

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting, November 15, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Kathy Leonard
Ms. Amy Speizer

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. Christopher Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Edward Forthstoffer, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 22

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 November 10, 2006:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Ostrager 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 subject:

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.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Faraone to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 27, 2006. Motion Carried with Mr. Homoki abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Haring to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTENROLLMENT

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

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All Schools

LOCK DOWN DRILLS

Barclay Brook School
Applegarth School
Mill Lake School

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Braverman and seconded by Mr. Homoki that personnel items (A – W) of the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Ms. Haring asked what the procedure is for fire drills at schools with trailers and Dr. Ferrie responded that fire drills are observed by fire marshals and Brookside and Applegarth schools have been commended for the timely and safe exiting of students. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8 – 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Faraone that Board Action items (A – H) be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8 – 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that the Board create the position of Supervisor of Grants, Testing and Special Projects. Ms. Haring asked for an explanation of why the position is needed and Mr. Homoki stated that the district is growing at a tremendous pace and there is a need to keep up with what needs to be done. Mr. Homoki added that this individual will be supervising K-12 instructional staff associated with grant implementation, district testing, database development and maintenance and that this person will provide leadership in writing mandated grants, securing competitive grants, implementing a district testing program and maintaining district databases. Then, Mr. Homoki explained that some of the work is being done by several staff members now and it is just an impossible task to keep up with and someone specifically is needed to be responsible for these tasks. Next, Dr. Ferrie added that the number of databases that the district is required to maintain, most recently NJSMART which is the New Jersey Department of Education database,

has been extensive and the Director of Network Operations has been maintaining these databases and that's taking the individual away from network operations. Additionally, Dr. Ferrie stated that the No Child Left Behind grant has a requirement to test grades 3-11 which requires extensive confidentiality and monitoring. Dr. Ferrie, also stated that the Strategic Plan recommends the development of this position to oversee grants and that this will fulfill that requirement. Dr. Ferrie stated that all requirements related to the No Child Left Behind grant in terms of submission and monitoring have also caused the need to have this position proposed. Dr. Ferrie explained that other districts of similar size were surveyed and most have this type of position. Mr. Braverman asked who specifically has been responsible up until now. Dr. Ferrie stated that the Director of Network Operations has overseen the additional databases which include Global Connect; that an individual is paid a stipend to complete and submit the No Child Left Behind grant; the Supervisor of Guidance and Testing has been overseeing the testing program and the A/B block schedule that is being prepared for next year, and in terms of other grants it is believed that the grant writing process should be centralized. Mr. Braverman asked what the salary range would be and Dr. Ferrie stated it would be between the min./max. of the K-12 Supervisors guide, i.e. \$94,000 to \$112,000. Mr. Braverman asked what percentage of money could be expected to be returned after this person is appointed versus what is returned now. Dr. Ferrie stated that on competitive grants he'd like to see part of the grant writer's salary written into the grant and in terms of the No Child Left Behind grant two percent is the maximum that can be written into the grant. Mr. Braverman then asked that if only a part of the salary is received in the form of grants and he doesn't receive any additional grants would he be fired or the position eliminated. Dr. Ferrie replied that there is so much work that this individual would have to do that he would not make that recommendation. Roll Call 7-1. Motion Carried with Mr. Braverman voting no.

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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Faraone that Board Action items (A – N) of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8– 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

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

Ms. Antoniello spoke about the DECA trip to Washington, D.C., the success and good attendance at all Fall sport events, American Education Week, and the Showcase 2006 production by the Drama Club.

Mr. Malvone spoke about a Franklin Institute presentation to Woodland School students related to a Light & Color show, a program on bullying called "Shout", that Applegarth School students visited a number of retirement communities, the annual Halloween Dance, and the sports program at Applegarth.

Mr. Leonard spoke about Barclay Brook parents visiting during American Education Week, the first grade family science night, a recycling assembly, a PTA Holiday Shop and the Police Reader's program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM/CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

Ms. Faraone, Chairperson of the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum Activities/Athletics Committee, stated that the committee met earlier in the evening and discussed the Winter play, "Fools" by Neil Simon which will be performed on January 11th, 12th and 13th and the Spring musical "Pippin" which will be performed on April 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. Ms. Faraone stated that since Dr. Tienken has arrived in Monroe he has implemented countless programs that challenge the students on every level and encourage them to strive higher. Ms. Faraone cited the Talented and Gifted Program, the Course of Studies and that he spearheaded the removal of remedial summer school and replaced it with an enrichment program. Ms. Faraone thanked Dr. Tienken for his continued efforts to make the programs at Monroe the best they can be.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS – refer to the attached transcript.

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

PUBLIC FORUM – refer to the attached transcript.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Haring made a motion to recommend that the Board convene in closed session to discuss personnel, negotiations, legal and student matters at 6:30 p.m. on December 13, 2006. Mr. Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Faraone that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. There was no closed session after the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Now we will go to Finance/Buildings and Grounds/Transportation, Mr. Homoki.

MR. HOMOKI: There are a couple updates on the new high school, from November 1st, 2006, MRM Architecture submitted construction documents to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for code review and approval. On November the 13th responding to a request from DCA to expediate the review process, MRM Architecture submitted additional set of plans. The project may be advertised for bid after complete code review and approval is authorized by DCA.

On the new elementary school, the Prisco Group received first round design review comments from DCA in October the 25th. The project deemed design has been working to address first round review comments making revisions to the plans and specifications compiling supported documentation and so on. Prisco Group indicates that they will make the revised

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2 design submissions to DCA that addresses
3 all first round comments by the end of next
4 week. After revised submission is made,
5 and providing all DCA comments have been
6 addressed to the satisfaction of DCA, the
7 project may then be advertised for bid.

8 And finally, if you came to the high
9 school this evening, you may have noticed
10 this, installation of a new marquee
11 messaging sign has been completed in front
12 of high school and new sign can be
13 programmed with messages and graphics from
14 the high school's main office.

15 And I saw it on the way in. It looks
16 really good.

17 That's the end of the report. I want
18 to ask Mr. Busch to say a few more words.

19 MR. BUSCH: If I may, Mrs.
20 Kolupanowich.

21 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Yes, you may.

