
they haven't expanded any time or any  
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I don't care if you don't like what we have to say or not, it makes you look bad to shut us up and shut us out and not give us equal time. We would have liked to have our attorney be able to come and give a rebuttal presentation this evening.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, very much.

Anyone else from the public?

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Good evening, Tom Nothstein.

I don't know where to begin. I'm very upset to hear from Doctor Ferrie that there was a secret agenda tonight.

DR. FERRIE: There was no secret agenda.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. But that either the Board of Ed members had it in their packet.

DR. FERRIE: There was no secret agenda.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Answer the question, there was a packet for the Board of Ed

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2 indicating that Ms. Schaffer was going to speak  
3 tonight. Yes or no, please.

4 DR. FERRIE: In Executive Session.

5 MR. NOTHSTEIN: So they knew about  
6 it.

7 DR. FERRIE: Executive session is  
8 privy with litigation under the Sunshine laws.

9 MR. NOTHSTEIN: So Peg Schaffer was  
10 discussed under a closed session, is that  
11 correct?

12 The reason I'm bringing this up,  
13 obviously, the Monroe Board has a lot of issues  
14 with their closed session.

15 DR. FERRIE: That's not true.

16 MR. NOTHSTEIN: As reported in the  
17 paper.

18 DR. FERRIE: That's not true.

19 MR. NOTHSTEIN: I'm speaking,  
20 excuse me, Doctor Ferrie, I am speaking now,  
21 please. Have the courtesy to at least let me  
22 speak.

23 The Board of Ed was investigated or  
24 reported to the Prosecutor of New Jersey for  
25 just such a violation. So I'm very concerned

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2 when I hear that there's different agendas. I  
3 mean, I look at the agenda, it was nowhere on  
4 that. And yet there's no answer for that?

5 Kids First, they applaud Ms.  
6 Schaffer being here, as did I. However, it's  
7 imperative that the Board keep an open  
8 government situation. Everything we get from  
9 the Board is total obfuscation. And quite  
10 frankly, it sounds like your own Board members  
11 don't know what's going on.

12 Ms. Ostrager, obviously, didn't  
13 know that Ms. Schaffer was going to be here  
14 tonight. And this really worries me. Because  
15 where there's something that's being hidden,  
16 that means there is something to be hid. And I  
17 have a big concern with that, and I don't know  
18 what the answer is.

19 Obviously, you guys aren't  
20 answering anything tonight but it appears to me,  
21 when will the minutes of that closed session be  
22 made as an OPRA request?

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: They are notes.

24 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Notes are fine.

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public? And what was the date of that meeting?

MR. HOLLIDAY: That meeting  
transpired this evening.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: It was prior to  
this meeting?

MR. HOLLIDAY: yes.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: And those notes  
will be available by when?

MR. HOLLIDAY: By mid next week.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: By mid week, okay.  
That's fine.

I had another question with Mr.  
Braverman. What, exactly, did you request from  
Mr. Holliday? I missed the beginning of your  
little presentation or speech.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Braverman,  
would you like to answer that?

MR. BRAVERMAN: I read it once  
already.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: I just need to know  
what you requested, that's all.

MR. BRAVERMAN: My request was, I'm  
paraphrasing, I wanted to know how much money  
was expended out of the funds for the new high

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school.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: Basically, the same question I asked tonight that he answered instantly, 75 million, is that correct?

MR. BRAVERMAN: I have no idea. I never got the answer.

MR. NOTHSTEIN: You never got the answer. Thank you, very much.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public? Mr. Busch.

MR. BUSCH: I don't like to debate with the public but something was just stated about an investigation by the Prosecutor and I guess I have to get involved in that because I was.

Paff

On November 17th John Path, who has filed suit against the Monroe Board of Ed and has filed suit against many municipal and public entities in the last couple of years, sent a letter to the Prosecutor complaining about two items that were discussed in closed session. The Prosecutor's response and the letter are referred to in the Star Ledger of December five, and William Lamb, and I'm reading now, "The

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2 First Assistant Prosecutor", this is from the  
3 Star Ledger, "in Middlesex said he reviewed  
4 Paff's  
Path's concerns over the Monroe School Board  
5 Meeting and found no violations."

