

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 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. Rita Ostrager
Ms. Amy Speizer

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Ms. Kathy Leonard

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF

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

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

ATTENDANCE - continued

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 163

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 October 13, 2006:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Homoki moved seconded by Mr. Kaufman 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.

HENRY RICKLIS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMITTEE DONATION

Mr. Jay Ellis Brown, as a representative from the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee, presented a check in the amount of \$500.00, as a donation to the Monroe Township Board of Education in appreciation for the Board's ongoing support for the Committee and in support of education for students. Ms. Speizer moved and Ms. Ostrager seconded a motion to accept the donation from the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2005/06 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, introduced Mr. Gerard Stankiewicz, Partner with the auditing firm of Samuel Klein and Company.

Mr. Stankiewicz stated that the Board was in receipt of two reports. Namely, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. He explained both reports and stated that there were no recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Braverman to recommend that members of the Board of Education accept and approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously. Mr. Stankiewicz and Mr. Homoki publicly commended Mr. Holliday, Mr. Gorski and the financial staff for all their hard work in producing such a report with no comments or recommendations. Dr. Ferrie also acknowledged and thanked the financial staff.

QUALITY ASSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Dr. Ferrie reviewed the Quality Assurance Annual Report. Specifically, he spoke about: school level planning; achievement of performance objectives; the school report card; professional development activities; condition of facilities; status of mandated program reviews; community support; and the Statement of Assurances. Next, Dr. Ferrie highlighted the 2005/2006 achievement of goals. Members of the Board of Education and the public were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions. Next, Dr. Ferrie discussed the district-wide security measures currently in place and the efforts being made for future safety and security measures.

A motion was made by Mr. Braverman and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that members of the Board of Education accept the "Quality Assurance Annual Report" and authorize the submission of the document to the County Superintendent of Schools. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM – Mr. Russell Boyd, 9 Pheasant Lane asked for an interpretation of the percentage scores referenced earlier as related to other districts. Dr. Tienken clarified that all percentages used meet or exceed No Child Left Behind requirements. Mr. Leary stated that in a recent issue of New Jersey Monthly Monroe Township Schools ranked as a high performing district (in the top ten) among the F/G District Factor Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that the minutes for the Public Meeting held on September 13, 2006 be approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTENROLLMENT

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

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All schools

2006/07 PUPIL SUSPENSIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2006PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager and seconded by Mr. Braverman that personnel items (A – T) be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0 with Ms. Speizer recusing on Item R. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

RESOLUTION – D.H.

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Members of the Board of Education acknowledge that employee D.H., abandoned his job and is no longer an employee of the Monroe Township Board of Education effective, retroactively to, September 21, 2006. The Superintendent of Schools and his designee(s) are authorized to take all necessary steps to implement the Board's directive. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0.

RESOLUTION – D.B.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Ms. Speizer that Members of the Board of Education approve the suspension with pay of employee D.B., effective, retroactively as of October 11, 2006, pending further action of the Board. The Superintendent of Schools and his designee(s) are authorized to take all necessary steps to implement the Board's directive. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0.

RESOLUTION – SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL NURSE

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Members of the Board of Education approve a daily rate of \$150.00 per day for substitute school nurses. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0.

RESOLUTION – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT/DIFFERENTIALS FOR NON-AFFILIATED TECHNOLOGY STAFF

A motion was made by Ms. Haring and seconded by Ms. Ostrager that Members of the Board of Education approve language related to Professional Development and Column Differentials for non-affiliated technology staff members that replicates the language in the Monroe Township Education Association's agreement. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0.

RESOLUTION – RATIFICATION

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer that Members of the Board of Education ratify the Agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. Next, Ms. Speizer thanked the Monroe Township Education Association negotiating committee for the good experience throughout negotiations and that the resulting agreement is a win-win situation for the school district, the staff and for the town. Ms. Kolupanowich agreed with Ms. Speizer and added that the people that win the most are the students in the district because the Board and the Monroe Township Education Association all put the students first and agreed that the quality education in Monroe must continue. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0.

BOARD ACTIONVIOLENCE, VANDALISM, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, the Annual District Report and the Incident Listing for Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse was presented to members of the Board of Education and public and both groups were invited to comment or ask questions. A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Members of the Board of Education accept the Annual District Report on Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0. Refer to attached transcript #1. Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action items (B – I) be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Haring and seconded by Ms. Speizer 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. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Speizer that Board Action items (A – Z) of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 - 0. A copy of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Mr. Malvone reported on the Applegarth Middle School 7th grade field trip, up-coming teen socials and the Halloween Dance. Also, Mr. Malvone reported that Woodland Elementary School hosted the author Dan Goodman and that there will be an assembly program by the Franklin Institute.

Ms. Antonello spoke about the High School Homecoming football game and dance, DECA Week, the upcoming Future Business Leaders of America Conference, and that the Brookside Elementary School had an interactive presentation on the Lenape Indians and their culture.

Mr. Leonard spoke about the National Council of Jewish Women and residents of Concordia presenting a tolerance puppet show, the Summer Reading Challenge, and that the PTO will be presenting a cultural arts assembly.

COMMITTEE REPORTSCURRICULUM/CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ms. Faraone, Chairperson for the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum Activities/Athletics Committee reported that the committee met earlier this evening and moved that Members of the Board of Education approve the formation of the FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Club for students interested in Family and Consumer Sciences. The club will be staffed voluntarily by a staff member for the first year. Ms. Speizer seconded the motion. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 - 0. Ms. Faraone stated that at the previous board meeting parents of three former basketball players made some claims against our boys' basketball coach during the public portion of the meeting. Ms. Faraone stated that building administrators and then district administrators conducted a thorough investigation and shared the results of this investigation with members of the Board of Education and based on the findings it was decided that Mr. Turco will be the Varsity Basketball Coach for the upcoming season and that the High School Administration will continue to monitor all of its athletic programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONTINUED – refer to the attached transcript #2.

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

PUBLIC FORUM - refer to the attached transcript #2.

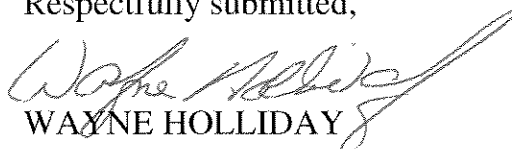
CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Kaufman moved and Ms. Speizer seconded a recommendation that the Board convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel, negotiations, legal and student matters at 6:30 p.m. on November 15, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager 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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2 DR. FERRIE: Okay. Under Board
3 action, I have to take item A separately.

4 We did have copies of the district
5 files, vandalism report which was sent in
6 through the EVVRS, the Electronic Violence
7 and Vandalism Reporting System, and I'll
8 read the motion, summarize some of the
9 issues in the report and ask if anybody has
10 any comment, and this has to be on a roll
11 call separate motion.

12 In accordance with N.J.S.A.
13 18A:17-46, the annual district report and
14 the incident listing for violence,
15 vandalism and substance abuse is being
16 presented for public review.

17 It was out on the table.

18 I will tell you that you it's a
19 summary page. There were 30 incidents of
20 violence, and on the pages attached they
21 were mainly fights, no weapons, five
22 instances of vandalism, substance abuse,
23 ten instances, total 45.

24 These are the ones that reported
25 through EVVRS. When I compared the results

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2 of this from last year, we were slightly --
3 when you look at the percentages compared
4 to the increased enrollment these incidents
5 went down slightly, so that's a good thing.

6 But, of course, we don't want to see
7 any of this in the district so we will
8 continue to monitor it as we move forward.

9 So at this time I'll ask anyone who
10 would like to comment to please come to the
11 microphone.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Seeing no one from
13 the public, motion and second from the
14 Board. Miss Speizer, Mr. Kaufman.

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any questions from
17 members of the Board of Education?

18 Seeing none, we will have a roll
19 call, Mr. Holliday.

20 (Braverman, Ostrager, Speizer,
21 Homoki, Leary, Haring, Faraone,
22 Kolupanowich vote in favor of the motion)

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,
24 the motion passed.