22 MR. BUSCH: Thank you. I tried to
23 give you an update every meeting on what I
24 learned from Peg Schaffer, the Assistant
25 Township Attorney, with regard to the

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2 proposed new high school. Those of you who
3 have been listening know that in January,
4 on January 5th of this year, the State
5 House Commission approved a commitment by
6 the township to convey to the County 151
7 plus acres, I think it's 151.58.

8 When the surveys came through, it
9 turned out to be more like 172 acres.
10 Because of some comments, and apparently
11 were made at the Township Council meeting,
12 which I did not attend last Wednesday
13 night, Ms. Schaffer wrote a letter to the
14 Mayor. And I'm reading it now, and I'm
15 going to underscore before I get to the end
16 that there were comments about possible
17 liens on the property.

18 I get the correspondence from Ms.
19 Schaffer when she submitted everything in
20 October to the DEP Green Acres Program, she
21 sent me the copies so I could see, for
22 example, that she sent title insurance
23 commitments from title companies, and metes
24 and bounds descriptions referred to in the
25 letter, but I don't get the actual

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documentation.

In any event, her letter, which is dated November 10, to Mayor Pucci reads as follows: "I write in response to questions raised at Wednesday night's Council meeting which were brought to my attention by a telephone call received at 10 P.M. Under cover of October 15, 2006, we filed the title reports required by the State House Commission decision, as well as the title insurance commitments, which were not required. The title insurance commitments, if reviewed by those criticizing the submission, would answer each of their questions and resolve any concerns regarding liens or encumbrances on the property we propose to deed to the County when the Green Acres restrictions are released."

"However, as a result of the questions and concerns voiced by the citizens who appeared at the township meeting, and then by their attorney with whom I spoke twice yesterday," this is

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2 dated November 10, so she's referring to
3 November 9, "I was required to go back to
4 the title and recheck our filing with
5 Trenton. Although the title report
6 initially revealed liens of record, we have
7 obtained and provided documentation to
8 eliminate all of those liens of record,
9 with the exception of the blanket mortgage
10 on the Lafayette Knolls property which has
11 recently been accepted by the township.
12 Our acceptance of the deed to the property
13 is, of course, conditioned upon a release
14 of part of mortgaged premises which we
15 anticipate receiving from the developer.
16 This parcel represents 3.83 acres of the
17 total of 72.21 acres being offered as
18 replacement property. The dedication of
19 this parcel, free and clear of liens and
20 encumbrances, is a condition of the
21 subdivision approval for Lafayette Knolls.
22 If, for any reason, the lien was not
23 released, the subdivision application would
24 be void and the entire project jeopardized,
25 a highly likely event."

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2 "When we made this submission, we
3 exercised an overabundance of caution in
4 obtaining and providing to the state, title
5 insurance binders from the title companies
6 in order to eliminate concerns about the
7 quality of title."

8 "Notwithstanding, we were required
9 yesterday to, once again, expend time and
10 the taxpayers dollars to interpret that
11 submission to the Rutgers University Law
12 Clinic Council and its clients. As I told
13 Mr. Webster," who was the attorney, Richard
14 Webster, "it is our responsibility as
15 Counsel to the Township to make certain
16 that the township has fee simple,
17 marketable and insurable title to this
18 property before it is deeded to the County.
19 It is not, however, our responsibility to
20 explain to our adversary counsel how to
21 read the title binders reflecting that
22 status."

23 "Will you please call if you or the
24 counsel has any additional questions
25 regarding the foregoing?"

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2 Just one other postscript, this is
3 3.83 acres. There was a blanket mortgage
4 on the entire parcel which received
5 subdivision approval. One of the
6 conditions of that subdivision approval was
7 to deed as open space 3.83 acres. Even if
8 there were an incurable lien, which there
9 isn't, that would only bring it down to
10 about 168 acres and only 151.58 are
11 required.

12 I personally called the developer's
13 attorney to see what was happening with
14 this release of this part of the mortgage
15 premises and he said it's being done. I
16 also checked with Ms. Schaffer's office as
17 of about 4:30 this afternoon, spoke to her
18 assistant, and she said it's all in the
19 process of being done. Thank you.

20 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Are there any
21 questions for Mr. Homoki or Mr. Busch?

22 Thank you for your report.

23 Personnel Negotiations is Amy. She
24 is not here this evening, so we will go to
25 Community Relations. Ms. Ostrager.

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2 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you. The
3 Community Relations Committee met on
4 Monday, November the 6th. We reviewed the
5 televised and subsequent meeting with,
6 that we had with the members of the
7 community on October 16th and agreed that
8 subsequent similar meetings would include a
9 non-televised portion following the
10 taping session.

11 We hope that this new format will
12 enhance the intergenerational ties between
13 school children and members of the senior
14 communities for the benefit of both.

15 This is something that people who
16 were present both in the PTAs and the PRCs
17 at that meeting were interested in trying
18 to do activities together.

19 We also discussed the school story
20 which is currently being produced by an
21 outside PR firm. And we agreed that job
22 descriptions would be created for advisory
23 positions that would have to go to the
24 Personnel Committee, I think we decided,
25 and to try and allow, create teacher

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2 advisory positions that would allow the
3 students to produce the school story or at
4 least, have some parts of that.

5 We also discussed that part of the
6 strategic plan called for the Community
7 Relations Committee to implement a
8 legislative reform strategy involving
9 community, state and federal legislators to
10 provide adequate school funding.

11 I think, especially in light of the
12 new set coming out of the State House
13 Commission Committees this month looking at
14 school funding, that we concluded we would
15 work with the Garden State Coalition of
16 Schools and try to develop some means of
17 trying to push forward initiatives that
18 might help us with the tax, the school
19 funding as it would impact Monroe.

20 There was a survey that is regarding
21 the preferred method of communication
22 between members of the community and the
23 school district that was distributed this
24 week through the school children brought
25 home flyers, and there's also a survey on

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2 the district website, and we're hoping that
3 the information that we get from this
4 survey will enable us to find a better way
5 to communicate with more members of the
6 community.

7 There were, yesterday, there was a
8 tour for the members of the Planned
9 Retirement Communities of some of the
10 schools. Some of the members of the
11 Community Relations Committee, as well as
12 members of the Administration attended
13 that. I think the people who came to that
14 very much enjoyed it, although the
15 attendance level on that indicated that we
16 might need to find a better way to let them
17 know about activities like that.

