

PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 27, 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. John Leary  
Ms. Kathy Leonard  
Ms. Rita Ostrager  
Ms. Amy Speizer

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Joseph Homoki

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Gina Antonello  
Mr. Alex Malvone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. George Leonard

STAFF

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

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ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 26

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 September 22, 2006:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Speizer 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.

PUBLIC FORUM – NONEAPPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Ostrager to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on August 30, 2006. Motion Carried with Ms. Leonard and Ms. Speizer abstaining.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that personnel items (A – W) of the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Speizer that Board Action items (A - I) be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 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 Ms. Haring and seconded by Ms. Speizer to accept the report as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Dr. Ferrie spoke about including board meeting information on the District's website and advised that for the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the agenda will be published on the website on Tuesday morning which will include the Superintendent's Report (without personnel and issues related to students) and the Business Administrator's report. Dr. Ferrie added that minutes will also be posted on the website after approval by the Board.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action items (A – G) of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 9 – 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 Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the report as submitted by the Business Administrator. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS'S REPORTS

Ms. Antonello reported on the events that took place at Monroe Township High School during the month of September including: Freshman Orientation, school opening ceremonies, class meetings, Back-to-School night, and a freshman assembly. Ms. Antonello, also, mentioned upcoming events in October such as Spirit Week and Homecoming. Mr. Malvone reported about events at Barclay Brook and Mill Lake schools during the month of September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM/CO-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Ms. Faraone, Chairperson of the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum Activities/Athletics Committee, reported that the committee met earlier this evening prior to the Board Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Ms. Leonard to recommend that members of the Board of Education adopt the updated 5-year curriculum plan, Spanish IV Honors curriculum, French I (grades 9-12) curriculum, 2006 Fall Showcase, African-American Youth Organization, and a supplementary textbook for high school language arts. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried 9 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – CONTINUED – refer to attached transcript.

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

PUBLIC FORUM– refer to the attached transcript.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION– refer to the attached transcript .

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS RE-OPENED –refer to attached transcript.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Speizer that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. There was no closed session after the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
BOARD SECRETARY/  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

# TRANSCRIPT

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will go to  
3 finance, buildings and grounds,  
4 transportation. Mr. Homoki is not here  
5 this evening so I will turn this over to  
6 Mr. Braverman.

7 MR. BRAVERMAN: I'm just the  
8 messenger. The replacement of the high  
9 school gymnasium and weight room roofs,  
10 contractor Spring Valley Construction has  
11 returned to the project and is installing  
12 the finished roof cap sheet.

13 Delivery and installation of  
14 skylights and flashings will follow. We  
15 are taking appropriate actions by having  
16 the roof system manufacturers  
17 representatives inspect the work to insure  
18 that the work is satisfactorily completed  
19 so as not to compromise issuance of a full  
20 roof system warranty.

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

25 The project may be advertised for bid

2 after this review and approval is received.

3 The Monroe Township Municipal  
4 Utilities Authority has approved  
5 preliminary applications for water and  
6 sewer service.

7 The new Monroe Township High School,  
8 everybody has their ears up for this one.  
9 MRM Architecture is submitting construction  
10 documents to the New Jersey Department of  
11 Community Affairs for code review and  
12 approval.

13 The project may be advertised for bid  
14 after this review and approval is received.

15 In the interim the district received  
16 grant funding approval for building  
17 commissioning services from the New Jersey  
18 Smart Start Clean Energy Program.

19 A commissioning agent will now be  
20 contracted by the district and 50 percent  
21 of the cost of up to \$30,000 will be paid  
22 for through the grant.

23 I'd like to just add one thing to Mr.  
24 Homoki's report. Mr. Holliday, I wonder,  
25 I've been asked on more than one occasion

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2 in the past few weeks, one of the things  
3 that has been mentioned to me is it's been  
4 a year since I made that infamous motion to  
5 abandon this and go on with building the  
6 high school.

7 But now people are asking me what's  
8 happened to all that money that they voted  
9 for. Can you just give us a brief -- thank  
10 you.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: The bonds were sold  
12 shortly after the passage of the bond  
13 referendum which occurred occurred on  
14 December 9th, 2003. As soon as the bonds  
15 were sold, we immediately took possession  
16 of the money and invested it  
17 instantaneously.

18 At the end of every business day and  
19 throughout that day, that money is  
20 continuously invested.

21 Under the law I must keep that money  
22 segregated from the general fund and from  
23 any other bond referendum, namely the bond  
24 referendum that was recently passed for the  
25 new elementary school.

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2           So that money is segregated in  
3 various accounts, in various investment  
4 instruments.

5           At the end of the year the amount of  
6 money that is earned in the form of  
7 interest is validated by the auditors and  
8 in the following fiscal year I must apply  
9 that interest earnings against interest  
10 expense to reduce the taxpayers' obligation  
11 on that particular bond referendum.

12           MR. BRAVERMAN: Thank you.

13           MR. HOLLIDAY: You're welcome.

14           MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Does that conclude  
15 your report?

16           MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

17           MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. We  
18 will go to community relations, Rita.

19           MS. OSTRAGER: The community  
20 relations committee met on Monday, the  
21 18th. We discussed various ideas on trying  
22 to improve our community relations,  
23 possibly reworking the way we do our  
24 monthly meeting with the public.

25           We also discussed providing the

1  
2 public with more information as they've  
3 been asked to do over the past year,  
4 including the change in the agenda that  
5 would be posted on the web, and Doctor  
6 Ferrie provided us a sample of that but  
7 that will start providing next month.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Rita.  
9 We will go back to personnel negotiations.  
10 Amy.

11 MS. SPEIZER: We'll be having a  
12 meeting in the next week or so.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you.  
14 Policy. Marv.

15 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes. Another  
16 exciting meeting. For our first reading  
17 tonight, we met on September 18th and for  
18 our first meeting tonight we discussed  
19 fiscal responsibilities; we passed physical  
20 responsibilities, parental involvement,  
21 pupil surveys, analysis and/or evaluation,  
22 unsafe school choice option.

23 And then we approved for revision the  
24 rights of persons with handicaps and  
25 disabilities, non-discrimination;

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2 affirmative action program for  
3 employment and contract practices,  
4 employment practices plan.

5 We also approved the revision for  
6 affirmative action program for employment  
7 and contract practices, employment  
8 practices plan; and this is my favorite  
9 one: Board member compensation and  
10 expenses.

11 And I'd like to say lthis was a law  
12 that was passed by our state legislature to  
13 cap the expenses of Board members who are  
14 non-paid.

15 Well, they did nothing for the  
16 council who gets \$6700 a year, they're in a  
17 pension program and they get health  
18 benefits, go to their conference and have  
19 no cap.