TRANSCRIPT #2

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 18, 2006 PUBLIC MEETING

TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION OF MEETING FROM TAPE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

KATHY KOLUPANOWICH, Board President
LEW KAUFMAN, Board Vice President
MARVIN I. BRAVERMAN
CAROL HARING
JOSEPH HOMOKI
JOHN LEARY
RITA OSTRAGER
AMY SPEIZER

PATRICE FARAONE, Jamesburg Representative

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GINA ANTONIELLO
GEORGE LEONARD
ALEX MALVONE

STAFF PRESENT:

DR. RALPH FERRIE, Superintendent of Schools
MR. WAYNE HOLLIDAY, Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
DR. CHRISTOPHER TIENKEN, Assistant
Superintendent
DR. EDWARD J. FORSTHOFFER, Assistant
Superintendent

BERTRAM E. BUSCH, ESQUIRE
Board Attorney

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2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time we
3 will go to finance, buildings and grounds,
4 transportation. Joe.

5 MR. HOMOKI: This is an ongoing
6 report on the new high school. MRM
7 Architects have indicated they will submit
8 construction documents -- yes, I think I
9 can go on now. There will be no clapping
10 after this one.

11 MRM Architecture has indicated they
12 will submit construction documents to the
13 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
14 for code review and approval during the
15 first week of November.

16 The project may be advertised for bid
17 after a complete code review and approval
18 is authorized by DCA.

19 The new elementary school, the Prisco
20 Group has submitted construction documents,
21 to the New Jersey Department of Community
22 Affairs for code review and approval.

23 This afternoon the Prisco Group was
24 contacted by project representatives from
25 DCA who indicated that we should receive

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2 our first review comments next week.

3 After these comments are reviewed and
4 evaluated by the project design team
5 revisions will be made to the plan and
6 specifications, supporting documentation
7 and so on.

8 Compiled and revised design
9 submissions will then be made to DCA.
10 After the revision submission is made and
11 providing that all DCA comments have been
12 addressed to the satisfaction of DCA, the
13 project may be advertised for bid.

14 And the final one deals with the high
15 school gymnasium. A contractor, Spring
16 Valley Construction, returned to the
17 project and substantially completed
18 installation of the finished roof cap
19 sheet. Delivery and installation of
20 skylight and flashings which are currently
21 delayed will follow.

22 We had the roof system manufacturer's
23 representative inspect and approve the cap
24 sheet to insure that there will be no
25 problems with issuance of a full roof

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system warranty.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Kathy. I would like to report that I've been in touch with the Assistant Township Attorney, Peg Schaffer. I report periodically when I have some updates.

Late Friday this past week, Friday, October 13th, the Township Attorney's office submitted their required conditional submissions to the DEP Green Acres to comply with certain conditions imposed by the State House Commission this past January.

Specifically they had gotten clear title reports for all of the replacement parcels. We've been waiting for a couple of straggling surveys, they have come in.

The title company has passed it all on. It should have been received by the state this past Monday.

In addition an environmental impact statement under Executive Order 215 was also submitted by Miss Schaffer and as I've

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2 reported before, Green Acres has 20 days to
3 declare whether or not the submission is
4 complete.

5 If Green Acres declares that it is
6 complete, from that date forward they have
7 30 days to make substantive comments,
8 require any other things sent back, things
9 that are maybe not as complete as they'd
10 like, but we are moving forward. Thank
11 you.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you.
13 Personnel negotiations. Amy.

14 MS. SPEIZER: No reports.

15 MR. HOMOKI: Madam Chairman, I'd like
16 to just say a word about negotiations since
17 I was on the negotiation team. Just a very
18 brief statement.

19 I've been on the Board for about 12
20 years, I think it's 12 or 13, doesn't make
21 any difference any more. But the stature
22 of our school system, elementary and
23 secondary, has risen to be one of the best
24 school systems in the county, and I hear
25 that as I talk to other administrators,

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friends throughout the county.

So I just want to tell you that we have come a long way and we still have a way to go, but I think we are definitely on the right track.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr. Homoki. Community RELATIONS, Rita.

MS. OSTRAGER: The Community Relations met this past Monday, October 16. In addition to the program that is taped for future airing on the cable channel 3 which we have had for the last few years, the members of the community who came and attended that meeting stayed afterwards to have a more informal discussion to see how we can improve our community relations between the school system, the PTAs, the planned retirement communities and other community organizations.

I believe everybody in, that attended that meeting wanted to continue to have those types of meetings. There was interest, especially from the planned retirement communities, expressed interest

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2 in actively participating in providing
3 programs, assistance, involvement
4 essentially in the school systems.

5 It's too early to say, we haven't
6 really worked anything out. It was a
7 preliminary meeting and I think it was very
8 positive.

9 Our next meeting of the Community
10 Relations Committee which will just be the
11 Board committee will be on Monday, November
12 6th and the meeting with the members of the
13 community will be scheduled again in
14 December.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you
16 very much. Policy, Marv.

17 MR. BRAVERMAN: No report.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Technology, Lew.

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Sadly, no report.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: No report from the
21 Library Board. Human Relations Commission,
22 John.

23 MR. LEARY: Yes. Doctor Debra Wolfe
24 was the chair of the Human Relations
25 Committee for several years and she was a

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2 very active member of the Monroe Township
3 League of Women Voters.

4 The league is starting a project to
5 honor the memory of Doctor Wolfe.

6 A delegation from the league
7 presented the project to honor her to the
8 Human Relations Commission. There was
9 enthusiastic support for the project and a
10 lively discussion of developments of the
11 project.

12 In addition there has been some very
13 good, productive talks between the League
14 and Doctor Ferrie to honor Doctor Wolfe.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, very
16 much, John. Municipal Rec Board, Amy?

17 DR. FERRIE: I'd love to take credit
18 for that, Mr. Leary. Bonnie Burke, please
19 stand up, who is our supervisor of social
20 studies. She is the one that's been
21 working with the League regularly and I'd
22 like to give her all the credit in terms of
23 helping to plan this activity.

24 MR. LEARY: I stand corrected, her
25 name was mentioned during the course of the

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2 Human Relations Commission.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.
4 Municipal Rec Board.

5 MS. SPEIZER: Yes. We had a meeting
6 Monday night. Some of the items that came
7 up, there will be a free lacross clinic
8 this Sunday and next Sunday for boys and
9 girls, grades second through eight;
10 basketball and baseball registration is
11 ongoing at this time.

12 There will be wrestling registration
13 October 25, November 8 or via the website.

14 Our cheerleading teams won five out
15 of seven first place in the competition
16 last weekend and will be going on to the
17 Sovereign Bank Arena on October 28 to find
18 out if they will be going to Florida.

19 October 22, the Octoberfest will be
20 held at noontime at the Community Center
21 and on October 28 the Halloween parade will
22 be held also at the Community Center at
23 10:30 and if anyone is interested I do have
24 the fliers. And that's my report.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you,

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2 very much. Jamesburg Board of Education.
3 Patrice.

4 MS. FARAONE: Next Board meeting
5 is tomorrow night at 7:30.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.
7 Middlesex Regional Educational Services
8 Commission. John.

9 MR. LEARY: Yes. Mark Finkelstein,
10 Superintendent of the Middlesex Regional
11 Education Service Commission testified
12 before the State Legislature Joint
13 Committee on School Funding and discussed
14 the mission and accomplishments of
15 Middlesex Regional Educational Service
16 Commission to educate the disabled children
17 of Middlesex County.

18 On Friday, this coming Friday, the
19 Board of Directors of the Middlesex
20 Regional Educational Service Commission
21 will enter into a cooperative pricing
22 agreement with Woodrup Energy,
23 Incorporated, that will provide natural gas
24 to the Middlesex County school districts at
25 a 21.4 percent discount over prevailing

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2 contracts.

3 This cooperative pricing agreement is
4 one of a host of initiatives that the
5 Middlesex Regional Education Services
6 Commission has provided the school
7 districts of Middlesex County that are
8 based on the economies of scale.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, very
10 much. At this time we will go to other
11 Board of Education business. Anyone from
12 the Board of Education? Mr. Braverman.