18 The next meeting for the Community
19 Relations Committee will be held on
20 Tuesday, December 4th.

21 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you,
22 Rita. We will go to Policy Committee.
23 Marv.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes. We met
25 November 6th and we discussed the following

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2 subjects, the NJSIAA random testing for
3 inter-scholastic athletics, cyber-bullying,
4 suspension, rank in class, backpacks,
5 virtual meetings, Board member
6 reimbursement, dissemination of information
7 to members of the Board of Education and
8 security. Our next meeting will be January
9 6th.

10 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you, very
11 much.

12 Technology, Lew.

13 MR. KAUFMAN: There was no technology
14 meeting this evening but I do have an
15 update from the staff on a couple of items.

16 The Applegarth Media Center
17 automation project is now complete. This
18 project involved converting Applegarth's
19 old catalog system to an electronic system.
20 In addition, Applegarth School received
21 five new mobile computer labs. All are
22 fully functional and used by students for
23 Web Quest, mathematical manipulation
24 projects, and other research and writing
25 assignments, and one of these cards is used

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2 exclusively for a digital photo class.

3 In addition, the district is now
4 offering courses to the staff on things
5 like Microsoft Word, Power Point, Publisher
6 and Digital Photography.

7 The technology items that were
8 purchased for the temporary classroom units
9 in Barclay Brook and Brookside have now all
10 been installed, and these items include
11 single desktop computers and printers in
12 each classroom and mobile cards for the
13 wireless environment.

14 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you, very
15 much, Mr. Kaufman.

16 Library Board, Doctor Ferrie.

17 DR. FERRIE: Under Library Board,
18 Irene Goldberg is a member of the Community
19 Relations Committee and she does give an
20 extensive report. And that when it is on
21 the tape on Comcast, those of you that have
22 access to that, I would suggest that you
23 look at that because it does outline all
24 the outstanding activities that the public
25 library has. Also, they are moving forward

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2 well in terms of the renovated addition
3 that will be added to the library in the
4 near future.

5 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you.

6 Human Relations Commission Board,
7 John.

8 MR. LEARY: Because of the electrical
9 power failure this week, the meeting was
10 cancelled.

11 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Municipal
12 Recreation Board, Amy. She's not here
13 tonight. So we will go to the Jamesburg
14 Board of Education, Patrice.

15 MS. FARAONE: The next Board meeting
16 is Thursday, November 30th.

17 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you.

18 Middlesex Regional Educational
19 Services, John.

20 MR. LEARY: Yes. The Board of
21 Freeholders has approved a 40 million
22 dollar capital appropriation and the first
23 draft of 10 million dollars is going on the
24 marketplace and it will be for the New View
25 Academy that will be on Park Avenue and

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River Road in Piscataway.

The other part of the 40 million will be spent on building an academy similar to the Academy Learning Center in Sayreville. The Board of Directors will meet on Friday.

MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you.

At this time, is there any other member of the Board of Education that has any Board business?

MS. HARING: In today's Star Ledger there was an article about members that made Allstate Chorus. We have seven members from our Chorus who made it and I want to read their names:
Katherine Widmer was soprano, Andrew Allen and Alexa Kane, Daniel Burbank, Seth Newton, Kristen Poemer, Nicholas Raynor, I think I got them all, and Honors Jazz Choir, Matthew Raunick. I think they deserve incredible accolades for getting to that level and it brings notoriety to our school.

In addition to our sports program having a really outstanding year, our arts

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2 program is doing fantastic as well. Our
3 band was just very successful and they just
4 concluded their season, so I just want to
5 let everybody know that really great things
6 are happening here in Monroe.

7 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you, Carol.
8 Doctor Ferrie.

9 DR. FERRIE: I just have two things.
10 First of all, I'd like to publicly
11 compliment the high school administration,
12 certainly, the high school staff and high
13 school students for the manner in which
14 they handled the events yesterday with the
15 two unfortunate accidents that caused
16 the -- don't worry, I won't forget, I know,
17 you don't have to remind me. I was in the
18 middle of my story.

19 We were here at around 11:30 and
20 there were not only one but two accidents
21 that caused the high school, caused us to
22 require the high school to be closed for
23 half a day. We did get the half day
24 session in. What's always challenging
25 there is that we have to immediately call

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2 in our bus drivers. And they were here
3 very quickly and in an expedient manner
4 coming in from whatever they were doing,
5 getting on the buses and taking the kids,
6 naturally, some of them doing double runs
7 because we have the kindergarten program as
8 well. We had our senior citizen group
9 visiting, so that was another bus. And
10 everybody did a wonderful job and I just
11 want to compliment them.

12 Also, I do want to echo what Gina
13 said and what Carol Haring said in terms of
14 congratulations to our students this fall.
15 Our band just was outstanding. I had the
16 opportunity to see them perform at some of
17 our games and also last night at the
18 banquet with the video, and I know they had
19 many firsts, as Mr. Griffin said, and they
20 were just a pleasure to watch.

21 And our football team going eight and
22 two and making the play-offs for the first
23 time, compliments to the coaches and
24 athletes there, and everybody that's
25 associated with that program. I know our

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2 cheerleaders work hard and the boys soccer
3 team making the finals for the states and
4 being County champions, and our girls
5 soccer who did extremely well, and field
6 hockey and tennis and cross country, and I
7 hope I don't forget anybody. But it was
8 just a wonderful fall season that really is
9 going to springboard us into a very
10 positive winter season as well. Thank you.

11 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else?
12 Mr. Homoki.

13 MR. HOMOKI: There are certain many
14 things going on in Monroe Township that I
15 just want to again bring you up-to-date on
16 what's happening on a state level which
17 will impact on all of us.

18 Today is T Day, November 15th. This
19 is the date that the Consolidation School
20 Funding Shared Services Tax Relief
21 Committee is supposed to issue their report
22 to the taxpayers, and I have to tell you
23 that I have been following this
24 consistently and right now, as of right
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Increase school funding throughout the State of New Jersey by one billion dollars. Where is the money going to come from? They haven't discussed that yet but they said that's the way it's going to be.