20 I think it's ludicrous and insulting  
21 to Board members who donate their time and  
22 do the best they can.

23 That concludes my report.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you,  
25 Marv. Technology. Lew.

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2 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes. We had a  
3 technology meeting this evening and here  
4 are a couple of items that were brought up  
5 at the meeting. The Mill Lake third grade  
6 has now been converted to the Windows desk  
7 top platform. The school is running dual  
8 platform as we spoke about earlier, the  
9 lower grades are still running MacIntosh  
10 and Apple equipment.

11 Eventually we will get to the point  
12 where we will replace all that equipment  
13 with Windows based technology and keep  
14 moving along and eventually changing  
15 everything over to the Windows based  
16 platform as quickly as we possibly can.

17 Brookside School which actually went  
18 to the Windows platform several years ago  
19 is also undergoing another conversion, we  
20 are actually converting the back end  
21 systems, the server base to a Windows  
22 platform as well.

23 Most of our district is running on  
24 the Novel platform which we hopefully will  
25 actually replace over time as well.

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2 For those of you who use Parent  
3 Connect, we are also upgrading the  
4 equipment for Parent Connect. We are  
5 having to reinstall many, many user  
6 accounts, so parents are used to going  
7 in and logging in, even though it's kind of  
8 early in the year, please be advised that  
9 we are rebuilding all the user I.D.'s and  
10 passwords for many, many district users  
11 who use Parent Connect.

12 So if it's not working yet just give  
13 is a little time. We have a lot of staff  
14 just dedicated to that right now.

15 So we're rebuilding the accounts the  
16 new equipment.

17 Also there is, as far as the  
18 temporary classroom units at the high  
19 school, we're about 50 to 60 percent  
20 complete with installation of computer  
21 equipment and computer protection equipment  
22 in the temporary classrooms. So we're just  
23 about done.

24 We've been told in another week or so  
25 everything should be completely up and

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2 functioning in the temporary classrooms  
3 outside.

4 That pretty much is about it.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. There  
6 is no report from the library board so we  
7 will go to the Human Relations  
8 Commission. John.

9 MR. LEARY: Yes, the next regularly  
10 scheduled meeting of the Human Relations  
11 Commission will be Tuesday, October 10 at  
12 four p.m., that will be held in the Monroe  
13 Township Municipal Courtroom.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you.  
15 The municipal Rec Board. Amy.

16 MS. SPEIZER: No report.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Jamesburg Board of  
18 Education. Patrice.

19 MS. FARAONE: Our next Board meeting  
20 is Thursday, October fifth at 7:30.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Middlesex Regional  
22 Ed. Services Commission, John.

23 MR. LEARY: Yes. On last Thursday  
24 the Middlesex Freeholders had their second  
25 reading on the proposal to give the

1  
2 Middlesex County bond rating to a bond  
3 issuance of \$40 million to build a school  
4 in Piscataway Township, and a second school  
5 in Sayreville Borough and it was approved.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Does that conclude  
7 your report?

8 MR. LEARY: That concludes my report.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you.  
10 Go on to number 12 on the agenda. Is there  
11 any member of the Board of Education with  
12 any other Board business?

13 MS. HARING: I have a question.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Haring.

15 MS. HARING: Mr. Holliday, on the  
16 information that you gave us about the  
17 referendum, how much money have we  
18 expended? You said we had to start paying  
19 back the interest on that? Did you say  
20 that? The principal? Well, no, not the  
21 principal, the interest rate. We had to  
22 make interest basements on that?

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: I'm sorry --

24 MS. HARING: On the 2003 referendum,  
25 the money that we got, you said that we

2 took possession thereafter immediately.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

4 MS. HARING: And then it's been  
5 invested.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

7 MS. HARING: Do we have to start  
8 paying back on it yet?

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. The principal  
10 and interest is due annually -- principal is  
11 due annually, interest is due  
12 semi-annually; in accordance with the  
13 covenants of the bond agreement with the  
14 bond holders. Those payments did start in  
15 fiscal year 2004-2005.

16 MS. HARING: Do you have a general  
17 idea how much money we spent out of that?  
18 You have no idea.

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: I did not bring the  
20 amortization table with me. It would be,  
21 though, approximately in the area,  
22 principal and interest, approximately \$2.2  
23 million. Certainly I can bring the  
24 amortization table --

25 MS. HARING: No, I just wanted a

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general idea. Okay, thank you.

MS. OSTRAGER: Now, the bond referendum --

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager?

MS. OSTRAGER: Sorry. The bond referendum was initially for how much? 83?

MR. HOLLIDAY: The bond referendum that was presented to the voters for the high school?

MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

MR. HOLLIDAY: For the high school is approximately \$82.3 million. In aggregate, of that the Monroe portion, taxpayers of Monroe, approximately 62 million, and through a section 15 grant through the NJSCC, the New Jersey School Construction Corporation for \$15 million.

That money is held in escrow until we make application for that money to be released to pay for construction, once it is undertaken.

However, we did initially upon passage of the bond referendum apply to the

2 New Jersey School Construction Corporation  
3 for what is known as an initial start up  
4 money to offset some of the costs of  
5 selling the bonds and we did receive  
6 approximately \$67,000.

7 So the balance is held by the State  
8 of New Jersey and we draw down upon that  
9 amount of money upon construction.

10 MS. OSTRAGER: So we didn't sell 82  
11 million, we only sold \$62 million worth of  
12 bonds?

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: That is correct. You  
14 sell --

15 MS. OSTRAGER: It's reflecting that  
16 we have what, 75 million-- how much do we  
17 have left in that bond, in your report? Of  
18 the 82 million we have now --

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: If you refer to the  
20 report of the treasurer, you will find on  
21 line items 12, 13 and 14 a rather  
22 diversified portfolio; 12 namely being  
23 the investment in New Jersey Arm bond  
24 series 2004 and approximately  
25 \$25,116,532.37.

2 That is for predominantly made up of  
3 money market instruments.

4 Item 13, investment in agency series  
5 2004, again referring to the high school.  
6 The amount of money that is currently  
7 invested in that fund is \$20,268,020.

8 And finally, the investment in the  
9 New Jersey term bond series which is in  
10 predominantly government agency notes and  
11 bonds offered by the federal government,  
12 the amount, the ending amount as of August  
13 31st is 21,000 -- \$21,775,032.68.

14 If you look at the cash receipts  
15 column, which is column number 2, if you  
16 were to add thsoe up you would find out the  
17 amount of interest that was earned on those  
18 items.

19 I won't read each one but you see  
20 items 12 we earned 107,000, item 13,  
21 102,000 item 14, 91,000. That is all the  
22 interest earnings that will be accumulated  
23 month to month and that will offset  
24 interest expense when we go to cast the tax  
25 rate.

2 As you can see in column 3 there were  
3 no cash disbursements against those funds.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: I'm sorry, I'm  
5 confused. On the 2003 bond construction  
6 page that you have, we have 75 million.  
7 Isn't that comparable to the 82 that we  
8 started from?

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: We have to show, even  
10 though the government is holding, the state  
11 is holding that, we have to show the entire  
12 amount on our balance sheet, that we are  
13 entitled to that.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: So the original 82  
15 million is 75 million now?