13 MR. BRAVERMAN: I'd like to move the
14 following resolution. Whereas, each of the
15 members of the Monroe Township Board of
16 Education Board members are to attend the
17 annual fall workshop referred to above,
18 which attendance is approved by a majority
19 of the full voting membership of the Board
20 as work-related and within the scope of the
21 work responsibilities of the attendees, and
22 whereas, the attendance at the annual fall
23 workshop will promote the delivery of
24 instruction and will further the efficient
25 operation of the school district, and such

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2 attendance is fiscally prudent, and whereas
3 the travel and related expenses
4 particular to attendance at the workshop
5 are expected to exceed the state travel
6 guidelines established by the Department of
7 Treasury in NJOMB circulars and the federal
8 per diem rates as of October 1, 2006, and
9 will exceed the amounts authorized under
10 Monroe Township Board of Education bylaw
11 0147 as revised on September 27, 2006.

12 Now, therefore be it resolved by the
13 Monroe Township Board of Education that it
14 hereby finds the travel related expenses
15 and the excess expenses particular to
16 attendance at the annual fall workshop
17 necessary and unavoidable, and it is
18 further resolved that the excess is
19 justified and therefore reimbursable.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there a second
21 to that?

22 MS. HARING: Second.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Haring.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there any

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2 questions or comments from any member of
3 the Board of Education?

4 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes. I would like to
5 say that right now there is no law
6 governing the maximum expenses and some of
7 you have mentioned that, but the law will
8 change.

9 I can only use as an analogy that I'm
10 driving down the road at 50 miles an hour
11 and next month the speed limit becomes 40
12 miles and the cop is now going to give me a
13 ticket for driving in a 50 mile zone.

14 It's ridiculous to worry about what's
15 going on happen. It hasn't happened. And
16 it won't happen because how are they going
17 to change the law for something that's
18 prior?

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch, can I
20 ask you for your legal opinion?

21 MR. BUSCH: Yes, thank you.
22 Wayne Holliday had sent me an e-mail from
23 Marv asking to consider a resolution
24 which I prepared, but Marvin didn't read
25 the tail end of it. But I want to give a

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2 little background. It may take a minute or
3 two.

4 There was a New Jersey Administrative
5 Code regulation which expired on June 30,
6 2006, and it was referred to on the New
7 Jersey School Boards Association website
8 back in October of 2005 where the guts of
9 this resolution came from.

10 But because as Marv points out the
11 law expired and has not been passed or
12 reenacted, and we don't know whether it
13 will or it will not, late this afternoon I
14 got word from School Boards Association
15 that they expect that there will be an
16 administrative regulation in place within a
17 couple of weeks.

18 But that by definition will be after
19 the annual fall workshop in Atlantic City.

20 My concern is because there is no
21 provision now for the terms necessary and
22 unavoidable that I question whether such a
23 resolution as read by Mr. Braverman is
24 valid.

25 I also point out that the Board of

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2 Education by approving the consent business
3 administrator's report has already approved
4 the travel and related expense
5 reimbursement form on Schedule B which
6 affects Board members and which has
7 specific dollar amounts.

8 I'd like to also point out if Board
9 members brought the document from which Mr.
10 Braverman was reading, I'd like to read the
11 final part that I wrote and I also want to
12 read a caveat that I put in with a letter
13 that I hope that the Board has gotten.

14 The way I wrote it, after referring
15 to the necessary and unavoidable excess was
16 as follows: It is further resolved that
17 the excess is justified and therefore
18 reimbursable. Subject to approval, and
19 this is the part that you have not heard,
20 subject to approval at a meeting of the
21 Board to review the expenses after they
22 have been incurred to determine whether the
23 excess expenses were reasonable.

24 My concern is we don't know what the
25 excess is as we sit here on October 18,

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2 2006.

3 I think we can all agree that the
4 meals in the aggregate for Atlantic City as
5 set forth in the OMBs and the circulars at
6 \$54 a day be very difficult to meet at the
7 Atlantic City prices.

8 But to give an open-ended amount such
9 as was read, I would think would not be
10 valid, and in fact even the form of the
11 resolution that I drafted, I put in letter
12 form and the Board should have gotten it,
13 my letter of October 12, I referred to the
14 fact that it came from a now obsolete New
15 Jersey School Boards Association website
16 and most importantly, and I'd like to read
17 this into the record and request Mr.
18 Holliday to show it, on the second page
19 of my letter I said: If the Board adopts a
20 resolution which is the one that I just
21 supplemented that Mr. Braverman read, we
22 must make it clear that the resolution may
23 not be valid.

24 My concern is that as written, it's
25 open-ended without any checks and balances

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2 afterwards, and I caution the whole premise
3 unnecessary and unavoidable, since that
4 law as Marv says, is not currently in
5 existence. Thank you.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

7 MR. LEARY: In my capacity as being
8 the chairman of the finance committee
9 of the Middlesex Regional Educational
10 Service Commission and if you recall, Mr.
11 Stankowitz made his presentation about the
12 audit of this school district, this
13 proposal from Marvin Braverman would
14 automatically create a red flag and cause
15 an investigation by the State Department of
16 Education.

17 I do not support it.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Joe.

19 MR. HOMOKI: I just want to add a
20 couple of things on to it. Under the
21 consent agenda, and it was alluded to, we
22 approved it already, so we approved what is
23 lawful.

24 As far as I'm concerned everybody
25 voted yes. Which means that why are we

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2 doing another resolution when we already in
3 fact approved the consent agenda?

4 It is recommended that the Board
5 members listed under the document labeled
6 schedule B and we all have a copy of
7 schedule B, with regard to attendance
8 annual part, be approved.

9 The other thing is, I think there's a
10 reason why we pay the attorney, his
11 recommendation, we have to go with. Mr.
12 Holliday, his recommendation, the
13 superintendent's recommendation.

14 So how can we as Board members go
15 against the professionals who know the law,
16 especially our attorney. So I'm not going
17 to support the resolution.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

19 MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Kathy. Joe
20 pointed out Schedule B which was adopted by
21 the consent agenda, has a section which
22 is remarkably blank and that section is
23 necessary and unavoidable expenses, reasons
24 for exception.

25 So as Joe pointed out, the Board has

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2 already approved the resolution where there
3 was no provision for necessary and
4 unavoidable expenses. Thank you.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr.
6 Braverman.

7 MR. BRAVERMAN: I would think that
8 this would supercede that. I think
9 Robert's Rules would say that.

10 Also I can't believe that you're
11 worried about a red flag because you're
12 doing something that's legal, and, Joe,
13 yes, we've had an attorney here for 33
14 years. And he's doing a marvelous job, and
15 he did say there is not currently a law.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

17 MR. BRAVERMAN: So let's call for a
18 vote because everybody has already gone
19 through the role playing.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Seeing no --

21 MR. HOMOKI: I just want to tell you
22 it's not role playing, it's a matter of law
23 and recommendation by the attorney. That's
24 not role playing. It's just listening to
25 sound advice.

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2 What will happen is, you've heard the
3 auditor's report, no recommendations for
4 improvement. If we go with this I'll bet
5 you at the end of the year there will be
6 a recommendation for, change this
7 particular thing.

8 MR. BRAVERMAN: How much would you
9 like to bet? And then we'll go with it.

10 MS. BUSCH: I don't mean to beat what
11 may be a dead horse but I said, I didn't
12 say there's no law. I said there's no
13 authorization under a law that would allow
14 necessary and unavoidable above the OMBs,
15 and Board policy, independently of the
16 expired Administrative Code of the state,
17 says you'll follow the OMB's. That's the
18 State Treasury circulars.

19 So there is no law authorizing this
20 resolution. Thank you.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss
22 Haring. Miss Haring. Mr. Braverman.

23 MR. BRAVERMAN: I'm curious. If
24 there's no law authorizing this resolution,
25 why did you put it together?

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2 MR. BUSCH: Because you asked me to.

3 MR. BRAVERMAN: Well, wouldn't an
4 attorney say there's no reason to do this
5 because it's not covered under the law? I
6 mean, I would think that's what you're
7 being paid for.

8 MR. BUSCH: I did, by my letter of
9 October 12. I hope you got it.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Haring.

11 MS. HARING: I just have kind of a, I
12 guess an observation, that OMB regulations
13 apply to employees, and the Board of
14 Education is not employed by anyone,
15 basically. So I don't even think the OMB
16 regulations should apply.

17 Additionally if they want to have a
18 convention in Atlantic City, I don't think
19 that they should expect Board members to
20 attend it and to not be compensated for
21 reasonable meal expenses, and I down loaded
22 the menu from Specchio's and you can't get
23 anything on that menu for \$54.