Give a 20 percent tax credit to homeowners which would be a reduction of 20 percent. Eliminate the special designation of the 31 Abbott districts, which is something major. Increase retirement for state workers from 55 to 62. Form an independent commission that would recommend annually municipalities that should merge. Move school and fire elections to November; also, eliminate vote on the budget if it's under cap and create a powerful super-superintendent for the County.

I just want to tell you briefly that this would be a person who is appointed for two year terms, obviously, will be a political appointment and you are mixing politics and education together, so there are many, many other points but these are

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2 the major ones that I was able to pick up.

3 Now, you may say by tomorrow some of
4 these things are not true, something else
5 comes up. It's constantly changing and
6 much of this will require legislation
7 before it can be implemented but these are
8 the things that they're talking about.
9 That's the end of the report.

10 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Anyone else from
11 the Board?

12 Seeing no one, we will go back to our
13 public forum and anyone wishing, anyone
14 from the public wishing to speak on
15 something, anything, you can. Please come
16 up to the microphone and give your name and
17 address for the record.

18 MS. DRESSEL: Jennifer Dressel, Dey
19 Grove Road.

20 I'd like to read into the record a
21 letter from our attorney. It's dated
22 November 14. That was written to David
23 Smith at the DEP, Re: Application
24 Middlesex County to Divert Parkland in
25 Monroe Township.

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2 "Dear Mr. Smith: Please accept this
3 letter on behalf of my clients Parksavers,
4 New Jersey Public Interest Research Group
5 and New Jersey Conservation Foundation. As
6 we discussed, the documents submitted by
7 the township on October 13, 2006, are
8 rather difficult to interpret in the
9 absence of a summary document to act as a
10 guide. To avoid misleading you, I have
11 confirmed the following with counsel for
12 Monroe Township, number one, the township
13 does not have a signed deed for Lot 31.42
14 in Block 62."

15 "Number two, Lot 31.42 in Block 62 is
16 encumbered by a mortgage which was recorded
17 on February 9th, 2006, and number three,
18 there are easements on some of the parcels
19 that do not merge with the underlying
20 title, for example, Lot 2.04 in Block 62
21 has a 30 foot wide sewer easement given to
22 the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities
23 Authority on which, I believe, an above
24 ground sewer line has now been
25 constructed."

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2 "I am also awaiting documentation
3 from the township showing that various
4 judgment debts and mortgages on certain
5 other parcels have been clear. Although
6 the status of all the titles is not yet
7 clear to me, what is currently clear is
8 that the township does not currently have
9 clean title to all of the proposed exchange
10 properties. Therefore, even if the
11 Environmental Impact Statement submitted on
12 October 13, 2006, met the requirements of
13 Executive Order 215, which it does not, the
14 land exchange could not proceed. To
15 simplify your work and avoid any
16 misunderstandings, I suggest that you
17 request the township to provide a clear
18 summary of the current status of each of
19 the titles, including a summary of
20 encumbrances that have been cleared and
21 continuing easements."

22 "Finally, the continuing easements on
23 the properties must be evaluated carefully
24 to determine if they affect the currently
25 agreed valuation. At minimum, that the

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2 value of the parcels through which the
3 above ground sewer line runs is now
4 considerably less than if the parcels were
5 clear and unencumbered."

6 "Thus, I suggest that if the
7 transaction is to proceed, an appraiser
8 must evaluate whether the easements on the
9 parcels proposed for exchange affect the
10 valuation generated by Green Acres
11 appraisers without the benefit of full
12 information on the easements."

13 Thank you.

14 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Anyone else from
15 the public?

16 MS. PROHASKA: Hello. Nancy Prohaska,
17 Perrineville Road.

18 I'm not here to debate whose letter
19 is correct and whose is not. But what I do
20 resent is one of the comments that Mr.
21 Busch made while reading Peg Schaffer's
22 letter, acting as if this is a nuisance and
23 a waste of taxpayers dollars that she has
24 to explain herself.

25 Well, I'm sorry if Peg only wanted to

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2 submit 3.83 acres. If she did so, all she
3 had to do was to have that 3.83 acres
4 surveyed out of the 20 acres and it can be
5 as simple as that.

6 To sit here and use the analogy that
7 this is a waste of taxpayer dollars, I just
8 want to remind the Board it's your
9 responsibility and you are sitting on an
10 82.9 million dollar project without a place
11 to build it.

12 I believe you are wasting the
13 taxpayers dollars by having us pay the
14 interest on a monthly basis for this high
15 school that in April will be four years
16 that you don't even have the land to build.

17 The conception of this school in the
18 park was April of 2003. Now when we go
19 into 2007, you mean to tell me after four
20 years, now it's three and a half years,
21 that you don't even have the land together
22 for this land swap? There's something
23 wrong here.

24 If you're working along with the
25 township and had a collaborated effort, you

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2 should know every gripping detail of what's
3 going on and how it's going on.

4 To just sit here week after week and
5 be informed by the public like ourselves,
6 and we get this information through the
7 Open Public Records Act, and we do our
8 homework, and this is how we find out
9 what's going on. I would expect the Board
10 to start asking some questions and finding
11 out what's going on.

12 To sit here and not do anything and
13 have this project continue on the path that
14 it is going is getting our children
15 absolutely nowhere.

16 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you.

17 MS. PROHASKA: I'm not finished yet.
18 You don't have to -- Kathy, and I'm not
19 finished yet.

20 So far as I'm concerned, I would
21 think that it would be in this Board's
22 interest to expedite this matter as soon as
23 possible. Yes or no? Would that be a fair
24 statement, Mr. Busch?

25 MS. KOLPANOWICH: I believe your time

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is up. Thank you.

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MS. PROHASKA: Who said I was on a time limit?

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MR. HOLLIDAY: The Board Secretary. I enforce it. Your time limit.

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MS. PROHASKA: Do you have a clock or something?

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MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, we do.

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MS. PROHASKA: Oh. Thank you for the notice.

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MS. KOLPANOWICH: Anybody else from the public?

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MS. FISHER: Hope Fisher, Samantha Drive. I apologize, I'm going to read my statement. I'm not good at speaking on the cuff.

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I'm standing here before you tonight because I'm becoming fearful. I'm fearful that the members of the Board of Education are beginning to believe the general Monroe Township public no longer wants to continue to forge ahead with the land swap and the plan to build the new high school on the property in Thompson Park. Month after

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2 month I come to these meetings and I hear
3 the same people stand up in front of you
4 and state what they believe to be facts
5 regarding the pending case against the land
6 exchange. Month after month, very few
7 people stand up and tell you that they want
8 you to continue the course that you have
9 begun.