6 And specifically, it had to do with  
7 a personnel matter where we had deleted the name  
8 of the person who was discussed in closed  
9 session, and among other things, the Prosecutor  
10 said that was obviously correct.

11 There is no investigation going on.  
12 The letter was sent November 17th which was at  
13 the end of one week. On November 21st, which I  
14 think was Thanksgiving week, the Monday,  
15 probably, maybe the Tuesday, the Prosecutor  
16 responded that there was no violation.

17 So yes, the Board has been sued by  
18 Paff,  
Mr. Path, partly for things that happened in  
19 2002 and he waited until September 2006 to bring  
20 a suit.

21 I would just point out that the  
22 court, the rules and the statutes all give 45  
23 days, not four and a half years. Thank you.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone  
25 else in the public?

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Seeing no one, Mr. Leary --

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Patrice.

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MS. FARAONE: Can I make a comment?

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MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Sure.

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MS. FARAONE: I would just like to

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state, and I think I speak for many of the Board

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members up here, I have a full-time job. I have

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three children. I'm the Jamesburg rep for 11

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years. I'm the Monroe rep for 10. I assure you

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there's no hidden agenda up here. I don't have

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the time or the energy to have a hidden agenda.

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Nobody up here wants to be in this situation.

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We all approved a referendum to go

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forth many years ago that failed in the public.

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Living in Jamesburg, I can tell you

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most of the people in Jamesburg would have

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supported that if they were able to vote for it

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but we didn't. So now we are in a situation we

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are in. And we don't always say all the right

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things and appear appropriate to people because

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worked with.

And I'm really tired of the constant accusations. I just want to tell you that. We are here for the kids. We have no hidden agenda. We're not hiding anything.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Doctor Ferrie.

DR. FERRIE: I would just like to make one comment to Mr. Nothstein.

Mr. Nothstein, to date, I don't think you and I have ever had the opportunity to sit down in my office and have a lengthy conversation, and my office is always open. Always. So I would invite you to come in and see me.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary, could you please take number 16?

MS. OSTRAGER: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH Ms. Ostrager.

MS. OSTRAGER: I just wanted to clarify something because apparently, I was misunderstood. I applaud having Ms. Schaffer here. I was a strong advocate of having the public meeting in June where we could have an update to the public.

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2 My concern was, as I believe that  
3 there is many citizens of this town who would  
4 have loved to have been able to be here tonight  
5 if they knew that this type of presentation was  
6 going to be made. I think that there's a lot of  
7 interest in this and I think had we, had we  
8 known or had I known that it was going to be on  
9 the public agenda, I think that I would have  
10 encouraged a lot of people to be here in order  
11 to hear this presentation that she, obviously,  
12 put so much effort in. And that was really what  
13 my point was, not that I had any objection to  
14 her being here. I'm very glad that she's here.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

16 Anyone else?

17 Mr. Leary.

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PUBLIC MEETING – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

**I. Enrollment**

A. Elementary and secondary (within the district):

	<u>11/30/06</u>	<u>10/31/06</u>	Increase+ Decrease-	<u>11/30/05</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	672	671	+1	668	+ 4
Barclay Brook School	689	691	-2	664	+25
Brookside School	931	925	+6	800	+131
Mill Lake School	689	688	+1	645	+44
Woodland School	490	488	+2	484	+ 6
Monroe High School	<u>1468</u>	<u>1469</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>1391</u>	<u>+ 77</u>
<b>Total Elementary &amp; Secondary</b>	<b>4939</b>	<b>4932</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>4652</b>	<b>+287</b>