24 So basically I can save up my entire
25 day's rations, so to speak, and then maybe

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2 get dinner. And I don't think it's fair.

3 I don't know if it's a popular
4 position or not but, hey, you know what,
5 sometimes you just have to go with your gut
6 feeling on it and, you know, this is a
7 volunteer position and, yes, no one has
8 asked me to volunteer, but I am going down
9 to the workshop and I attend the workshops
10 and I come back with valuable information,
11 and if New Jersey School Boards
12 Association wants to have the convention
13 down there, then I think they should have
14 gone to bat for us to somehow get this
15 regulation waived. That's my opinion.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Patrice.

17 MS. FARAONE: One thing I completely
18 respect and support the comments and
19 recommendations made by Mr. Busch and Mr.
20 Hamilton -- Holliday, I apologize.

21 But sometimes you have to take a
22 stand and I think it's absolutely
23 ridiculous that we, most of us have been
24 on this Board for 10 and 11 years, we do
25 not get any compensation, we don't ask for

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2 any, but they sponsor a School Boards
3 convention in a city that does not allow
4 for the amount of money we are given and
5 just on principle, I can't go along with
6 the recommendation because I just find it
7 completely unfair and ludicrous.

8 MR. HOMOKI: Madam Chairman, I don't
9 argument with that point. Number 1, it's
10 not a requirement that Board members attend
11 this.

12 MS. FARAONE: And I'm not going, Joe.

13 MR. HOMOKI: You don't have to go if
14 you don't want to go. And the other thing
15 is, this resolution argues for spending
16 more money on Board members. That's the
17 bottom line.

18 MR. BUSCH: One final procedural
19 point, please.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

21 MR. BUSCH: The law that did exist,
22 if this were deemed to exist, requires the
23 full majority of the Board to approve it.

24 So even though we only have nine
25 voting members tonight and we've made a

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2 determination that the Jamesburg
3 representative, Patrice Faraone can vote,
4 you would need six affirmative votes to
5 carry it. At least.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: If there's no
7 other questions or comments, we'll have a
8 roll call. Mr. Holliday.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: A yes vote would be in
10 favor of the resolution.

11 (Braverman, Haring, Faraone,
12 Ostrager vote yes.

13 (Leary, Kaufman, Speizer, Homoki,
14 Kolupanowich vote no.)

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,
16 the motion was defeated.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Is
18 there any other Board of Education
19 business?

20 MR. HOMOKI: I have one more. I hate
21 to monopolize.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

23 MR. HOMOKI: I reported at the last
24 Board meeting that on October 7 there would
25 be a consolidation shared services workshop

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2 here at Monroe High School Saturday
3 morning, hosted by Michael Aron, New Jersey
4 Network.

5 And I just want to briefly report
6 to you that there were seven members on
7 the panel and they all bragged about all
8 the shared services and everything else
9 going on throughout the state and of course
10 our taxes were still very high.

11 But the most interesting that,
12 interesting point was Senator Smith, his
13 position is that the answer is to create a
14 county school system, a county school
15 system.

16 And I think that's something to think
17 about. I'm not too sure it's going to
18 happen or not but he's certainly very
19 serious about it. He feels that that's the
20 only way that we'll save money, to create a
21 county school system. That would mean that
22 we would have 24 schools in one district in
23 Middlesex County.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

25 MR. LEARY: In response to the

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2 meeting that Joe just referred to, the two
3 Assemblymen next to Senator Smith,
4 Assemblyman Barnes and Assemblyman Deignan
5 wrote to the Home News Tribune seriously
6 challenging that and saying that people
7 buy into communities for their education
8 and he cited the examples of Metuchen,
9 Edison and East Brunswick, which are in the
10 upper reaches of the district factor
11 groups, and I think we're going to have a
12 battle royal.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

14 MR. HOMOKI: Well, the other thing,
15 of course, is it would have to be approved
16 by the voters and it just doesn't have a
17 ghost of a chance.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?
19 Seeing no one, we'll go back to the public
20 forum.

21 Anyone from the public wishing to
22 speak on anything, please come to the
23 microphone and state your name and address
24 for the record.

25 MR. BOYD: Russell Boyd again, 9

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2 Pheasant Lane.

3 So in the vein of comparing us to
4 other districts again, last week the
5 Department of Education published their
6 compensation for administrators. So I'd
7 like to have perspective from the Board,
8 just a neutral perspective of how we did in
9 that assessment against other comparable
10 districts. On both the total basis and a
11 per pupil basis.

12 DR. FERRIE: I suggest you contact
13 Mr. Holliday at his office.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH. He does not have
15 that data with us.

16 Mr. BOYD: Maybe if I ask the
17 question at the next meeting we can have
18 that?

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Or you can call
20 Mr. Holliday.

21 MR. BOYD: I have no idea how much we
22 spend on administration in this district,
23 other districts, whether we are in the top
24 10 percent, the bottom 10 percent. I have
25 no idea.

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2 DR. FERRIE: Call Mr. Holliday, he'll
3 give it to you.

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: What I would suggest
5 as Doctor Ferrie aptly said, I'm not able
6 to carry the entire office with me and
7 therefore the government has put in place
8 the appropriate mechanism, which is the
9 OPRA Act. I would strongly advise if you
10 need that information or any other
11 information that you come to the business
12 office and as the custodian of school
13 records, which I am, please fill out an
14 OPRA form and I will deliver that
15 information to you.

16 MR. BOYD: Okay, thanks.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

18 MS. CASTALDO: Members of the Board,
19 Caren Castaldo, President of the MTEA, and
20 members of the Board of Education on behalf
21 of our negotiation team I personally would
22 like to thank each of you for a fair
23 contract, fair settlement that's fair to
24 our, number 1, students and staff and
25 everyone involved, and we are very pleased

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2 and happy and we would like to break bread
3 with you and treat you, so if I can get
4 (inaudible) room, we're there, if I can get
5 something else we're there.

6 So again I'd like to thank you very
7 much, and I'd like to especially thank
8 Doctor Ferrie. I've been, I guess at the
9 table for, this is my third time, and
10 Doctor Ferrie, without you -- each contract
11 continues to get better, because you've led
12 this district and taken it to the level
13 that it really has shown.

14 So thank you and thank you, Ed, thank
15 you, Wayne, you have done a wonderful job.
16 Chris, thank you as well.

17 Thank you members of the Board, we
18 appreciate it.

19 MS. WEINTHAL: Lisa Weinthal, 10
20 McFarland Circle, Monroe.

21 I have a couple of questions on the
22 construction report. I too spoke with Peg
23 Schaffer so I was to hear that the
24 township had in fact made their submission
25 to the DEP for what they felt they needed

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2 to do as part of that, I guess January
3 requirement.

4 I guess the question now is, is there
5 any other entity in the township or county
6 or this Board that has to submit any other
7 paperwork to make that land deeding process
8 happen?

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

10 MR. BUSCH: You know, of course, that
11 we rely on the information we get from the
12 township because the Board of Ed. is not a
13 party to any of this. We're not in the
14 litigation and we're not meeting the
15 conditions of the State House Commission.

16 Whether or not they have to submit
17 anything else, I think depends upon what
18 Green Acres tells them within 20 days of
19 this past Monday. And it would be
20 speculative if I thought there might be
21 something else.

22 I am satisfied from the cover letter
23 that I just got today that they have not
24 only title reports as to all the
25 replacement parcels but they have title

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2 commitments, and I didn't mention that
3 before.

4 Anyone who knows about title
5 insurance or law, that means there's a
6 title insurance company that is
7 guaranteeing the title. They haven't
8 issued the policy yet but they're
9 guaranteeing the title.

10 So I would be surprised if the state
11 has any questions about title.

12 As to the adequacy of the
13 environmental impact statement, I haven't
14 seen it, I don't know what's in it and I
15 don't know what the review will disclose.

16 MS. WEINTHAL: So making the
17 presumption at this stage the township has
18 satisfied their conditions township up to
19 date anyway with submitting whatever
20 documentation to the DEP. The 20 day and
21 30 day period is the only timeframe
22 required for, as far as you know, as of
23 right now, the transfer, the approval of
24 that submission. And there's no other
25 documentation required by anyone.