16 MR. HOLLIDAY: That's what remains,  
17 because bills have been paid for the  
18 issuance of the bonds, bond counsel, the  
19 attorneys, the auditors, as well as a  
20 substantial amount of money has been paid  
21 to MRM Architecture for the design of the  
22 building.

23 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you, not consented.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: You're welcome.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else on the

2 Board? Okay. Seeing no one, we'll go back  
3 to the public forum. Anyone wishing to  
4 speak, please come to the microphone and  
5 stated your name and address for the  
6 record.

7 MS. PROHASKA: Hello, Nancy Prohaska,  
8 Perrineville Road. A few meetings ago--  
9 I just have a few questions for attorney  
10 Bertram Busch. You had made a few updates  
11 regarding the properties with the township,  
12 am I correct in, you know, everything had  
13 been straightened out or everything is --

14 MR. BUSCH: I've reported at the  
15 last several meetings, probably since June.

16 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. I do recall and  
17 correct me if I'm wrong, you did mention  
18 that the problem with CAS Properties was  
19 also solved.

20 MR. BUSCH: I'm sorry, I couldn't  
21 hear you.

22 MS. PROHASKA: The problem with CAS  
23 properties was also solved?

24 MR. BUSCH: C-A-S, yes.

25 MS. PROHASKA: CAS Properties,

2 correct. You told us it was resolved.

3 MR. BUSCH: That's what I was told.

4 MS. PROHASKA: You were told that.  
5 Okay. I'm somebody who likes to my  
6 homework and we had a title searcher search  
7 that property and I want the Board to know  
8 and I want the parents and the public to  
9 know that that property is still under  
10 purchaser's agreement.

11 And without the title to the county  
12 or the township, you have a problem with  
13 that deed.

14 Now, if at any time you find it  
15 corrected, please feel free to let me know.  
16 But as of Monday, that deed has not been  
17 corrected.

18 MR. BUSCH: I don't want to just have  
19 a dialogue. Madam President, may I  
20 respond?

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes, you may.

22 MR. BUSCH: Peg Schaffer whose number  
23 I gave out at the meeting and she's my  
24 source of information, the assistant  
25 township attorney, 908-953-9300 --

2 MS. PROHASKA: Oh, I know how to get  
3 hold of her.

4 MR. BUSCH: Okay. Told me  
5 specifically that that deed was received.  
6 Whether your searcher was able to get the  
7 up-to-date records, I don't know how  
8 instantaneously it shows up on the  
9 computer.

10 But I have no doubt that if she told  
11 me it was received, it was received. They  
12 were missing only three plus acres out of  
13 the 172 that they expected to have.

14 And what I said was, directly both at  
15 the September 13th meeting and at the  
16 August 30th meeting, specifically what Miss  
17 Schaffer had told me. But you can call her  
18 and find out. Your searcher --

19 MS. PROHASKA: This is as of  
20 Monday, September 25th. Two days ago.

21 MR. BUSCH: Well, I'm --

22 MS. PROHASKA: I'm just making a  
23 reference.

24 MR. BUSCH: I'm not arguing with you.  
25 I'm just telling you what my source was.

2 MS. PROHASKA: There seems to be a  
3 lot of sources but, you know, for three  
4 years we've been trying to swap this land  
5 and it's really wonderful to think that you  
6 have it already but it's kind of hard to  
7 believe considering where we are  
8 today.

9 MR. BUSCH: There's one source now,  
10 Peg Schaffer. Call her if you're not sure.

11 MS. PROHASKA: I will call Peg. And  
12 also in regards to the Executive Order 215,  
13 I asked the Board of Ed. for a copy, they  
14 didn't have one. The Township of Monroe  
15 does not have one nor does the county.

16 So my other question to you is have  
17 you received the approval from the DEP  
18 without having that information submitted  
19 which was something that you needed to get  
20 the approval?

21 MR. BUSCH: Madam President, may I  
22 answer?

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

24 MR. BUSCH: I have a copy of  
25 Executive Order 215 right here at the

1  
2 table. I'm not the applicant, the Board of  
3 Education is not the applicant, Peg  
4 Schaffer is very familiar with it; projects  
5 under \$5 million require only a preliminary  
6 assessment, over \$5 million require an  
7 environmental impact statement.

8 She is putting together all the  
9 information and perhaps Doctor Ferrie wants  
10 to give an update, although I have been for  
11 the last several meetings, he has very  
12 current information.

13 But she's, Peg is fully familiar with  
14 Executive Order 215, she has it on her  
15 desk.

16 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. Is there any  
17 reason if have you one, or I -- the Board  
18 of Ed. doesn't have one, is that what  
19 you're saying?

20 MR. BUSCH: I didn't say the Board of  
21 Education doesn't have one. I have one  
22 right here. And the Board of Ed. --

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: The Board of Ed  
24 does not have a copy of that.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: If I may, just for

2 clarification. For clarification, I have  
3 obviously a copy of Executive 215. The  
4 requirements to meet Executive 215. But as  
5 the custodian of school records, I do not  
6 have a completed or even a partial --

7 MS. PROHASKA: Thank you. Okay.  
8 Right, it's not completed. I understand.  
9 I should have made myself clear. Do you  
10 have a completed Executive Order 215?  
11 That's really what I should have said.

12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday  
13 speaking, I do not have in my possession  
14 either a completed or partial Executive  
15 Order 215 in the Board of Education's  
16 possession.

17 MR. BUSCH: Can I just clarify? I  
18 don't have a response to the order. I have  
19 the order. I don't have the submission by  
20 the town because they haven't made one yet.

21 MS. PROHASKA: That's my question.  
22 It hasn't been -- nobody's completed this  
23 Executive Order 215 at this time.

24 MR. BUSCH: You're talking about the  
25 submission.

2 MS. PROHASKA: Yes.

3 MR. BUSCH: No. I don't have that.  
4 I have the document that you can get off  
5 the website.

6 MS. PROHASKA: We can all get that.  
7 I really wanted a completed one, I wanted  
8 to know if it was submitted to the D.E.P.

9 MR. BUSCH: No, you don't want the  
10 order, you want the submission.

11 MS. PROHASKA: The submission, thank  
12 you.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: And I can tell you  
14 that updated at the township council  
15 meeting on Monday night that the Mayor said  
16 that all the documents would be into the  
17 DEP by the middle of October.

18 MS. PROHASKA: Well, okay, that's  
19 fine. You know, but like I say, everybody,  
20 every time there's a date, it seems to  
21 continue three months later, three months  
22 later.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: That's the date  
24 from the township, that's not our time  
25 line.

2 MS. PROHASKA: Kathy, I'm quite aware  
3 of that. I know that if you don't accept  
4 responsibility it goes back to the township  
5 and vice versa.

6 I've been through this for three  
7 years. But aside from that, my other  
8 question is, my daughter is currently in  
9 the third grade and she had a question for  
10 me that I really couldn't answer and I told  
11 her when I, if I were to come to the  
12 Board of Ed. meeting tonight I would ask.