**I. Enrollment (cont'd)**

	<b>11-30-06</b>	<b>10-31-06</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	14	
Bancroft	1	1	
Bridge Academy	1	1	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Center School, Highland Park	2	2	
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	1	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	0	0	
Collier School, Wickatunk	2	4	-2
CPC High Point <b>Jamesburg Student</b>	4	6	-2
East Mountain <b>Jamesburg Student</b>	2	2	
Eden Institute	2	1	+1
Harbor School	3	3	
High Roads	5	5	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	2	2	
Joseph Cappello	2	2	
Kidspace	1	1	
Kiva High School	1	1	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Mercer Elementary	1	1	
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	4	2	+2
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	2	3	-1
Mercer County Reg Day	3	4	-1
Midland School, North Branch	4	4	
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1	1	
N. Brunswick H.S. <b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Nu-View Academy	0	0	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Pine Ridge	1	1	
Piscataway Reg Day	1	1	
Raritan Valley Academy	1	1	
Rock Brook	1	1	
Rugby School	1	1	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Schoth School	1	1	
Somerset Co. Day Training	1	1	
Somerset Hills Residential	1	1	
Spotswood H.S. <b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Summit Speech	1	1	
Taylor Mills	0	0	
UMDNJ	1	1	
Youth Consultation Services	1	1	
<b>TOTAL Monroe Students</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>TOTAL Jamesburg Students</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-1</b>

## II. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/wk
HI 06/07-3	CST	12	Weiner, Holstein, Beahm,	OD	9-7-06	11-3-06	10
HI 06/07-4	Med	7	Marshak	A	9-18-06		5
HI 06/07-5	Med	12	Olszewski	HS	10-7-06		10
HI 06/07-6	Med	9	Laffey, Granett, Drust, Gonzales, DeMarco, Weinstein	HS	10-3-06		10
HI 06/07-9	Med	12	UMDNJ	HS	9-19-06	9-25-06	10
HI 06/07-10	Med	12		HS	11-13-06		10
HI 06/07-11	Med	12		HS	1-3-07		10
HI 06/07-12	Med	7	Un Cty Ed Svc	OD	11-4-06		10
HI 06/07-13	Med	5	Steeber	WD	11-6-06		5
HI 06/07-14	Med	11	Cardone, Harris, Simmonds	OD	11-27-06		10
HI 06/07-15	Med	10	Milonas, Benjamin, Demarco, Granett	HS	10-26-06		10
HI 06/07-16	Med	5	Steeber	WD	11-20-06	11-29-06	5

## III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----November 1 and 17, 2006  
 Barclay Brook School ----- November 2 and 6, 2006  
 Brookside School -----November 3 and 28, 2006  
 Mill Lake School -----November 17 and 27, 2006  
 Woodland School -----November 15 and 21, 2006  
 Monroe High School -----November 22 and 30, 2006

### Lock Down Drills

Mill Lake -----November 8, 2006

#### IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Gina Toto**, fourth grade teacher at Brookside School, effective June 30, 2007.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Kristie DeLuca**, third grade teacher at Mill Lake School, effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. DeLuca is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Melissa Fletcher**, third grade ICS teacher at Mill Lake School, effective January 22, 2007 through March 2, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Fletcher is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Dana Bender**, teacher at Mill Lake School, effective February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Bender is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Judi Wernersbach**, ICS teacher at Brookside School, effective January 3, 2007 through January 8, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Wernersbach is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Carolyn Powers**, social worker for the district, effective January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Powers is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Eileen Simmonds**, Special Education teacher at the High School, effective January 31, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Simmonds is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Ursula Allen**, custodian at the High School, effective November 17, 2006 through January 2, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Allen is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.

- I. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. MaryAnn Taylor**, library coordinator at Applegarth School. Ms. Taylor was previously approved for 6.25 hours per day. It should read 6.75 hours per day retroactive to September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the start date of **Ms. Katherine Traina**, kindergarten teacher at Barclay Brook effective November 27, 2006. Ms. Traina was originally approved effective November 28, 2006.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Mr. Salvatore Arcaro**, to reflect his Blue Seal License (\$1000 pro rated), retroactive to November 3, 2006.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Heidi Magee**, library coordinator at Mill Lake, to reflect 15 years longevity, retroactive to September 1, 2006.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Catherine Lee Chang**, French teacher at Applegarth School, from long term substitute to Step 5 of the Master's guide (\$44,210 + \$2100), retroactive to November 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- N. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the Superintendent's Report of August 30, 2006. Mr. Robert Byrnes was approved for Drama Production #1. It should read Musical Production.
- O. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Dina Costa**, paraprofessional in the transportation department, from 3.5 hours to 3.75 hours, retroactive to November 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- P. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the hours of the following bus drivers retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Philippa Sessa	6 hours to 6.25 hours
Dolores Irato	6 hours to 6.5 hours

- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to provide an in-home consultation program one to three times per year for autistic students at the MTEA hourly rate:

Brenda Collins  
 Amy Chait  
 Jennifer Oskierko  
 Kim Bemis

R. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers as team leaders at Applegarth School for the 2006-2007 school year:

Karen Antozzeski  
 Laurie Budrewicz  
 Irene Curran  
 Adam Layman  
 Maria Steffero  
 Christine Viszoki

S. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel for the 2006-2007 school year:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for hire
Cindi Nazario	Paraprofessional Supervisory	Woodland	Step 1 Paraprofessional	11/20/06-6/30/07	2.5 hours per day	replacement
Marianne Taylor	Yearbook Business Manager	Applegarth	Step 1 \$550.00	2006-2007 school year		
Linda Frezel	Paraprofessional	Mill Lake	Step 4 Paraprofessional	12/1/06 – 6/30/07	1.25 hour increase in sp. Ed.	additional position
Ursula Allen	Custodian	High School	\$23.06/hr. + 1.99 head custodian + night premium + boiler + longevity	1/1/07 – 6/30/07	8 hours per day	Contract renewal
David Jensen	Custodian	Brookside	\$20.84/hr + 1.60 head custodian + \$600 boiler	1/1/07-6/30/07	8 hours per day	Contract renewal
Marianna Cabanski	Interim head custodian	Mill Lake	\$16.91/hr + \$1.60 head custodian + \$600 boiler	12/14/06- to be determined	8 hours per day	Leave replacement
Eleanora LaGrace	Interim head custodian	High School	\$23.06/hr + \$1.99 head custodian + .43 night + \$600 boiler	12/14/06- to be determined	8 hours per day	Leave Replacement

T. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated personnel for the 2006-2007 school year:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Reason for hire
Sybil Williams Gray	Social Worker	High School	11 MA (40%)	1-3-07-6-30-07	Extension and modification of contract - leave replacement
Kim Van Pelt	Social Worker	District	3 MA	1-3-07-6-30-07	extension of current contract - leave replace.
Brenda Collins	Teacher of the Handicapped	Mill Lake Preschool	4 BA	1-25-07-6-30-07	Maternity leave replacement
Aimee DeJesus	Teacher of the Handicapped	High School	3 BA	1-3-07 for approximately 8-12 weeks until the teacher returns	Leave Replacement – extension of current contract
Stacy Levier	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Brookside	4 MA	11-29-06-6/30/07	Maternity leave replacement – extension of current contract
Edward Anderson	Assistant Ice Hockey Coach	High School	Step 1 Coaching guide	2006-2007 school year	Coaching position
George Pangalos	Set Design Drama Production #2	High School	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position
Robert Byrnes	Drama Director Production #2	High School	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position
Delores McClain	Drama Producer #2	High School	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position
Sheree Reiff	Junior Class Co Advisor (50%)	High School	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position
Jovanna Quindes	Junior Class Co Advisor (50%)	High School	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position
Joyce Kay	Set Design	Applegarth	Stipend	2006-2007 school year	Advisory position

U. It is recommended the Board approve the following appointments to be added to our 2006-2007 list of approved substitutes:

**Certificated**

Leona Alagna	Substitute Teacher
Karen Berecsky	Substitute Teacher
Veronica Dery	Substitute Teacher
Marvin Harlan	Substitute Teacher
Howard Kalish	Substitute Teacher
Michael McGarry	Substitute Teacher
Barbara Rosenberg	Substitute Teacher
Robert Curci	Substitute Teacher
Tracy Cогnetta	Substitute Nurse