10 I'm fearful that you may mistake the
11 the radio silence for lack of support. I'm
12 here to tell you this is not the case.
13 Perhaps people like me have become
14 complacent and are just sitting quietly
15 waiting for a decision by our state
16 government. Maybe they don't feel the need
17 to stand here and beat the proverbial dead
18 horse month after month as the opponents
19 have chosen to do.

20 Most likely, they are not aware, even
21 after they have officially stated their
22 opinions when they voted to approve the
23 pursuit of the land swap, that the Board
24 can now vote to change their course of
25 action. But I am fearful that by hearing.

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2 (Change tape.) -- Parksaver or not
3 believes that a new high school is so badly
4 needed but those that believe the land swap
5 was the right decision still believe that
6 it's the right decision.

7 Please don't allow yourself to be
8 persuaded into believing that because you
9 don't hear this meeting after meeting, that
10 it is not true. The tree that falls in the
11 forest when no one is there to hear it
12 still does make a noise. Thank you.

13 MS. KOLPANOWICH: Thank you. Is
14 there anyone else from the public?

15 MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio, 9
16 Nathaniel Street. Can you tell me what my
17 time limit is?

18 MS. KOLPANOWICH: You have three
19 minutes.

20 MS. ARMINIO: Three minutes, okay.
21 First of all, --

22 MS. KOLPANOWICH: You have five
23 minutes.

24 MS. ARMINIO: I have five minutes.
25 First of all, unfortunately, that

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2 people who are opposed or considered
3 opposed to the swap land have that, has not
4 even begun to impact on this application
5 yet, so to blame people who oppose it like
6 Parksavers or the other state groups that
7 have a valid position on this opposition,
8 that has not even started yet. It's been
9 said at the last meeting that the
10 application didn't even go in until
11 October. This is all stuff the
12 responsibility of the township and the
13 Board of Education. Applications have just
14 been submitted, so anyone who still wants
15 to believe that it's somebody else's fault
16 that this school has been delayed really
17 does need to see the facts.

18 The other thing is that it's costing
19 half a million dollars a month, again, has
20 not impacted yet, the lawsuit has not
21 impacted on that half million.

22 We are up to 104 million dollars
23 according to the July meeting with the
24 gentleman from, the architect, I'm sorry.
25 I have worked all day today, still running.

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Here we go.

The other thing is also the impact statement, the most recent impact statement that was submitted is not signed by anyone and it doesn't say anything about actual impact it's going to have on the surrounding area. It doesn't have any real facts that are any different than the original impact statement which had its deficiencies. And I know I do have another point.

Oh, --

MR. HOLLIDAY: There should not be cross conversations.

MS. ARMINIO: There are no cross conversations.

MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, there is. As long as I'm taping this, as long as I'm the Board Secretary, and I am responsible for the transcripts, there shall be no cross conversation with the audience.

MS. ARMINIO: Okay. Well, if I remember my statement, I'll try to get back up since I haven't used my five minutes

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yet. Thank you.

MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else from the public?

MS. KAPOOR: Tracy Kapoor, 4 Saddle Court.

First, I just wanted to commend you on the time limit. It makes it a lot nicer.

I also wanted to say something based on what Hope said is that you know, we don't stand up here and say, you know, we voted, we want the parkland, we need a new school, and I'd like us to forge ahead, and I hope that the Board is not considering making any changes.

You know, I have four kids to go through this school. Whether it's costing money right now, delaying it, doing something else, we have already decided that this is the best course of action, and I just hope that the Board will see it through. Thank you.

MS. KOLPANOWICH: Could you just spell your last name for us, please?

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MS. KAPOOR: K-a-p-o-o-r.

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MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you,
anyone else from the public?

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Seeing none, we will go to Mr.

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Homoki.

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Okay. The public forum is now closed
and we will go to number 15. Ms. Haring,
could you please take number 15 on the
agenda? Does anybody have number 15?

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MS. HARING: Closed session, it is
recommended that the Board convene in
closed session to discuss personnel
negotiation, legal and student matters at
6:30 P.M. on December 13, 2006.

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MS. KOLPANOWICH: Need a second.

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MR. KAUFMAN: Second. Mr. Kaufman.

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All in favor.

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BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

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MS. KOLPANOWICH: Opposed?

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Abstentions? Motion is carried.

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Mr. Homoki.

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MR. HOMOKI: Yeah, I just wanted to

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say I hope everybody heard precisely the
letter that Mr. Busch wrote --

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MR. BUSCH: Read.

MR. HOMOKI: Read, I'm sorry, didn't read it, you're absolutely right, you read it, somebody else wrote it, and as far as I'm concerned, that's accurate and from what I hear in the audience, you don't believe that it is.

MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you.
Mr. Busch.

MR. BUSCH: I just want to reiterate, without debating or trying a case here, that a letter was read tonight in the public portion, and the mortgage to which Ms. Schaffer referred is on that property, which is Block 62 Lot 31.42. And as I said, when I drew a great big circle with my hands, which won't show up on the minutes, that it was a blanket mortgage, and the piece that the town is committed to use as replacement land is 3.83 acres which is far less than the difference between what it committed at 151.58 and what it is offering at about 172. Thank you.

MS. KOLPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else?

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2 If not, the next scheduled public
3 Board of Education meeting will be held on
4 Wednesday, December 13, 2006, eight o'clock
5 P.M. at the high school. Motion to
6 adjourn.