13 She has a Spanish teacher and she  
14 said that the substitute teacher didn't  
15 know how to speak Spanish and she asked me  
16 why. And I said I really didn't know. I  
17 don't know what the qualifications are and  
18 I don't know how that works. If you can  
19 explain that to me.

20 DR. FERRIE: Sometimes we don't have  
21 folks on the substitute list that apply for  
22 substitutes that speak a foreign language.  
23 So it is unfortunate, we have a foreign  
24 language teacher out that we can't always  
25 replace them with someone that has an

2 understanding of the foreign language.

3 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. So, and that  
4 can happen at any grade, I assume.

5 DR. FERRIE: Yes. Including even in  
6 the high school, middle school situation.

7 MS. PROHASKA: Okay, thank you.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else in the  
9 public?

10 MR. RASIMOWICZ: Mark Rasimowicz, 14  
11 Cottonwood Court.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you please  
13 spell your last name?

14 MR. RASIMOWICZ: Sure.  
15 R-A-S-I-M-O-W-I-C-Z. I just want to bring  
16 to the Board's attention a situation in the  
17 schools where we have before school  
18 programs and school sponsored programs  
19 after school.

20 DR. FERRIE: Could I respond to your  
21 situation, because the principal called me  
22 and I wish you would have come and seen me  
23 personally prior to coming here because we  
24 could have resolved it at my level.

25 We are in the process of resolving



2 DR. FERRIE: Hold it a second. Can I  
3 just, one second, Mr. Horsch. Mr. Busch,  
4 this appears to be a personnel issue. So  
5 you might want to just advise the public  
6 speaker, just so that he knows what he can  
7 or cannot say, or just give advice so that  
8 he can said what he needs to say.

9 MR. BUSCH: I don't know what you're  
10 going to say, sir, but since you're talking  
11 about a basketball coach, you can say  
12 anything you want at this forum but just, I  
13 guess a general caution is if you're going  
14 to say anything about an individual, even  
15 by title, even though it's a public  
16 official you should be aware of slander or  
17 defamation.

18 If you're going to say perfectly  
19 innocent, kind things, forget about what I  
20 just said.

21 MR. HORSCH: They won't be kind. My  
22 son has played at Monroe up until his  
23 junior year, he would have been a senior  
24 this year. He's not here in this school.  
25 And a big reason for that is coach Turco.

2 His demeanor towards the basketball  
3 players is wrong, regardless of whether he  
4 had a winning season or not. It reached a  
5 point where my son wasn't comfortable  
6 playing for him, wasn't comfortable coming  
7 to the school. As a result he now goes to  
8 another school.

9 After he's been in the school for a  
10 week, we had contact from a friend of Mr.  
11 Turco's that happens to live around the  
12 corner who represents himself as a  
13 basketball coach and wants to set up some  
14 type of scrimmage. My son goes to school  
15 over 100 miles away from here. His conduct  
16 is completely out of line.

17 We had another issue with him. He  
18 also runs a camp through the rec center  
19 that's affiliated through the high school  
20 team. He uses the high school players as  
21 employees.

22 There was an issue of payment to the  
23 point where I had to file a police report  
24 and was on the verge of filing a criminal  
25 complaint. That was resolved before we

2 reached that point. But we were one step  
3 away.

4 I think somebody needs to address him  
5 as to his demeanor towards children and  
6 some of his responsibilities outside of the  
7 school as well as in the school.

8 He has control over these youths, he  
9 influences them and I think that he's also  
10 responsible for them and in the end I  
11 believe the school is going to be holding a  
12 liability when something goes wrong here.

13 My issues with him have been  
14 resolved. It was resolved today by a  
15 letter and a check in the mail. There's  
16 going to be other parents here I'm sure  
17 that don't have their issues resolved yet.  
18 That's all I have to say.

19 DR. FERRIE: My response is, did you  
20 have a conversation with the high school  
21 principal and the athletic director  
22 regarding this?

23 MR. HORSCH: No, I didn't.

24 DR. FERRIE: Because we can solve  
25 things and issues going to the high school

2 athletic director and the school principal  
3 and the coach first in a more healthy  
4 manner than bringing it here.

5 But if you like you can contact them  
6 to sit down and talk about your concerns or  
7 Doctor Forsthoffer, Assistant  
8 Superintendent for personnel.

9 MR. HORSCH: I resolved my issues  
10 with him. The only way, it was either  
11 him, or my son has to go. And basically,  
12 I'll even go a little bit further.

13 Basically I know of a meeting that  
14 took place and the result was he's doing  
15 what we want him to do, we had a winning  
16 season.

17 Every time I see a budget come up  
18 here I see kids come first. That's clearly  
19 not the case here any more.

20 I moved to Monroe 14 years ago  
21 because of the school system. I'm a police  
22 officer in Sayreville. I'm involved in  
23 school programs in Sayreville. I would  
24 never send my kids to school in Sayreville.  
25 I moved her for that reason. I put two

2 kids through this high school and this is  
3 the first time I've been here.

4 I have two, I still have one in the  
5 school system and my other son I felt I had  
6 to remove him out of here. You have a  
7 problem with this individual that somebody  
8 needs to address.

9 DR. FERRIE: It's brought to the high  
10 school principal and athletic director and  
11 through Mr. Forsthoffer will be  
12 investigated and addressed.

13 MR. HORSCH: Thank you.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

15 DR. FERRIE: Where you been, Mrs.  
16 Cornish? I haven't seen you in a while.

17 MS. CORNISH: I just came from a  
18 Republican fund raiser. My name is Audrey  
19 Cornish, I live on Schoolhouse Road and I'm  
20 here about your school story.

21 Just as you explained to this  
22 gentleman that he should watch his wording  
23 before he criticizes or says anything, I  
24 think that you should watch your wording  
25 when you put out a school story that

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2 implies that you're going to be able to  
3 build a school. When this is not a  
4 question about a school, this is a question  
5 about Green Acres land.

6 You know, the opposition to this has  
7 never been an opposition to a high school.  
8 It has always been in opposition because of  
9 the long range problem presented by the  
10 fact that land exchanged for Green Acres  
11 land will have a permanent effect on the  
12 entire State of New Jersey, not just on  
13 Monroe.

14 But when I read that school story, I  
15 happened to have been away and I came home,  
16 I had to call somebody to find out whether  
17 this lawsuit has been resolved or not.

18 Are you not explaining to the people  
19 of this town that there is a possibility  
20 that you will not be putting a shovel in  
21 the ground in the year 2007? And that they  
22 might have to make other arrangements?

23 Or are you stating to them that this  
24 is a done deal? That they are going to  
25 have a school by 2011?

2 Or, you know, like do they have the  
3 right to know before they move into the  
4 town, before they buy a million dollar  
5 home, that there is a possibility that  
6 there's a lawsuit that's coming up, that  
7 you might not win it, or that it might go  
8 on for at least ten years because then we  
9 take it to  
10 the next court and then, you know, Green  
11 Acres takes it and everybody else has a  
12 little piece of this?