**Non Certificated**

Leslaw Lanczyk	Substitute Custodian
Jose Rameriz	Substitute Custodian
Tracey Lockwood	Substitute Paraprofessional
Gina Muro	Substitute Paraprofessional
Audra Pershilli	Substitute Paraprofessional
Darlene Rossano	Substitute Paraprofessional
Irene Covington	Substitute Bus Driver

**V. BOARD ACTION**

**A. Policy and Regulations**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following policies for a second and final reading:

Policy No. 2435	NJSIAA Random Testing for Interscholastic Athletics
Policy No. 5512.02	Cyber Bullying

**B. Residency Contract**

In accordance with Policy #5111 regarding residency contracts, it is recommended that the Board approve the enrollment of the children noted on the attached Residency Contract whose family is under contract for future residency in Monroe Township.

**C.** Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of November 2006.

**D.** It is recommended that the Board accept the Governor's Grant application entitled: "The Governor's Initiative on Autism" to expand the existing program up to ten students for the sum of \$300,000.

- E. It is recommended that the Board accept the Governor’s Grant application entitled: “The Governor’s Initiative on Autism” to enhance the existing program of over 30 students for the sum of \$225,000.00.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- G. **2006-2007 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/06 through 11/15/06 .....\$1600.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
11/16/06	MTHS	substance abuse	n/a

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

TO: Monroe Township Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Ralph P. Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools

RE: Addendum to Superintendent's Report For December 13, 2006

DATE: December 13, 2006

**IV. Personnel (cont'd)**

- V. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave extension to **Ms. Marni Vicich**, French teacher at the High School, effective January 3, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Vicich is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- W. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Wendy Roth**, teacher of grade two at Mill Lake School, to Step 6 of the Bachelor's guide retroactive to November 1, 2006. It is further recommended that the Board approve an extension of her contract effective February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This is a maternity leave replacement position.
- X. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Jamie Conner**, as a guidance counselor in the High School, at Step 1 of the Master's guide (\$41,710 + 2100), effective January 3, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This is a maternity leave replacement.
- Y. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Debbie Parente**, as a special education paraprofessional at Step 1 of the Paraprofessional guide, effective December 14, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- Z. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Laurie McConnell**, as the Supervisor of Grants, Testing and Special Services at a prorated salary of \$91,960, effective January 3, 2007 through June 30, 2007.
- AA. It is recommended that the Board approve an extension of contract to **Ms. Trisha Stienes**, third grade teacher at Mill Lake School at Step 1 of the Bachelor's guide effective January 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This is a maternity leave replacement.
- BB. It is recommended that the Board approve an extension of contract to **Mr. Benimapi Coulibaly**, French teacher at the High School at Step 4 of the Bachelor's guide effective January 3, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This is a maternity leave replacement.

CC. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education ratify the Agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Central Office covering the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

DD. It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of the Central Office Support Staff per negotiated salaries for the 2006-2007 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 as follows:

Linda Boone	Payroll	20 Yr Longevity
Matt Boone	Payroll Assistant	
Anne Chropuvka	Benefits/Bldg. Use	20 Yr Longevity
Patricia Franz	Secretary, Supt.'s Off.	
Deborah Gialanella	Secretary, Asst. Supt. Off.	
Sharon Haflin	Office Clerk	
Linda Hartman	Accounts Payable Clerk	
Mary Ann Martenak	Secretary, Supt.'s Off.	25 Yr Longevity
Jean Malkiewicz	Secretary, PPS	
Susan Mazor	Secretary, Facilities	
Cherie McCoy	Data Processor/Clerk	
Joseph Muszel	Bookkeeper	
Gail Nemeth	Secretary, Asst. Supt. Off. Office	
Judy Onichowsky	Secretary, PPS	20 Yr Longevity
Lillian Skorich	Purchasing Secretary	25 Yr Longevity
Debra Walker	Office Assistant	