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2 MR. BUSCH: You can't just add the 20
3 and the 30. Let me be clear. DEP has 20
4 days to determine and advise Peg Schaffer
5 whether the submission is complete. They
6 may find something that's not complete.
7 Until that is satisfied you don't start the
8 30-day period.

9 MS. WEINTHAL: Right, understood.

10 MR. BUSCH: Okay, I just wanted to
11 make that clear. I'm not aware of what
12 that process will disclose because I only
13 see the cover letters, I don't see all the
14 documentation.

15 MR. WEINTHAL: Okay. So I'm going
16 to jump back on this and the next thing,
17 just because I'm not here every single
18 meeting and I don't track the construction
19 updates day to day, I was under -- just
20 as a point of clarification. I was under
21 the impression that mid-September-ish
22 the state DOE had approved the construction
23 docs and MRM was then submitting them,
24 quote, imminently to the DCA.

25 Did I not hear today that they are

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2 submitting the construction documents to
3 DCA?

4 DR. FERRIE: There's still some work
5 that's involved.

6 MS. WEINTHAL: So they already
7 received feedback from DCA?

8 DR. FERRIE: No. There's still some
9 work that has to be done on the electrical.

10 MS. WEINTHAL: What does mean to
11 me a lay person?

12 DR. FERRIE: I'm not an expert in
13 this matter but my understanding is because
14 of conversation with Mr. Morton is that
15 all the other mechanicals gotta get done
16 first before the electrical drawings can be
17 complete. And that's what they're doing
18 right now.

19 MS. WEINTHAL: So am I to
20 understand that the schedule that MRM --

21 DR. FERRIE: The schedule on the
22 website is still holding true.

23 MS. WEINTHAL: Because they said
24 DCA submission September 14th.

25 DR. FERRIE: On the website?

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MS. WEINTHAL: It's right here.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I think there's a range --

MS. WEINTHAL: Well, yes, it actually says DCA submission, unless my glasses are wrong, starting Friday, the 15th, through February, six months for submissions?

DR. FERRIE: That's the range they gave us.

MS. WEINTHAL: Can someone please validate? That's like saying --

DR. FERRIE: I talked to Jim Morton this morning and he told us that the electricals caused them some issues related to code changes, okay, and that they were the last drawings that had to be done on the overlay in terms of mechanicals, and he anticipated they would be done within the next week and a half and he will be doing the submittal.

We have had good news from the elementary school, which I hope would

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2 anticipate being good news for the high
3 school is that DCA is turning these reviews
4 around fairly quickly.

5 The elementary we didn't anticipate
6 getting them back that quickly and Mr.
7 Prisco contacted us and said that they're
8 anticipating getting their first review
9 session with them next week. So--

10 MS. WEINTHAL: I'm glad to hear --

11 DR. FERRIE: We are on top of this
12 with Mr. Morton and we have had
13 conversation about this and we're going to
14 follow through with him within the next
15 week and a half with it.

16 MS. WEINTHAL: Okay, so one last
17 point of clarification. Then on the
18 information I thought that was written in
19 the paper and pretty well expressed, I
20 thought at that Board meeting, which is
21 that the DCA submission was made.

22 DR. FERRIE: We had cut the checks
23 for that DCA a submission because as you
24 know there's a fee involved and Mr.
25 Holliday did cut the checks for the DCA

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2 submission and we were under the impression
3 that the DCA submission occurred as well.

4 I can tell you we were not happy
5 campers when we spoke with the architect
6 today.

7 MS. WEINTHAL: That's at least a
8 more realistic position than we made the
9 DCA submission.

10 DR. FERRIE: Not happy campers.

11 MS. WEINTHAL: Me neither, by the
12 way. All right, thank you.

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

15 MS. KLOBY: Nancy Kloby, 10 Woodmere
16 Road. I had a question about the high
17 school, the bidding process. Are we going
18 out for bids still in December or January?

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We can't go out to
20 bid until the approval comes from the DCA.
21 Since they haven't been submitted yet we
22 expect them to be submitted within the next
23 few weeks. There's a two to four month
24 process of getting them approved and after
25 they're approved we will be able to go out

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to bid.

MS. KLOBY: And then how long does the bidding process run for? Is that 60 days, 90 days?

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MR. BUSCH: Anyone who submits a bid has to guarantee it for 60 days. Your number is right. The Board has to make a decision and probably 60 days is a realistic item. There will be other issues undoubtedly that will come up but 60 days is a fair number of days.

MS. KLOBY: Okay, thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio, 9 Nathaniel Street in Monroe.

Tonight Doctor Ferrie spoke of communicating, communication, communication with the public. Last meeting Board President Kolupanowich, Doctor Ferrie stated that information about the lawsuit against the Township of Monroe regarding the Board of Education receiving parkland

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2 for construction of the high school was
3 omitted from the school story because of
4 publishing constraints.

5 DR. FERRIE: I never said that.

6 MS. ARMINIO: Well, I'm sorry, --

7 DR. FERRIE: I never said that.

8 MS. ARMINIO: Well, let me follow up
9 with my question, which I failed to ask.
10 Will factual details about the lawsuit be
11 provided to the public in the next school
12 story?

13 DR. FERRIE: The next school story is
14 being constructed right now and quite
15 frankly, fine.

16 MS. ARMINIO: You will put statements
17 in that the public is aware of.

18 DR. FERRIE: It's been in the
19 newspapers, why not put it in the school
20 story. But don't misquote me about what I
21 said about the last one.

22 MS. ARMINIO: Okay. People learn the
23 wrong information with the same veracity
24 that they learn the correct information.

25 So does the responsibility of the

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2 members of the Board to provide the public
3 with clear, accurate facts regarding the
4 application of the diversion land.

5 For instance, the construction of the
6 high school now exceeds as one of the
7 architects said this summer, it's possible
8 that it exceeds \$104 million. I'd like
9 that to be told to the Board.

10 Also will a new bond be required
11 before you can go out to bid? That
12 discussion, maybe someone can answer that.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We don't have
14 that.

15 MS. ARMINIO: You don't have an
16 answer or no comment?

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: No comment.

18 MS. ARMINIO: So that might be
19 something the public would be really, need
20 to be aware of. Three. The delay in the
21 application is due to Monroe Township not,
22 and as we've heard tonight that there has
23 been a delay in the application process not
24 for any reason other than the township has
25 not done the work in a timely fashion, and

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2 also one of the things was that the land
3 that they originally said they needed for
4 the swap wasn't even owned by the township.

5 And there's still a consideration
6 about block 30 lot 3.02 which holds about
7 75 acres of property that the developer
8 still holds a deeded interest in that
9 property.

10 Those are the kinds of things that
11 should be on the Monroe report.

12 Now that you may say that the
13 township, attorney, the township attorney
14 and the town and officials, and actually
15 you said that tonight, have finally
16 submitted the application to the state, but
17 it might still be incomplete, but let me
18 ask you, are you sure it's complete and are
19 you relying once again on assurances from
20 the same people who told you it was a done
21 deal to begin with?

22 I'm not done. I just was hoping for
23 an answer to the question. Back in 203
24 when the parents and children and seniors
25 were told the parkland was theirs for the

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2 taking that the deal was a done deal, no
3 one explained that Monroe did not have
4 ownership of the lands required for the
5 swap.

6 In fact, as late as August 205 and
7 July of 206 the members of this Board
8 admitted not knowing whether or not the
9 town completed the application.

10 The Board of Education should ask for
11 an alternative bid to build a school on the
12 existing site. As a back up to what's
13 going on now.

14 That way if the township loses the
15 legislation -- the litigation, the
16 construction of the school won't be too
17 delayed. Would the Board consider that?

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

19 MS. ARMINIO: No, I'm not done. It's
20 a question. Will the Board consider that?
21 Let me repeat it. The Board of Education
22 should ask for alternative bids to build a
23 school on the existing site, that way if
24 the township loses the litigation the
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The Environmental Law Clinic, New Jersey PIRG and N. J. Conservation Fededra -- Foundation are sure that the case will be heard before the school is built.

So I ask you, are you, the members of the Board of Education, collectively and individually prepared to defy the legal procedure by moving ahead with construction in spite of legal and financial consequences?

Mr. Homoki spoke earlier about his concern about following the law in his last segment. By having another plan, you can stop the tax strain that this delay has already cost the taxpayers. We need to approve an additional bond because the construction costs are now estimated at 104 million and counting.