13 I mean, I think that the parents have  
14 a right to know what the exact situation is  
15 before they bring their kids into the  
16 school system, and when you read that  
17 school story, you're making a statement  
18 that's not factual.

19 You don't know if you're really going  
20 to be putting a shovel in the ground, you  
21 know, in 2007. You don't know if that  
22 school is really going to be built by 2011.  
23 That's speculation.

24 And you can at least say, at the  
25 present, you should word it in a manner in

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2 which people understand, you know, exactly  
3 what the situation is. And what the  
4 opposition is to the school. And that's my  
5 point.

6 I think that you should correct that  
7 school story so that people have at least  
8 an understanding that this isn't a done  
9 deal yet, because it's not.

10 And even if you proceed with it and  
11 say, you know, I'm going to ignore whatever  
12 the courts say, then you'll have a million  
13 people standing in the middle of that Green  
14 Acres land and we'll have, you know, the  
15 publicity that it actually deserves. Thank  
16 you.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you for your  
18 comments. We'll take them under  
19 advisement. Anyone else from the public?

20 MR. SYNARSKI: Good evening. My name  
21 is Ron Synarski, I live on 44 Avenue G.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you please  
23 he will your last name?

24 MR. SYNARSKI: S-Y-N-A-R-S-K-I. I  
25 just want to at a few comments to what Bob

1  
2 had to say before regarding the mens  
3 varsity head coach of the program.

4 My son was a member of the team, he's  
5 played basketball for 13 years, okay.  
6 Never had a problem with any of the coaches  
7 that he's played for, played for various  
8 styles, always played within their  
9 programs, never had a problem until this  
10 year.

11 And the problem is mainly the head  
12 coach. Bob indicated that he manipulated  
13 some of the kids. My kid was basically  
14 forced out. I really don't know why. And  
15 I'd like to know why.

16 And it's not only about my kid, but  
17 there's a lot of kids who quit the program  
18 recently. All good kids, all good  
19 students, all decent athletes, okay.

20 A coach should just be someone  
21 like a teacher who builds character and  
22 team chemistry, not destroys it.

23 So basically all I want to say is,  
24 you know, if another kid quits, it should  
25 raise a red flag within the athletic

2 committee. That's all I want to say.

3 DR. FERRIE: Thank you, Mr. Synarski.  
4 Did have you a conversation with the  
5 athletic director and the building  
6 principal?

7 MR. SYNARSKI: No, I didn't. I  
8 figured this was my first --

9 DR. FERRIE: Have that conversation  
10 with them so that you can give them their  
11 feedback, if not them you can certainly  
12 speak to Doctor Forsthoffer.

13 MR. SYNARSKI: Okay, thank you.

14 MRS. SYNARSKI: Good evening. I'm  
15 the better half, Pat Synarski, 44 Avenue G.  
16 And I'm here to basically agree with my  
17 husband and Bob Horsch.

18 I have raised children for 23 years,  
19 four children. I have never felt so  
20 compelled to go to any Board of Education  
21 until tonight. And again it's the same  
22 complaint because the basketball head  
23 coach.

24 My son like Ron said, 13 years, nine  
25 years, Kevin opted to only play basketball,

2 his true passion. And he was forced to  
3 quit the end of this past year. And, of  
4 course, his heart was to finish out his  
5 senior year but he could not do it under  
6 the circumstances.

7 On a positive note, both my son and I  
8 were very passionate about this philosophy  
9 entitled a new beginning. What sounded  
10 great on paper sounded great on paper. But  
11 the reality is quite contrary to what the  
12 paper said.

13 And although I want to get clear that  
14 my son is finished with the basketball  
15 program, it's my fervent hope that someone  
16 asks the question and I repeat it, why have  
17 four seniors quit this program within the  
18 past few months?

19 I think such a rapid turnover demands  
20 immediate attention and I think that  
21 perhaps a focus of the program should not  
22 be just about winning games but more  
23 importantly safeguarding and upholding the  
24 good character and quality which we raise  
25 our sons, such as respect, integrity,

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2 self esteem,, confidence, loyalty,  
3 dedication and commitment.

4 This can only be achieved in my  
5 opinion by entrusting our sons to a coach  
6 whose passion is truly for the players  
7 rather than himself.

8 I thank you for your cooperation and  
9 time this evening.

10 DR. FERRIE: Thank you.

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from  
12 the public?

13 (Tape changed.)

14 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Good evening. Tom  
15 Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel Street. I just  
16 had a question. We've been getting a nice  
17 follow up from Mr. Busch every month and at  
18 the last meeting he mentioned that, I guess  
19 what we call the rebuttal briefs from the  
20 Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic were due  
21 on September 21st.

22 Could I possibly just get an update  
23 to see if they were actually submitted and  
24 if so, what is the next.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

2 MR. BUSCH: Yes, thank you, Miss  
3 Kolupanowich. Mr. Nothstein, you're quite  
4 right, you do remember the date correctly.  
5 It was due last Thursday, the 21st.

6 Today Miss Schaffer's office told me  
7 that they asked for a brief extension and  
8 the brief, it's actually a reply brief, is  
9 due this Friday, September 29th. That will  
10 complete the briefing.

11 The way it works, Appellants who are  
12 Park Savers and the other Appellants go  
13 first; the state, the county and the  
14 township are called the Respondents, they  
15 file opposition briefs; then the Appellants  
16 get one last bite at the apple is a reply  
17 brief, which will be the day after  
18 tomorrow. It's then deemed complete.

19 The clerk of the Appellate Division  
20 can assign it to any one of seven different  
21 parts, or eight, I guess it goes up to  
22 H so it's eight, and they're spread  
23 throughout the state.

24 Because we're Middlesex County  
25 doesn't mean it will be heard in Middlesex

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2 County. It might be heard in Bergen  
3 County, it might be heard in Mercer County.

4 And there's no time line. The court  
5 can decide when to hear it. As I indicated  
6 previously, likely will be oral argument  
7 but not as a matter of law.

8 And it can be two or three judges,  
9 and the judges will, and they will decide  
10 based upon the nature of the case whether  
11 they want two or three.

12 If there are three judges and if it's  
13 a unanimous decision, the only way it can  
14 go to the next highest court which is the  
15 Supreme Court of New Jersey is something  
16 called a petition for certiorari,  
17 C-E-R-T-I-O-R-A-R-I.

18 There's no automatic right of appeal  
19 on a unanimous Appellate Division decision.  
20 If it's a 2 to 1 decision on a three judge  
21 panel there's an automatic right of appeal  
22 because someone has dissented.

23 So whoever loses at 2 to 1 has an  
24 automatic ticket to the state Supreme  
25 Court.

2 On a 3 to 0, the state Supreme Court  
3 can decide whether or not it wants to hear  
4 it.

5 MR. NOTHSTEIN: So basically Friday,  
6 the reply briefs are due and then at that  
7 point the clerk will decide when to  
8 possibly put it on the docket?