**MONROE TOWNSHIP**

Board of Education

SUBJECT: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 13, 2006

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve for the 2006/07 school year beginning July 1, 2006 Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide the following services for the indicated fee:

Psychological or Learning Evaluation	\$240.00
Bi-lingual Psychological or Learning Evaluation	\$375.00
Social History Evaluation	\$230.00
Bi-lingual Social History Evaluation	\$340.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$275.00
Occupational Therapy Services to Students	\$88.00 per hr.
Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$275.00
Physical Therapy Services to Students	\$88.00 per hr.
Speech/Language Evaluation	\$275.00
Bi-lingual Speech/Language Evaluation	\$390.00
Speech/Language Evaluation	Agency fee plus \$75.00
Bi-lingual Speech/Language Evaluation	Agency fee plus \$75.00
Speech Correction Services to Eligible Students	\$75.00 per hr.
Speech Correction Services to Eligible Students	Agency rate plus \$20.00
ABA Training	\$50.00 per hr.
Home instruction	\$36.00 per hr.
Nursing Services	\$36.00 per hr.

2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide home instruction for students at Princeton House at the rate of \$46.09 per hour for fiscal year 2006/07.

3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the firm of "Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company" to perform the 2006/07 audit in the amount of \$31,000. It is further recommended that the firm of "Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company" be approved to perform other services during fiscal year 2006/07 as needed. Other services as may be required during the contract period, as requested, will be billed at rates as indicated below and determined by the degree of skill required for the respective services:

Partners or Principals	\$110.00 to \$150.00
Managers or Supervisors	\$80.00 to \$105.00
Staff Members or Para-Professionals	\$50.00 to \$80.00

Please refer to the enclosed documents for supplemental information.

#### SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from Monroe Township High School as submitted by Mr. David Kirk for the use of the High School gymnasium for boys and girls basketball practice on the following Sundays: December 17, 2006, January 14, 2007, January 21, 2007 and February 11, 2007. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

#### C. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT

In regard to Title 6A, Chapter 23 (Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement) it is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attendance of Board Member Mr. John Leary to participate in the NJSBA(New Jersey School Boards Association) "Focusing the Board on Student Achievement" program which will be held January 20, 2007 at the Raritan Valley Academy MRESC, in Piscataway. The registration fee is \$125 plus mileage reimbursement.

#### D. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT

In regard to Title 6A, Chapter 23 (Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement) it is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attendance of Board Member Ms. Rita Ostrager to participate in the NJSBA(New Jersey School Boards Association) "Parliamentary Procedure" program which will be held January 20, 2007 at the Raritan Valley Academy MRESC, in Piscataway. The registration fee is \$125 plus mileage reimbursement.

#### E. TRANSFER #5

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #5 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

#### F. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US BANK AND WACHOVIA BANK

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge the relationship with US Bank upon their acquisition of the trust department from Wachovia Bank.

#### G. ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW NJARM ACCOUNT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the establishment of the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program account #223-08 for the segregation of the 2006 New Elementary School Bonds Arbitrage Rebates.

## DONATION

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from the Jewish Congregation of Concordia/Monroe Township. Please refer to the enclosed correspondence.

## TRANSPORTATION – JOINTURE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a pupil transportation jointure between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Jamesburg Board of Education for pupil transportation to East Brunswick Vocational School. Please refer to the enclosed analysis for supplemental information.

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL – COMMISSIONING SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (“NJEDA”), in accordance with Executive Order #24 requires commissioning services for the new High School; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the required standards set forth by the United States Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Version 2, a Request for Proposal was issued to three engineering firms who specialize in commissioning services; and

**WHEREAS**, at this stage of the project, it is necessary for associates of a commissioning services firm to review the design documents and provide commissioning specification requirements for inclusion in the bid documents; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the commissioning services involves construction oversight for mechanical and electrical systems, verification of installations, functional performance testing and reporting, staff training, and documentation of as-built operation and maintenance data; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize a contract to Dome-Tech Commissioning Service, as delineated in the enclosed proposal, for a fee of \$292,000.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
Prepared by

DECEMBER 13, 2006  
Meeting Date