And that estimate again was presented by the architect this summer. I believe that there's a depletion of the 82 million dollar bond that's already exists and that

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2 the bond is close to now only \$75 million.
3 You can correct me if I'm wrong.

4 Okay, I'll move on. And the terms,
5 in the tens and thousands and hundreds of
6 thousands of dollars every month the
7 project is delayed.

8 (Changed tape.)

9 MS. ARMINIO: (Continuing). I think
10 it was the summer and Mr. Busch was
11 advocating in my opinion disregard for the
12 law. During one of the meetings you said
13 that even if the lawsuit was lost by the
14 township and the Board of Education, you
15 would still construct the school because
16 no one is going to make you take down the
17 construction and the building.

18 And I apologize if I'm
19 misinterpreting but I do believe you said
20 that you would continue. If you want to
21 respond.

22 MR. BUSCH: You do owe me an apology.
23 That's totally false. I do not violate the
24 law, I don't recommend it.

25 MS. ARMINIO: But I believe you said

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2 you would proceed with construction
3 regardless.

4 MR. BUSCH: I don't proceed with
5 anything, nor would I give an opinion that
6 that would happen. Sorry, you're wrong.

7 MS. ARMINIO: Then I apologize for
8 misinterpreting your position. But are Mr.
9 Busch and the members of the Board of
10 Education advocating dismissal of due
11 process regarding the legal system and the
12 laws of the state?

13 MS. BUSCH: Miss Kolupanowich, may I
14 respond?

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes, you can,
16 thank you.

17 MR. BUSCH: Yes.

18 MS. ARMINIO: You are advocating
19 dismissal of the due process?

20 MR. BUSCH: Well, then I didn't hear
21 you. Advocating due process of the law,
22 yes.

23 MS. ARMINIO: You are advocating,
24 okay, great. So the members of this Board
25 do acknowledge that there is a lawsuit.

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MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

MS. ARMINIO: Okay. And finally, I think it's the Board's responsibility to the parents and the children and all the taxpayers of Monroe that mandates, let me try it again.

The Board's responsibility to mandate that you pass the motion and a resolution to withdraw the application to divert state and county parkland and get on with the business of educating our children. Thank you. Would you consider a resolution?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: No comment.

MR. LEARY: Miss Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

MR. LEARY: This is old hat. Last August this issue was raised with regard to walking away from the current plan. I --

MS. ARMINIO: Sir --

MR. LEARY: That, and it was 7-2. I think we can stand by the 7-2 vote.

MS. ARMINIO: Well, if I may comment

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2 sometimes being stubborn costs people a lot
3 of money and it's costing the children a
4 school, and sometimes people can change
5 their positions when the facts are brought
6 forward.

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7 Probably when you made that vote you
8 didn't know that the township didn't own
9 the land. So it might be in the best
10 interests of all concerned if we admit
11 that the application is still not complete
12 and we move forward would at least protect
13 the children by having an alternative.
14 Thank you.

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

17 MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska,
18 Perrineville Road, Monroe.

19 I just have a few questions for Wayne
20 and a few comments. Earlier last week I
21 filled out an Open Public Records, an OPRA
22 form requesting a completed application,
23 that your completed application to the DCA,
24 Department of Community Affairs.

25 Three days later I received it in the

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2 mail because I had forgotten to sign that I
3 was never a convicted felon.

4 My question to Wayne is, does that
5 delay my, does that delay me seven days or
6 am I going to receive that within seven
7 business days or are you delaying me for
8 that? I just wanted to ask you.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: In regard to your
10 submission with the Open Public Records Act
11 form for my copy of the submission to the
12 DCA, you are correct, you did fill that out
13 last week.

14 You are likewise correct in that you
15 did make a very serious error by not
16 completing the form and I did send it back
17 to you.

18 Yes, you are correct again.
19 Furthermore, the error was corrected and
20 sent back to me. It is now a viable form
21 and it is now completed and once it has
22 become a viable form, which we received on
23 Monday, that is when we start counting the
24 business days.

25 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. I'd like to

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2 just continue on a few other things. It
3 seems to me that from some of the questions
4 that I've been hearing this evening, maybe
5 some people are under the impression that
6 once the land is given to the township that
7 they automatically, that means the school
8 is going to be in the park.

9 I'm not sure if the people understand
10 that part of the litigation process means
11 it's going to be heard in a court date and
12 until it is completed and each side is
13 heard, whoever wins, loses, however you
14 want to look at it, it won't be until then
15 whether you know whether you're getting
16 that park or not.

17 And I just think that kind of what I
18 heard, I'm not sure if people really
19 understand that or not.

20 And from what I understand, there
21 will be no breaking ground until this
22 process is completed. There has been some
23 talk earlier at a few other meetings
24 regarding that you're going to put a shovel
25 in the ground regardless and nobody is

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2 going to stop you from taking the building
3 down, but I just want the people to know
4 that's not even going to happen until this
5 process is completed, we've been assured by
6 the attorneys, just to let everyone know.

7 I've been in personal contact with a
8 person who is very interested in your bond
9 money regarding the high school. It's a
10 mathematician, and I just want to summarize
11 some of the things that he's mentioned to
12 me.

13 And he's estimating that this is
14 costing the taxpayers a little bit over
15 half a million dollars a month for every
16 month that the school has been delayed.

17 Now, we're going on, in this December
18 I believe it will be three years. It's a
19 lot of money. And I think that, you know,
20 the Board needs to understand that, I know
21 in the beginning everybody was real happy
22 about this 24 million dollar savings that
23 never existed.

24 So I guess my question to the Board
25 is, when you realize how much more this is

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2 going to cost the public to get the school
3 built, is everyone still going to be
4 willing to put signs on their front lawn
5 telling the taxpayers what this is really
6 costing us, considering this was such a
7 great deal, it was such a win-win
8 situation? I mean, it's the least you can
9 do.

10 Let's see. I also want to stress
11 regarding the overcrowding in the
12 elementary schools. Last year we had
13 fenced in Barclay Brook, the medium between
14 the street and the parking lot, it kind of
15 looked like a petting zoo, the kids were
16 in there playing, I don't know if anybody
17 recalls that. I'm not sure if you're going
18 to have to do that this year, for recess
19 for the children. I would hope not.

20 And I realize now Brookside has
21 become the only area they can play on is
22 the pavement. And I didn't know that we
23 turned into this urban district. Everybody
24 moving here, I thought they seem to think
25 we're living in some rural town and, you

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2 know, now the kids all they do is play
3 basketball on the pavement. We used to
4 play on the grass and we used to play on
5 the field.

6 So there's just a few things here
7 that for everyone who wants to, you know,
8 continue to put the kids first, I guess my
9 questions with everything is, this is now
10 originally passed, that referendum was
11 passed with everyone under the assumption
12 that the school was going to be built
13 between 2007-2008.

14 Now I'm looking at the last school
15 story and it said 2011 slash 12. That's
16 like eight or nine years. This is the most
17 ridiculous thing. I just cannot believe
18 that people are continuing believing that,
19 well, gee, we're going to get a school but
20 it's only going to take eight or nine
21 years. Egyptians built pyramids faster
22 than this. Yet everybody is sitting around
23 saying it's coming, it's coming, it's going
24 to be here. But is it really worth it at
25 this expense? I can't believe that nobody

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2 here is embarrassed if a parent walks up to
3 you and as a Board member asks you
4 questions about this.

5 What do you do, blame Park Savers?
6 Oh, it's an all their fault. We
7 didn't pass a resolution to build a high
8 school in the park. It was you guys. You
9 can blame the township, it's their
10 application, but it was your resolution
11 that supported that. So you have to
12 the responsibility also.

13 So to sit up here all the time and
14 say oh, it's not us, it's not our
15 application it's not this, you decided to
16 build a school in the park and this is what
17 you get and I can only hope you're
18 embarrassed that this continuation of
19 going on with this just might lead
20 you not to win.

21 And there aren't going to be any
22 winners or losers in this. The only losers
23 are the kids. You're going to keep
24 continuing, you're going to keep buying
25 more trailers for them, you're going to

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keep letting them play on the pavement.

You might build more fences around more mediums, who knows where. But the bottom line is when have you put the kids first if you still continue to sit here and wait for the school in the park?