9 MR. BUSCH: Essentially, it first has  
10 to get assigned, it's called a part. It  
11 should be called a panel. There are  
12 roughly, let's say 24 Appellate Division  
13 judges in the state, roughly eight panels  
14 of three and there are assignments and then  
15 once that's done, that panel will decide  
16 when to set it down for hearing.

17 MR. NOTHSTEIN Okay, Thank you, very  
18 much.

19 MR. BUSCH: You're welcome.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Anyone else  
21 in the public?

22 MS. DRESSEL: Jennifer Dressel, Dey  
23 Grove Road. I just wanted to know how long  
24 is the Board willing to wait to find out  
25 whether or not you get that land? How many

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years will it be total?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We still plan to go out to bid in January.

MS. DRESSEL: Okay. How about this. Let's say this goes and you lose two to one, would you appeal it?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Our plans right now are to go out to bid in January.

MR. BUSCH: We're not a party to the litigation. We don't have a right to appeal.

MS. DRESSEL: Yeah, I know. Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MS. COSTA: Jackie Costa, C-O-S-T-A, 20 Avenue F. Hello, everybody. Unfortunately I'm here for the same reason to speak about coach Turco and the problems that I feel he has absolutely caused this community.

My husband funds the whole entire basketball program for the township, has introduced the travel program to this



1  
2 everything he was supposed to do.

3 Meanwhile, he was completely frustrated,  
4 everything.

5 It was heartbreaking for him that he  
6 was not able to play. But he supported  
7 that team and the thanks he got from the  
8 coach was to exclude him from any pictures  
9 that were being taken of the team, any  
10 special outings, any lunches at his home or  
11 whatever.

12 That was the thanks that he gave him  
13 for showing up on his crutches, at  
14 practices, knowing he could not even play.

15 This is the kind of man that we're  
16 talking about. He plays head games with  
17 these kids, he lowers their self-esteem, he  
18 destroys their character. It's wrong.

19 Somebody needs to know. You people  
20 need to know that this is not a man that we  
21 want our children to be around. Our  
22 children are supposed to be able to go to  
23 a coach for advice and to get helpful  
24 information, not to be belittled and put  
25 down.

2 When my son decided not to go out for  
3 the team, he did try, he got medical  
4 clearance in April to go back to work out  
5 with the team. He was going to try again.

6 After, for many reasons he felt that  
7 the coach did not want him to be part of  
8 that team, he decided on his own to leave  
9 at his own accord.

10 When he made the phone call to coach  
11 Turco to tell him that he was not going to  
12 be returning to the team, coach Turco at  
13 that time took the opportunity to basically  
14 call him a liar. He told him that he  
15 should have been able to come back from  
16 his injury last year, that he let his team  
17 down, that he should not be blaming the  
18 coach for not feeling that he said he  
19 doesn't want him as part of the team.

20 In all his years of coaching, he's  
21 never seen a child not return from a  
22 dislocated knee.

23 My comment to coach Turco when I met  
24 with him was, I didn't know that he had  
25 M.D. after his name. Since when and who

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2 does he think he is to say that to my son?  
3 A 16 year old child.

4 This is how he speaks to these  
5 children. My son was devastated. He got  
6 off the phone with him after he was  
7 harassed for 20 minutes, the coach went on  
8 and on and on about how he should have come  
9 back from that injury, there's no reason he  
10 should have missed the whole season.

11 My son was devastated. He said I  
12 don't even understand why, what was his  
13 point? Why was he saying that to me? To  
14 me his point was basically, you didn't  
15 either care enough to, you know,  
16 rehabilitate yourself or you just doesn't  
17 care enough about coming back to the team.  
18 Basically you lied about your injury.

19 That's not the case. I work with  
20 physical therapy for eight years, I took my  
21 son three times a week, for four months.  
22 It's not unheard of that you don't come  
23 back from a knee dislocation. It's not  
24 unheard of. It happens.

25 This is the type of man that we're

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talking about.

Somebody needs, somebody needs to do something. He's not the only one that left the program. Other children are leaving this program after years and years of playing basketball. Their whole lives. My son had to leave in his senior year, kind of harsh.

Leave in his senior year. Kevin Synarski. Seniors. Kids as everyone said, good student, never been in trouble before, have been playing basketball since their third, fourth, fifth grade, have gone through many coaches.

It's not about not being able to get along with the coach. This man, he's cruel. He's cruel and he's hurtful to these kids.

And somebody needs to take a good look at him because there's other kids coming up.

My son is gone, I'm sorry. It's not about my son any more but we're really all here just to let you know, the program is

2 not over. Other kids are coming. And he  
3 should not be allowed to do this to our  
4 children. Thank you.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone  
6 else from the public? Yes.

7 MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio. I  
8 know there was some discussion about the  
9 land for the diversion, for the swap, and I  
10 just would like to remind the Board that  
11 August of 2005 when I asked if you had all  
12 of the parcels of land, we were told that,  
13 yes, you had everything in order and that  
14 your application was complete.

15 I'd like to remind you that that  
16 wasn't the case and we subsequently did  
17 research and we brought before the Board  
18 the information that you didn't own the  
19 land, that Monroe Township didn't have the  
20 land, that the Middlesex County has not  
21 accepted it yet because it didn't exist,  
22 and subsequently came out in the papers  
23 that the lots and blocks weren't correct,  
24 so it really facinates me that we're still  
25 hearing that you have all the properties,

2 when just in September of '06, the township  
3 council was still putting ordinances  
4 together about some parcels that they still  
5 don't have yet.

6 So I really find that this is  
7 problematic.

8 Also I'd like to mention the last  
9 Board, through the summer when we come to  
10 the Board meetings you said that you would  
11 clearly state to the parents in the Monroe  
12 Township school pamphlet that you sent  
13 out -- what's that called? The school  
14 story, okay.

15 DR. FERRIE: We put that together  
16 now.

17 MS. ARMINIO: No, no, no. The one  
18 you put out just before the school started.  
19 It didn't make any mention--

20 DR. FERRIE: No, that was put out  
21 before before you're talking about.

22 MS. ARMINIO: It was put out after we  
23 spoke.

24 DR. FERRIE: Michelle, it was done  
25 before you spoke.

2 MS. ARMINIO: May I finish, please?

3 DR. FERRIE: That school story was  
4 done before we spoke.

5 MS. ARMINIO: Well, no one is  
6 telling the parents that -- why this is --

7 (Inaudible.)

8 MS. ARMINIO: I'm a different  
9 person. So the block and lots are still  
10 not there. The township council has  
11 still --

12 DR. FERRIE: Michelle, we have to  
13 report what the township, the information  
14 the township gives us. We met on Friday  
15 with the mayor, the engineer and the  
16 attorney and they told us that all the land  
17 will be in the township's possession and  
18 the necessary information will be sent to  
19 the Green Acres program to release --

20 MS. ARMINIO: When? What date?

21 DR. FERRIE: By the middle of  
22 October.

23 MS. ARMINIO: And we were told in the  
24 spring that by the middle of October this  
25 would be resolved. My point is exactly

2 this. It's been three years. You're  
3 hearing the same questions from us, but  
4 we're hearing the same inaccurate  
5 information from you.