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PUBLIC MEETING -WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. Enrollment

A. Elementary and secondary (within the district):

	<u>10/31/06</u>	<u>9/30/06</u>	Increase+ Decrease-	<u>10/31/05</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	671	668	+3	666	+5
Barclay Brook School	691	688	+3	662	+29
Brookside School	925	923	+2	803	+122
Mill Lake School	688	680	+8	642	+46
Woodland School	488	486	+2	481	+7
Monroe High School	<u>1469</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>+1</u>	<u>1395</u>	<u>+74</u>
Total Elementary & Secondary	4932	4913	+19	4649	+283

I. Enrollment (cont'd)

		10-1-06	Difference
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	13	+1
Bancroft	1	1	
Bridge Academy	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Center School, Highland Park	2	2	
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	0	1	-0
Collier School, Wickatunk	4	4	
CPC High Point	6	6	
East Mountain			
Jamesburg Student	2	1	+1
Eden Institute	1	1	+1
Harbor School	3	3	
High Roads	5	6	-1
Jamesburg Student	2	2	
Joseph Cappello	2	2	
Kidspace	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	0	1	-1
Kiva High School	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Mercer Elementary	1	1	
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	2	2	
Jamesburg Student	3	2	+1
Mercer County Reg Day	4	4	
Midland School, North Branch	4	4	
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1	1	
New Brunswick High School			
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Nu-View Academy	0	0	
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Pine Ridge	1	1	
Piscataway Reg Day	1	1	
Raritan Valley Academy	1	1	
Rock Brook	1	1	
Rugby School	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Schoth School	1	1	
Somerset Co. Day Training	1	1	
Somerset Hills Residential	1	1	
Spotswood High School			
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Summit Speech	1	1	
Taylor Mills	0	1	-1
UMDNJ	1	1	
Youth Consultation Services	1	1	
TOTAL Monroe Students	67	66	+1
TOTAL Jamesburg Students	12	13	-1

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		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 06/07-7	CST	9	Drust, Simmonds	HS	10-4-06	10-24-06	10
HI 06/07-8	Adm	11	Latwis, Castaldo	OD	10-11-06	10-19-06	10
HI 06/07-10	Med	10	Milonas, Benjamin, Demarco	HS	10-26-06		10
HI-SUS 06/07-1	SUS	11	Cardone, MacKenzie	HS	10-31-06	11-1-06	2
HI-SUS 06/07-2	SUS	12	Reiff, Latwis, Marshak, Ballard, Kelleher	HS	11-1-06	11-8-06	12

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----October 4 and 16, 2006
 Barclay Brook School ----- October 5 and 10, 2006
 Brookside School -----October 23 and 25, 2006
 Mill Lake School -----October 19 and 24, 2006
 Woodland School -----October 10 and 24, 2006
 Monroe High School -----October 19 and 26, 2006

Lock Down

Barclay Brook -----October 30, 2006
 Applegarth -----October 24, 2006
 Mill Lake -----October 3, 2006

IV. PERSONNEL

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Marisa French**, paraprofessional at Brookside School, retroactive to October 25, 2006.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Sue Berman**, as tech resource personnel at Brookside School, effective October 30, 2006.
- C. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Cynthia Cook**, as a basic skills teacher in the After School Basic Skills program at Mill Lake, effective December 7, 2006.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act to **Ms. Pat Diaz**, bus driver in the transportation department, (for this employees morning run) retroactive to November 13, 2006 through December 1, 2006.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Ursula Allen**, head custodian at the High School retroactive to October 30, 2006 through November 10, 2006. This leave shall be without pay except the extent Ms. Allen is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Melissa Rosen**, sixth grade teacher at Brookside School, effective December 11, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Rosen is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Melissa Chou**, teacher of the preschool handicapped at Mill Lake School, effective February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. This leave shall be without pay except to the extent Ms. Chou is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Jaime Visone**, speech language specialist at Woodland School, effective November 30, 2006 through December 6, 2006.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve a return to work date of **Mr. Ian Stevenson**, custodian at the High School, retroactive to November 1, 2006.

- J.** It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Wendy Blank**, school safety guard at Brookside School from 2.0 hours a day to 1.75 hours per day, retroactive to September 28, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- K.** It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Lou Ann Pecorino**, paraprofessional at Barclay Brook School from 5.25 hours per day to 6.0 hours per day retroactive to September 26, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- L.** It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of the following security personnel for the 2006-2007 school year:
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| Rosemary Marino | Applegarth School | approved at Step 8 should read Step 9 |
| Norma Jarosz | High School | approved at Step 8 should read Step 9 |
| Diane Matthews | High School | approved at Step 8 should read Step 9 |
- M.** It is recommended that the Board approve an adjustment in the contract of **Ms. Dawn Krempecki**, bus driver in transportation from 6.0 hours per day to 7.0 hours per day, to reflect an addition of midday, retroactive to November 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- N.** It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Mr. Joseph King**, Director of Pupil Personnel Services to reflect 15 years longevity retroactive to November 1, 2006.
- O.** It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Diane Raunick**, as a long term substitute of music (\$150/day) at Brookside School retroactive to September 1, 2006 through October 10, 2006. Ms. Raunick was previously paid as a substitute (\$85.00) per day.
- P.** It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel at the High School for after school supervision in the media center for 1 hour 40 minutes at the MTEA hourly contractual rate:

Jo Ann Cardone	November 7 th
Susan Winfree	November 8 th
Michelle Ballard	November 13 th
Christina Basile	November 14 th
Deanna Dale	November 15 th

Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of the Non-Affiliate support staff per Schedule A for the 2006-2007 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Catherine Varacallo	Secretary to Superintendent	
Geraldine Manfre	Secretary/Curr. Office	15 year longevity
Florence Muniz	Secy. Pupil Pers. Serv.	
Barbara Doll	Secretary/ Supt.'s Office	
Joyce Sweeney	Secretary/Business Office	
Wayne Modzelewski	Chief Mechanic	25 year longevity
Robert Nakash	Mechanic	15 year longevity
Randy Britt	Mechanic	
Donald Miller	Mechanic	
Patricia Sherman	Workstation Specialist	
Nancy Mitrocsak	Food Service Director	
Michael Gorski	Asst. Business Administrator	
Craig Bagley	Maint. Cust. Supervisor	
Ingrid Reitano	Director/Transportation	
Robert Lempfert	Night Fac. Staff Supervisor	
Nicholas Veni	Workstation Specialist	
Ryan Blackwell	Workstation Specialist	
Eliot Feldman	Workstation Specialist	
Christopher Gross	Workstation Specialist	
Gladys Appuzo	Substitute Coordinator	