And if nobody believes there's no other land left in this township, then you'll believe I have a leprechaun in my pocket.

I mean, this is the most ridiculous thing still. I mean, it's week after week, month after month, year after year. You're three years in the making and, wow, you're on a treadmill going no where. You have the titles today, so they say, and I can tell you I got a phone call from my title searcher today, we still don't have a recorded deed to CAS Properties. And when you finally do have one I'll be the first one to tell you. But the title is not clean on that yet. And when it is, like I say, I will tell you.

But year after year, month after --

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2 how long is this going to go on for? How
3 long can you stand this?

4 And when you lose, if you lose, what
5 are you going to do? You never had a plan
6 B three years ago, you never said you do.

7 Somewhere along the line, somebody
8 needs to do something. You need to act.
9 This is either Mayor Pucci first or kids
10 first, I don't know what this is. But you
11 need to take an initiative. You're your
12 own entity, you need to start making some
13 decisions on your own.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you for your
15 comments.

16 MS. PROHASKA: You're welcome.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from
18 the public? Okay, seeing no one, Mr.
19 Kaufman, could you please take number 16.

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

TO: Monroe Township Board of Education

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

RE: Superintendent's Report For the Month of September 2006
Board Meeting of October 18, 2006

DATE: October 16, 2006

I. Enrollment

A. Elementary and secondary (within the district):

	<u>9/30/06</u>	<u>6/30/06</u>	<u>Increase+</u> <u>Decrease-</u>	<u>9/30/05</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	668	668	0	667	+1
Barclay Brook School	688	691	-3	666	+22
Brookside School	923	818	+105	803	+120
Mill Lake School	680	649	+31	636	+44
Woodland School	486	486	0	484	+2
Monroe High School	<u>1467</u>	<u>1364</u>	<u>+103</u>	<u>1401</u>	<u>+66</u>
Total Elementary & Secondary	4912	4676	+236	4657	+255

I. Enrollment (cont'd)

Out of District Placements

	10-1-06		
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	13		
Bancroft	1		
Bridge Academy	1		
Jamesburg Student	1		
Center School, Highland Park	2		
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1		
Jamesburg Student	1		
Collier School, Wickatunk	4		
CPC High Point	6		
East Mountain Jamesburg Student	1		
Eden Institute	1		
Harbor School	3		
High Roads	6		
Jamesburg Student	2		
Joseph Cappello	2		
Kidspace	1		
Jamesburg Student	1		
Kiva High School	1		
Jamesburg Student	1		
Mercer Elementary	1		
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	2		
Jamesburg Student	2		
Mercer County Reg Day	4		
Midland School, North Branch	4		
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1		
New Brunswick H.S. Jamesburg Student	1		
Nu-View Academy Jamesburg Student	1		
Pine Ridge	1		
Piscataway Reg Day	1		
Raritan Valley Academy	1		
Rock Brook	1		
Rugby School	1		
Jamesburg Student	1		
Schoth School	1		
Somerset Co. Day Training	1		
Somerset Hills Residential	1		
Spotswood H.S. Jamesburg Student	1		
Summit Speech	1		
Taylor Mills	1		
UMDNJ	1		
Youth Consultation Services	1		
TOTAL Monroe Students	66		
TOTAL Jamesburg Students	13		

II. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/wk
HI 06/07-1	CST	10	Jovanna Quindes	OD	9-7-06	9-27-06	10
HI 06/07-2	CST	10	Simmonds, Cardone,	OD	9-7-06	9-20-06	10
HI 06/07-3	CST	12	Weiner, Holstein, Beahm	OD	9-7-06		10
HI 06/07-4	Med	7	Marshak	A	9-18-06		5

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----September 20 and 28, 2006
 Barclay Brook School ----- September 12 and 20, 2006
 Brookside School -----September 12 and 28, 2006
 Mill Lake School -----September 7 and 26, 2006
 Woodland School -----September 18 and 26, 2006
 Monroe High School -----September 19 and 28, 2006

IV. Personnel

- A.** It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Diane Arcaro**, library coordinator at the High School, effective September 25, 2006 pending further action of the Board. It is also recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Arcaro is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- B.** It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Michele Britt**, bus driver in the transportation department, effective December 23, 2006 pending further action of the Board. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Britt 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. Denise Cassilli**, kindergarten teacher at Barclay Brook effective December 4, 2006 through March 4, 2007. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Cassilli is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- D.** It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Erica Friedman**, transitional specialist, effective January 8, 2007 pending further action of the Board. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Friedman is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- E.** It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the maternity leave of absence return date of **Ms. Melissa Hill**, teacher of Industrial Arts at the High School from November 30, 2006 to November 20, 2006.

F. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Mr. Joseph Capodanno**, bus driver in transportation, to reflect a change in his start date to October 23, 2006. He was previously approved to start October 2, 2006.

G. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the coaching positions at the High School for the 2006-2007 school year:

Approved in the Superintendent's Report of June 28, 2006
Allen Rushing and Salvatore Profaci Co-Head Wrestling Coaches Step 3

Should read: Allen Rushing Head Coach Step 3
Salvatore Profaci Assistant Coach Step 3

H. It is recommended that the Board rescind the contract of **Ms. Claire Faherty**, teacher at Applegarth School, as advisor for Team Alpha's ASP club (50%) for the 2006-2007.

I. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Shirley Siniscalchi**, teacher at Applegarth School, as advisor for Team Alpha's ASP club (50%) for the 2006-2007 school year.

J. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Linda Corneau**, as the interim head custodian at Mill Lake School until the head custodian returns from a medical leave of absence retroactive to September 5, 2006 pending further action of the Board.

K. It is recommended that the Board approve the following nurses for zero period and after school basic skills program at the MTEA hourly contracted rate (pending contract negotiations) for the 2006-2007 school year:

Deborah Dowd	MaryAnn Procopio
Peggy Eckstein	Susan Talocka
Marie McNutt	Cynthia Weiler
Maryanne Mennona	

L. It is recommended that the Board approve the following as advisors at the High School for the 2006-2007 school year (stipend subject to contract negotiations):

Dr. George Pangalos	Set Design #1
Dr. Dean Quest	Young Science Achievers

M. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the after school TAG program for the 2006-2007 school year:

Brookside	
Dawn Graziano	1 day
Laurie Pike	1 day
Barclay Brook	
Stacy Blum	2 days

Patty Dinsmore

2 days

- N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the After school Basic Skills Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

Barclay Brook School

Teachers – 2 days per week and substitute

Melissa DelRocco

Kristin Raniere

Christine Doucette

Danielle Lawton

Denise Cassilli

Kathy Pedersen

Karen Wasdin

Debbie Ciaccia

Barbara Cogliandro

Casserly Shea

Barclay Brook Paraprofessionals

Lou Ann Pecorino – 4 days

Donna Ryfkogel – substitute

Brookside School – substitutes

Aimee DeJesus

Jennifer Bailey

Bernadette Chin

- O. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated personnel at the following steps and guides pending contract negotiations:

Certificated Personnel	Position	School	Step/guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for Hire
Teresa Anthony	Zero Period	Brookside	MTEA Hourly Contractual Rate	9/28/06-6/30/07	.45 day 4 days per week	Band and Chorus
Halice Rubin	Speech Therapist	Mill Lake	Step 11 BA 103%	9/29/06-6/30/07	45 minutes 1 day per week	Increase in contract from 100%-103%

- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel (salary pending negotiations):

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for Hire
Wendy Blank	Traffic Safety Guard	Brookside	per diem	9/28/06-6/30/07	2.0/day	new position

Louann Pecorino	Paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 6 Paraprofessional	9/26/06-6/30/07	From 5.75 to 6.0/day	increase in hours
Lisa Nelson	Paraprofessional	Brookside	Step 2 Paraprofessional	9/28/06-6/30/07	From 2.25/day to 3.0/day	increase in hours
Cheryl Morris	Paraprofessional Spec. Ed.	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Paraprofessional	10/19/06-1/ /07	3.5 hours per day	new position
Mary Lucus	Paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Paraprofessional	10/19/06-6/30/07	3.0 hours per day	new position
Kevin McDermott	Custodian	High School	Step 1 Teamster's	10/19/06-6/30/07	8.0 hours per day	replacement position

Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following coaches at Applegarth for Fall 2006:

Rachel Zarodnansky	Cross Country
Katy Elias	Field Hockey
Jill Ritchie	Boys Soccer
Claire Faherty	Girls Soccer

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

Certificated

Patrick Amabile	Substitute Teacher
Jamie Gaskill	Substitute Teacher
Joseph Kaminsky	Substitute Teacher
Dana Speizer	Substitute Teacher
Marissa Walvick	Substitute Teacher
Peter Chow	Substitute Teacher
Dorothy Cooper	Substitute Teacher
Jennifer Cuccia	Substitute Teacher
Patricia Florek	Substitute Teacher
Lisa Papandrea	Substitute Teacher
Silvia Raines	Substitute Teacher
Kathryn Kane	Substitute Teacher

Non-Certificated

Karen Berecsky	Substitute Paraprofessional
Berth Shah	Substitute Paraprofessional
Gail Maretz	Substitute Paraprofessional
Christine Brix	Substitute Paraprofessional
Bernadette Gross	Substitute Paraprofessional
Carol Buckley	Substitute Paraprofessional/Secretary

V. BOARD ACTION

A. Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, the Annual District Report and the Incident Listing for Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse is being presented for public review.