6 We keep bringing you -- no. When we  
7 have asked you questions about whether the  
8 land was there, we've been right so far.

9 We've brought the information to you,  
10 we've done titles and deed searches. Even  
11 people from Kids First have gone to the  
12 township council and asked what is going  
13 on. So what that means is, this  
14 application is not as solid as you've been  
15 saying for the last two years.

16 So again, maybe someone could be  
17 brave enough to, because there is a lawsuit  
18 and the parents don't know it, and if  
19 you're not saying it in the papers and  
20 maybe someone can be brave enough on this  
21 Board to propose that you drop the  
22 application, because it still, it's  
23 inappropriate. It's still inappropriate.

24 It was then, you don't own the land,  
25 you don't own title to the land. Someone

1  
2 needs to take responsibility for the  
3 children.

4 When this all started, I remember the  
5 Board saying it was a win, win, win. The  
6 council people in Monroe saying it's a win,  
7 win, win, and the Freeholders kept saying  
8 it's a win, win, win.

9 Well, guess who won? The Freeholders  
10 won reelection, members of the Board won  
11 reelection and council township won  
12 reelection. The children still have don't  
13 a school. Thank you.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone from the  
15 public wishing to speak? Okay.

16 Something that is not on the agenda  
17 but will be on the agenda, included on the  
18 agenda from now on as of next month. It is  
19 recommended that the Board convene in  
20 executive session to discuss construction  
21 litigation, personnel -- to discuss  
22 litigation, personnel, negotiations and any  
23 other legally private business at 6:30 p.m.  
24 on October 18, 2006.

25 I need a motion and a second.

2 Miss Speizer and Mr. Kaufman.

3 All in favor?

4 (Unanimous in favor.)

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Motion is carried.  
6 Next scheduled public Board of Education  
7 meeting will be held on Wednesday, October  
8 18, 2006, eight o'clock p.m. at the high  
9 school. A motion to adjourn.

10 MS. HARING: Miss Kolupanowich. You  
11 weren't looking. I had my hand up. You  
12 didn't ask any other things from the Board.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes, I did.

14 MS. HARING: I didn't hear you.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Questions from the  
16 Board.

17 MS. HARING: I'm very disturbed to  
18 hear about this situation with the  
19 basketball team. I know these people.  
20 I've seen basketball camp going on in  
21 Jackie Costa's yard and Pat Synarski's yard  
22 forever.

23 I'll ask the question, then. Why are  
24 four seniors leaving in their senior year?  
25 These are kids that love the game. I don't

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2 think that they need to ask any other  
3 questions. They came here, this took a lot  
4 to come before the Board of Education.  
5 This is not easy to stand up in public like  
6 this. I would like an answer and I would  
7 like a follow up on this.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? We  
9 have a motion to adjourn by Mr. Leary,  
10 seconded by Miss Speizer. All in favor?

11 (Unanimous.)

12 (Adjourned.)

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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 - Board Meeting of September 27, 2006

DATE: September 25, 2006

**I. PERSONNEL**

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Kevin Romanski**, Assistant Marching Band/Percussion Advisor, retroactive to September 1, 2006.
- B. It is recommended that the Board rescind the contract of **Mr. Donald Hefner**, custodian at the High School, retroactive to September 21, 2006.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Mr. Angelo Cinquegrana**, custodian at Mill Lake School, retroactive to September 21, 2006 through a date to be determined by his physician. It is further recommended that this leave will be without pay except to the extent Mr. Cinquegrana is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days he may have available.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Sandy Bubnowski**, teacher of Language Arts at the High School, retroactive to September 14, 2006 through September 22, 2006. It is further recommended that this leave will be without pay except to the extent Ms. Bubnowski is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid medical leave of absence to **Ms. Mary Vena**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School, retroactive to September 20, 2006 through a date to be determined by her physician.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Mr. Robert O'Donnell**, Supervisor of Mathematics and Educational Technology, to reflect 25 years longevity, retroactive to September 1, 2006.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Amanda Ahern**, media specialist at Brookside School, from 100% to 110% of Step 2 MA retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This increase reflects an increase in student enrollment.

- H. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Olga DiGrazia**, basic skills teacher at Barclay Brook, from 50% to 80% of Step 11 of the Master's guide effective November 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve **Mr. Michael O'Connor** as a before school club advisor at Brookside School for the 2006-2007 school year (stipend pending contract negotiations).
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in hours in the following paraprofessionals:
 

Theresa Rapisardi	Brookside	from .45 to 1.5 hours per day
Donna Banninger	Barclay Brook	from 6.25 to 6.50 hours per day
- K. 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
1	Cecilia Perrotta	paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 4 Paraprofessional	9/18/06-6/30/07	.5/day	increase in hours
2	Joseph Capodanno	Driver	Transportation	Step 2 Driver	10/2/06-6/30/07	6.0/day	replacement position
3	Edward Butkiewicz	Custodian	High School	Step 1 Teamster + Night differential	10/1/06-6/30/07	8.0/day	Replacement position

- L. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the after school clubs at Applegarth School for the fall 2006 semester (stipend pending contract negotiations):
 

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB ART CLUB ASP (ALPHA) ASP (INNOVATION) ASP (PRIDE) ASP (VEGA) ASP (SENATORS) ASP (SPECTRUM)  BIG APPLE CLUB  BUILDER'S CLUB  COLOR GUARD CLUB COMPUTER CLUB	Nicole DiLorenzo Maria Naumik Fran Cundari and Claire Faherty Tomm Kowalczyk Patricia Van Gorden Sharon Rusnak Kerri Kirchner Dawn Fowler and Joan Venslavsky Bonnie Crisco and Susanna Sullivan Erin O'Brien and Melissa Gleason Dawn Fowler Donna Montgomery
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COOKING CLUB I	Deborah Dowd and Fran Cundari
COOKING CLUB II	Deborah Dowd and Maria Naumik
CRAFT CLUB	Mona LeClaire
DANCE CLUB	Erin Muschla
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	Erica Blumetti
DIRECTOR'S CHAIR CLUB	Joan Venslavsky
DRAMA VIDEO CLUB	Jeannine Connelly
FLAG FOOTBALL 7TH GRADE CLUB	Chip Booher and John Devine
FLAG FOOTBALL 8TH GRADE CLUB	Chip Booher and John Devine
MATH CLUB	Chip Booher
PEER MEDIATION	Dorothea Zeier and Donna Montgomery
PEER TO PEER	Dana Oberheim and Doreen Mullarney
SCRAPBOOKING CLUB	Christine Viszoki
SEWING CLUB	Michelle Murphy
SPANISH CLUB	Shirley Siniscalchi and Cybele Posner
SPORTS (NFL 2006-2007) CLUB	Patrick Geroni
STUDENT/PARENT BOOK CLUB	Georgine Natelli

M. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers at Applegarth for the After School Tag Program for the 2006-2007 school year:

Lauren Crocker	Math – grade 7
Jeannine Connelly	Language Arts – grade 7 and 8
Erin O'Brien	Science – grade 7
Adam Layman	Science – grade 8

N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teacher at Applegarth for detention, two days per week, 1.5 hour per day at the hourly rate per the MTEA contract (pending contract negotiations) for the 2006-2007 school year:

Jan Marshak

O. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to supervise students in the High School cafeteria until the late bus arrives, two teachers per day, Monday through Friday, up to two hours per day, on a rotating basis, at the hourly rate per the MTEA contract (pending negotiations) retroactive to September 18, 2006 through June 2007:

Ceil Mendell	<b><u>Substitutes</u></b>
Lorraine Ongaro	Deanna Dale
Patricia Kuhl	Christina Basile
Melissa Schwartz	Dr. George Pangalos

- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to work after school in the Writing Lab at the High School, one teacher per day Monday through Thursday, on a rotating basis, at the hourly rate per the MTEA contract (pending negotiations) retroactive September 18, 2006 through June 2007:

Sandi Appel-Bubnowski	Nicole Butler
Kelly Roche	Renata Fiore
Lindsay Steuber	Sharon Demarco
Robert Byrnes	Mary O'Leary
Catherine Simmons	

- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers to work after school in the Math Lab (CMAC) at the High School, one teacher per day Monday through Thursday, on a rotating basis, at the hourly rate per the MTEA contract (pending negotiations) retroactive September 18, 2006 through June 2007:

Ceil Mendell	Jeremiah Milonas
Stacey Weinstein	Gerard Minter
Beth Goldstein	

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

<b>Mill Lake</b>		<b>Brookside</b>	
Michelle Marano	4 days	Rachel Levinson	2 days
Sarah Spilken	4 days		
Jan Marshak	2 days		
Audrey Mahler	2 additional days (4 days total)		

**Substitute**  
Diane Allinder

- S. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers at Brookside School for morning bus duty for .33 hours per day retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Michael O'Connor  
Faith Vidolin  
Susan Krumm

- T. It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of the following coaching/advisory positions at the High School for the 2006-2007 school year (salary subject to negotiations):

Michelle Ballard	Jazz Dance Team
Michael Kelley	Assistant Marching Band Color Guard
Peter Saleh	Assistant Marching Band Percussion

- U. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers at Brookside School for lunchtime supervision for .75 hours per day retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Ben Howroyd	grade 3
Vanessa Cassandra	grade 4
Christopher Balent	grade 5

- V. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in hours for the following bus drivers and paraprofessionals in the transportation department effective October 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Dina Costa	from 2 hours to 3.5 hours
Eunice Fonseca	from 6 hours to 7.5 hours
Debby Holtz	from 6 hours to 8 hours
John Karczewski	from 6 hours to 7.5 hours
Barbara LaRue	from 2 hours to 3.5 hours
Sue Lohman	from 6 hours to 7 hours
Gina Martyka	from 6 hours to 8 hours
Karen Zambor	from 2 hours to 3.5 hours

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

**Certificated**

Marion Peluso	Substitute Teacher
Rosemary Williams	Substitute Teacher
Peter Saleh	Substitute Teacher
Michael Kelley	Substitute Teacher

**Non-Certificated**

Manella Atell	Substitute Bus Paraprofessional
Meagan Plichta	Substitute Secretary for High School

**II. BOARD ACTION**

**A. 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.

- B. It is recommended that the Board approve Sports Medicine New Jersey, Doctors Brian Halpern and Steven Weintraub, to provide medical coverage for the home varsity football games for the 2006-2007 school year.

- C. It is recommended that the Board approve the submission of the attached grant application for IDEA Part B and IDEA Preschool for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the amounts indicated:

Basic	\$732,828
Pre-School	42,138

- D. **Policy and Regulations**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following policies for a first 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

- E. **Policy and Regulations**

It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following:

- Regulation No. 1510 Rights of Persons with Handicaps or Disabilities/Non-Discrimination
- Policy No. 1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices/Employment Practices Plan
- Regulation No. 1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices/Employment Practices Plan
- Bylaw 0147 with Appendix A Board Member Compensation and Expenses

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

- 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 .....\$600.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
8-31-06	Mill Lake	Vandalism	\$1000.00

- I. **Emergent Hiring (Fingerprinting)**

It is recommended that the following personnel be approved for emergent hiring and submission of criminal history review (fingerprinting) to the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools/NJ Department of Education:

<i>Certificated</i>	
Michael Kelley	Substitute Teacher
Peter Saleh	Substitute Teacher

MONROE TOWNSHIP

Board of Education

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

I. BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$4,349,344.05 for August 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 – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$130,035.73 for August 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$118,031.29 for August 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. 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 August 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:2.11(c) 3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the August 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).

I. BOARD ACTION - continued

E. TRANSFER #2

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #2 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

F. RESOLUTION BID AWARD

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

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID FOR  
TWO (2) 54 - PASSENGER BUSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Board of Education advertised for the submission of bids to provide Two (2) 54 - Passenger Buses and three (3) bids were received on September 12, 2006, as follows:

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| 1 | American Bus & Coach, LLC     | \$127,372.00      |
| 2 | Amtran Bus Sales, Inc.        | \$130,458.00      |
| 3 | Wolfington Body Company, Inc. | \$141,648.00; and |

**WHEREAS**, the Bid Specifications provided that the bidder has read the specifications and agrees to provide the items as described in the bid specifications and that the proposal is subject to all the attached terms, conditions and specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by American Bus & Coach, LLC, failed to comply with the bid specifications for the parking brake, which failure is deemed to be material; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Township Board of Education considers the Bid by American Bus & Coach, LLC, to be non-conforming and the lowest responsive Bid was submitted by Amtran Bus Sales, Inc.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby awards a Contract to Amtran Bus Sales, Inc., to provide Two (2) 54 - Passenger Buses, subject to all Bid Specifications and Contract Documents.

I. BOARD ACTION - continued

G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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 Cross County Clinical & Educational Services to provide the following services for the 2006-2007 school year:

Speech-Language Diagnostic Battery Bi-Lingual	\$580.00
Psychological Diagnostic Battery Bi-Lingual	\$580.00
Educational Evaluation by LDTC Bi-Lingual	\$580.00
Social Work Evaluation/Social Developmental History	\$580.00

2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve DMA Engineers (DiGeronimo Mikula Associates, L.L.C.) for engineering services as related to the High School synthetic athletic field. Please refer to the attached 2006 Schedule of Fees and General Terms of Conditions for supplemental information.

WAYNE HOLLIDAY

Prepared by

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Meeting Date