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

Certificated Personnel	Position	School	Step/guide	Dates	Reason for hire
Jaynemie Tricarico	Nurse Afterschool	Applegarth	MTEA Supplemental rate	2006-2007 school year	New position
Dawn Fowler	Special Education	Applegarth	117% Step 10 MA	11/6/06-6/30/07	Additional class
Nawon Park	ESL Teacher	Mill Lake/Woodland	70% Step 6 MA+30	10/23/06-6/30/07	Additional classes
Elizabeth Penner	Tech Resource	Brookside School	2/3 stipend	10/31/06-6/30/07	Replacement position
Patricia Duffy	Nurse Afterschool	Brookside School	MTEA Supplemental rate	2006-2007 school year	New position
Linda Elko	Nurse Afterschool	Brookside School	MTEA Supplemental rate	2006-2007 school year	New position
Katherine Traina	Kindergarden	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Bachelor's	11/28/06-03/2/07	Maternity leave replacement

S. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for hire
Cheryl Morris	Spec. Ed Paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Paraprofessional	10/19/06-6/30/07	3.5 hours per day	Correction in end date
Paula Buttita	Instructional Aide Paraprofessional	Brookside	Step 6 Paraprofessional	10/26/06-6/30/07	3.25 hours per day	Transfer position
Manal Atalla	Special Education Paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 2 Paraprofessional	11/16/06-6/30/07	6.75 hours per day	Transfer position increase in hrs
Dina Costa	Paraprofessional	Transportation	Step 1 Paraprofessional	11/6/06-6/30/07	2.00 hr per day to 2.15 hours per day	.15 hour increase
Shari Sigismondo	Paraprofessional Supervisory	Brookside	Step 5 Paraprofessional	11/6/06-6/30/07	2.5 hr per day to 3.5 hr per day	Transfer Position increase in hours
Susan Romano	Accounts Payable	Central Office	\$13,955 (47%) of Central Office Salary guide	11/20/06-6/30/07	3.5 hours per day	Transfer position
Rosa Pieron	Paraprofessional Special Education	Barclay Brook	Step 2 Paraprofessional	11/16/06-6/30/07	6.5 hours per day	New position
Beth LaBarbera	Paraprofessional Special Ed.	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Paraprofessional	11/16/06-6/30/07	3.5 hours per day	Replacement position

T. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for coaching and advisory positions for the 2006-2007 school year:

Certificated Personnel	Position	Step/guide	School
Manjit Sran	Step Dance Team	Stipend	High School
Frank Bonich	Assistant Winter Track	Step 3	High School
Stacey Weinstein	Student Athletic Manager	Step 2	High School
Marc DeBellis	Weight Training Winter	Stipend	High School
Mike McDonald	Wrestling	Volunteer	High School
Antonio Pepe	Wrestling	Volunteer	High School
Andrew Laffey	Ice Hockey	Volunteer	High School
Ed Andersen	Ice Hockey	Volunteer	High School
Paul Nelson	Boys Basketball	Volunteer	High School
Bill Joucotot	Wrestling Coach	Step 3	Applegarth
Janet Kaufman	Drama Director	Stipend	Applegarth
Nicole DiLorenzo	Assistant Music/Choreo.	Stipend	Applegarth
Natalie Burd	Craft Club – fall	Stipend	Applegarth
Ray Ruiz	Boy's Basketball	Step 3	Applegarth
Cheryl Whinna	Girl's Basketball	Step 3	Applegarth

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

Mill Lake School

Teachers

Abbe Fleming – 4 days

Kathleen Czizik – 2 days

Substitute Paraprofessional

Marianne Berberian

Barclay Brook School

Laura Goldstein – 2 days

Magdalena Jenzke – 2 days

- V. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the After School TAG Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

Mill Lake

Teacher

Ronnie Grossman - substitute

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

Certificated

Albrecht, Patricia

Substitute Teacher

Comerchero, Aaron

Substitute Teacher

Fertig, Naomi

Substitute Teacher

Hudlow, Lisa

Substitute Teacher

Schiffman, Michael

Substitute Teacher

Thaiss, Lauren

Substitute Teacher

Tierney, Keri

Substitute Teacher

Van Doren, Lisa

Substitute Teacher

Non-Certificated

Marcille, Philip

Substitute Custodian

McBriarty, Joseph

Substitute Custodian

Cusano, Ralph

Substitute Custodian

Rossano, Darlene

Substitute Paraprofessional

V. BOARD ACTION

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the submission of the 2006-2007 No Child Left Behind grant application.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the attached “Monroe Township Public Schools Addendum to the District’s Mentoring Plan Alternate Route Teachers.”
- C. **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 Contracts whose family are under contract for future residency in Monroe Township.

- D. **Policy and Regulations**
It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following:

Regulation No. 5430	High School Rank in Class
Policy No. 5610	Suspension
Regulation No. 5610	Suspension

- E. **Policy and Regulations**
It is recommended that the Board approve the following policies for a first reading:

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

- F. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of October 2006.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- H. **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>
10-11-06	MTHS	fight	n/a
10-26-06	MTHS	simple assault	n/a

PUBLIC MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$7,810,683.03 for October 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 – HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$7,259.82 for October 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 – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$41,563.20 for October 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$4,100.00 for October 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. 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 October 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 October 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).

F. TRANSFER #4

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #4 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

G. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve The Institute for Children to provide home instruction for students hospitalized for a fee of \$39.00 per hour for school year 2006-2007.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education hereby enters into a medical services agreement with Dr. Rex Zapanta as School Physician, for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2006 and terminating June 30, 2007 for a retainer payment of \$19,096. This amount shall be paid in 12 equal installments.
3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Alexander Road Associates to perform psychiatric evaluations and provide written reports for a fee of \$400.00 for each evaluation and report for school year 2006-2007.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve PENTA hearing care to provide central auditory procession for a fee of \$440 for school year 2006-2007.
5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Mercer County Special Services School District, Project Child Assessment Service to provide Speech & Language evaluations, Occupational Therapy evaluations, and Physical Therapy evaluations for a fee of \$275.00 per evaluation for school year 2006-2007.

H. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

Jewish Center as submitted by Rabbi Zaklikovsky for the use of the High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, December 17, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a show Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Chabad.

I. TRANSPORTATION ROUTES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attached documents entitled: “District Routes Joint Agreements” and “Transportation Jointures Other Districts”.

J. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITIES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from the Educational Services Center as submitted by Ms. Marcia Frankel for the use of the Monroe Township High School on Sundays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 15, 22, and 29, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the SAT Prep Course. Please refer to the enclosed request form for supplemental information.