B. Policy and Regulations

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

- Policy No. 2415.02 Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities
- Policy No. 2415.04 Parental Involvement
- Policy No. 2415.05 Pupil Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations
- Policy No. 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option

D. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached School Nursing Plan and documentation for QAAR for the 2006-2007 school year.

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

F. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement Settling the Pending Arbitration Matter and Sidebar Agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association.

G. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of September 2006.

H. **2006-2007 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/06 through 8/30/06\$1600.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
9/26/06	MTHS	fight	
9/29/06	MTHS	possession of weapon	
10/3/06	MTHS	fight	
10/11/06	MTHS	fight	
10/16/06	Mill Lake	vandalism	\$0

I. In regard to Title 6A, Chapter 23 (Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement), it is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following individuals to participate in the indicated professional development programs:

Michael Gorski

Seminar: Purchasing Fundamentals: A Thorough Look at New Jersey Procurement Laws

Cost: \$100

Date: December 7, 2006

Location: Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

Linda Hartman

Joseph Muszel

Seminar: Purchasing Fundamentals: A Thorough Look at New Jersey Procurement Laws

Cost: \$130 each

Date: December 7, 2006

Location: Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

TO: Monroe Township Board of Education

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

RE: Superintendent's Report – Addendum - October 18, 2006

DATE: October 18, 2006

IV. Personnel (cont'd)

- S. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Mr. Douglas Dale**, speech and language specialist at Barclay Brook School, effective October 20, 2006 through October 30, 2006. It is further recommended that this leave should be without pay except to the extent that Mr. Dale is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days he may have available.

- T. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Andrea Forlenza**, as a teacher of the handicapped at Woodland School, at Step 7 of the Master's guide (salary subject to negotiations), effective November 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

MONROE TOWNSHIP
Board of Education

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 18, 2006

BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$6,651,921.20 for September 2006 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

B. BILL LIST – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,000.00 for September 2006 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

C. BILL LIST – HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,000.00 for September 2006 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$60,602.60 for September 2006 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$186,104.13 for September 2006 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

F. SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL & CASH REPORT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby certifies that it is in receipt of the Financial Reports for September 2006, which indicates that no major accounts or funds have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the September 2006 Secretary's Report indicates that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

G. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. It is recommend that members of the Board of Education appoint Richard C. Guinta and M. Virginia Guinta, Certified Shorthand Reporters for the school year 2006/2007. The estimated fee for each transcript is between \$100 and \$500 plus incidental and miscellaneous costs.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Ladacin Network to provide Augmentative and Alternate Communication evaluation and one training session following the evaluation at the fee of \$500 per evaluation for the school year 2006/2007.

H. RESOLUTION - LANDTEK

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the LandTek Group, Inc. (LandTek) and the Monroe Township Board of Education (The Board) entered into a contract awarded on June 9, 2004, for playing field upgrades for synthetic field turf and synthetic turf bleachers in the total amount of \$706,200.00 and payment has been made by the Board to LandTek in the amount of \$566,937.35, leaving a balance of \$139,262.65; and

WHEREAS, LandTek and Monroe have engaged in mediation and have reached a tentative agreement, subject to approval by the Board whereby the Board will pay and LandTek will accept \$132,900.00, subject to the remaining terms of the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and further authorizes the Board Attorney to take all action necessary to implement the Agreement.

I. TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve a jointure between Monroe Township Board of Education, as the joiner, and the East Windsor School System, as the host, for pupil transportation to Notre Dame School. Please refer to attachment for supplemental information.

J. AGREEMENT

As reviewed by Board Attorney Bertram E. Busch, it is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and approve the enclosed agreement between Kings Management Group, LLC (Operator) and Monroe Township Board of Education (Lessee) which covers use of the Princeton Sports Center as related to activities regarding the High School Ice Hockey Team.

K. QAAR SUBMISSION ON CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT MAXIMUM AMOUNT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the Quality Assurance Annual Report Maximum Capital Reserve Statement as follows:

The Monroe Township Board of Education School District has 130 projects identified in its Five Year Long Range Facility Plan that have not yet been initiated or advanced. The 130 projects have an estimated total cost over the five-year period of \$8,392,698.

It is estimated that the district may be eligible for state debt service or EDA grant funds for these projects in the amount of \$2,046,534. Accordingly, the estimated local share of these projects is \$6,346,164.

The Local share amount of \$6,346,164 represents the maximum amount the Monroe Township Board of Education School District may deposit in its capital reserve fund for the 2007/08 school year.

CERTIFICATION:

Dr. Ralph Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator

L. SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

Whereas, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Monroe Township School District are consistent with these requirements, and

Whereas, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid, and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Monroe Township School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

M. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission as submitted by Ms. Maria Naumik for the use of the High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a concert: “Accordion Pops”. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

N. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Mighty Oak Players as submitted by Ms. Maria Naumik for the use of the High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for scenery construction for a Spring show. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

O. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Mighty Oak Players as submitted by Ms. Maria Naumik for the use of the High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a Spring show. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

P. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township Recreation Department as submitted by Ms. Jeanne Crawley for the use of the Mill Lake School grass area and parking lot on Sunday, October 22, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for Octoberfest. Please refer the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

Q. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township Recreation Department as submitted by Mr. Steve Haider for the use of the Brookside gymnasium on all Sundays between December 3, 2006 through March 25, 2007 from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. for soccer practice. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

R. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township High School Drama Club as submitted by Mr. Robert Byrnes for the use of the High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 29, 2006 from 1:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a Fall Showcase performance. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

S. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township High School Band as submitted by Mr. Martin Griffin for the use of the High School Band Room on Sundays, October 22, 2006 and November 5, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for Marching Band Competitions. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

T. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township High School Chorus as submitted by Ms. Beverly Rabinovitz for the use of the Monroe Township High School Performing Arts Center, Band and Chorus Rooms and lavatories on Sunday, January 28, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for the Region II Chorus Concert. Please refer the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

U. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Monroe Township High School Chorus as submitted by Ms. Beverly Rabinovitz for the use of the Monroe Township High School Performing Arts Center, Band and Chorus Rooms and lavatories on Sunday, February 4, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., if necessary as a snow date, for the Region II Chorus Concert. Please refer the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

V. TRANSFER #3

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #3 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

W. BID RENEWAL – SNOW PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the bid renewal of “Snow Plowing and Snow Removal” to Big Daddy Construction Inc., for fiscal year 2006/07. There is a 3.0% cost increase from the original bid in accordance with the detailed requirements of the original bid specifications. Please refer to the attached bid renewal analysis for supplemental information.

- X. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize the purchase of a new postage machine. Whereas, the existing postage machine has been in operation for approximately ten years; however, the postage machine does not meet United States Postal Service requirements for migration to digital postage printing technology required by December 30, 2006. The estimated cost of the new postage mailing system is approximately \$16, 035 and can be procured under State Contract #A63753.

Y. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the administrators as listed on the document labeled “Schedule A” in regard to attending the NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Fall Workshop.

Z. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES

It is recommended that the Board Members listed on the document labeled “Schedule B” in regard to attending the NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Annual Fall Workshop be approved.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

OCTOBER 18, 2006
Meeting Date