K. RESOLUTION – THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PLAN

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution regarding the State Long-Term Insurance Plan.

RESOLUTION to elect to offer the State of New Jersey's Long-Term Care Insurance Plan to employees and retirees.

WHEREAS, the State, through the Division of Purchase and Property, awarded a Long Term Care Insurance Plan Contract for State employees to Prudential Insurance Company of America (hereinafter "Prudential") on May 4, 2001 (hereinafter "the Contract"); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:18-11.2, provides that the State Treasurer shall negotiate and arrange for a long term care insurance plan to employees and retirees of any local public employer contracting unit adopting a resolution offering its employees and retirees the opportunity to participate, at their own cost, and

WHEREAS, the Contract has been amended to permit participation by eligible active and retired employees of any local contracting unit adopting a resolution offering its employees and retirees the opportunity to participate in the Contract; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Monroe Township Board of Education hereby offers the Long-Term Care Insurance Plan that is the subject of the Contract to its employees and retirees.
2. We understand that submission of a certified copy of this resolution to the Division of Pensions and Benefits ("the Division") is a prerequisite to any of our employees and retirees applying to enroll in the Plan options and benefits offered under the Contract.
3. We understand that following its receipt of a certified copy of this resolution, the Division will advise Prudential that our employees and retirees are eligible to apply to Prudential for enrollment in the Plan options and benefits offered under the Contract.
4. We acknowledge that we will cooperate with Prudential in making the opportunity for our employees and retirees to apply to Prudential for enrollment in the plan options and benefits offered under the Contract.
5. We understand that an employee or retiree eligible to participate in the plan options and benefits offered under the Contract shall pay the entire cost associated therewith.

6. We understand that an enrolled employee may elect to have a deduction made from his or her salary for the payment of premiums due Prudential under the Contract,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Monroe Township Board of Education.

This Fifteenth day of November 2006

By: _____
Wayne Holliday
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

L. RESOLUTION – EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution regarding extraordinary unspecifiable service.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) authorizes the award of a contract which exceeds the bid threshold by the adoption of a resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter thereof consists of extraordinary unspecifiable services which cannot reasonably be described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.2, the Monroe Township Board of Education (“the Board”) has a need for expertise, extensive training and proven reputation with regard to the procurement of compatible equipment and supplies for the Electronics Lab at Monroe Township High School, all of which are critical and essential for the continuing operation of the Electronics Lab and Valiant USA is the sole vendor able to provide the necessary services in the United States and uniquely is suited to perform the services, which are of such a qualitative nature that the performance of the services cannot be reasonably described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the Board has filed a certificate with the Board clearly describing the nature of the work to be done, describing in detail why the contract meets the provisions of the extraordinary unspecifiable services exception to the bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in Account No. 11-190-100-610;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes an extraordinary unspecifiable services contract with Valiant USA for the procurement of materials and equipment and the furnishing of services for the Electronics Lab at Monroe Township High School for the school year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Contract shall be published once in the Home News Tribune.

M. BID APPROVALS – SALE OF VEHICLES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the bids in regard to the sale of non-operational vehicles. Please refer to the attached bid forms for supplemental information.

N. RESOLUTION – SCHOOL BUSES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution regarding the lease purchase financing for the acquisition of two new 54 passenger school buses.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AWARDING THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO NEW 54 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Board”) did heretofore adopt and approve a resolution authorizing the receipt of bids for financing the acquisition of two new 54 passenger school buses (collectively, the “Vehicles”); and

WHEREAS, a request for bid for the lease purchase financing of the Vehicles (the “Request”) was duly published and proposals for the lease purchase financing of the Vehicles were duly solicited pursuant to the terms of the Request and the bid specifications attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Bid Specifications”); and

WHEREAS, sealed bids containing proposals for the lease purchase financing of the Vehicles were received on November 2, 2006 from the following:

<u>Name of Bidder</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
SunTrust Leasing Corporation	4.06%
Municipal Services Group	4.60%
Wachovia Business Lease	4.87%
Comerica Leasing Corporation	NO BID
First Southwest Leasing Company	NO BID
Sovereign Bank	BID ARRIVED LATE

WHEREAS, the proposal of SunTrust Leasing Corporation, in the form thereof attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Proposal”), offered lease purchase financing of the Vehicles at the lowest fixed interest rate for the term of the lease purchase financing, in accordance with the requirements of the Request and the Bid Specifications.

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

SECTION 1. That the Bid Specifications and their use in the solicitation of bids are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

SECTION 2. That the lease purchase financing of the Vehicles is awarded to SunTrust Leasing Corporation and the Proposal thereof referred to in the recitals above is hereby accepted, the lease purchase financing to bear interest at the fixed rate as set forth in the Proposal.

SECTION 3. That the Board hereby covenants to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") applicable to the lease purchase financing and covenants not to take any action or to permit any action to be taken which would cause the interest component on the lease purchase financing to lose the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes provided under Section 103 of the Code or cause the interest component on the lease purchase financing to become an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code.

SECTION 4. The Board hereby authorizes the Board Secretary, the Superintendent, Bond Counsel, the Auditor and any other professionals of the Board to proceed with the lease purchase financing, including the drafting of any documents necessary therefor. The Board hereby ratifies and approves all actions previously taken by the Board Secretary, the Superintendent, Bond Counsel, the Auditor and any other professionals of the Board in connection with the drafting and negotiation of any documents necessary in connection with the lease purchase financing.

SECTION 5. The Board Secretary, the Board President, the Board Vice President, the Superintendent and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board's Finance/Building and Grounds/Transportation Committee are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the lease purchase financing, including without limitation, such documents necessary to evidence the exclusion of the interest component on the lease purchase financing from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, including, *inter alia*, the status of the lease purchase financing as other than "private activity bonds" within the meaning of section 141 of the Code.

SECTION 6. The Board President, the Board Vice President, the Superintendent, the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board's Finance/Building and Grounds/Transportation Committee and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the lease purchase financing of the Vehicles not determined by this or subsequent resolution of the Board, as permitted by law.

SECTION 7. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the Board Secretary.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: November 15, 2006

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Monroe Township Board of Education on November 15, 2006.

BY: _____
Wayne Holliday
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

NOVEMBER 15, 2006
Meeting Date