

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

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President
Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President
Ms. Carol Haring
Mr. Joseph Homoki
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Kathy Leonard (via telecommunications)
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Ms. Amy Speizer

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Marvin I. Braverman

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ATTENDANCE – continued

STAFF

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

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 18

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 08, 2006:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Haring 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.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION – continued

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 - NONESUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTPERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that personnel items (A – DD) of the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8 – 0. 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. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Homoki that Board action items (A – C) be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8 – 0. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

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

Dr. Ferrie thanked all staff for an outstanding school opening.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTBOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Homoki that Board Action items (A – M) of the Business Administrator's Report be approved by consent. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried Unanimously 8 – 0. 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/Board Secretary. Motion Carried Unanimously.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS - NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Please refer to attached transcript.

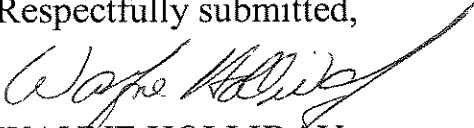
OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – Please refer to attached transcript.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to attached transcript.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Speizer and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. There was no closed session after the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

**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 13, 2006

DATE: September 11, 2006

I. PERSONNEL

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Kenneth Heim**, teacher of special education at Woodland School, effective October 29, 2006.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Lydia Santiago**, paraprofessional at Woodland School, effective August 30, 2006.
- C. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Ray Clancy**, bus driver in transportation, effective September 5, 2006.
- D. It is recommended that the Board rescind the contract of **Ms. Sue Ann Cheng**, paraprofessional at Barclay Brook School, retroactive to September 1, 2006.
- E. It is recommended that the Board rescind the contract of **Ms. Robin Freedman**, paraprofessional at Woodland School. In the Superintendent's Report of August 30, 2006, Item S and Item V (no. 6) Ms. Freedman was approved for a paraprofessional position at Woodland in addition to an increase in hours. It should only read the increase in hours from 3.5 to 3.75 per day.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Mr. David Simone**, custodian at Mill Lake School, retroactive to August 26, 2006 through September 14, 2006. It is further recommended that this leave will be without pay except to the extent Mr. Simone is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days he may have available.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Mr. Anthony Kowal**, custodian, retroactive to September 11, 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. Kowal is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days he may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the maternity leave of absence of **Ms. Melissa Hill**, industrial arts teacher at the High School, to September 8, 2006 through November 30, 2006. Ms Hill's maternity leave was previously approved for September 12, 2006. It is further recommended that this leave will be without pay except to the extent Ms. Hill is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.

- I. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Diane Petersen**, guidance counselor at the High School, effective January 3, 2007 through June 30, 2007. It is further recommended that this leave will be without pay except to the extent Ms. Petersen is entitled to utilize any remaining sick days she may have available.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the Superintendent's Report of August 30, 2006. Ms. Stacy Blum was approved for the after school Tag Program at Mill Lake School as a teacher of Language Arts, grade 2. It is recommended Ms. Blum be approved as a substitute teacher for the Tag Program.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Christa Cleary**, keyboarding teacher at Brookside/Woodland School to read 60% of Step 1 of the Bachelor's guide effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. In the Superintendent's Report of August 30, 2006 Ms. Cleary was approved at 100%.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Carol Shepherd**, kindergarten teacher at Mill Lake School from 50% to 100% of Step 6 of the Bachelor's guide, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in the contract of **Ms. Deanna Dale**, business education instructor at the High School, from 100% to 117%, retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This reflects an increase in student enrollment.
- N. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the contract of **Ms. Catherine Lee**, teacher of French at Applegarth School. Ms. Lee was previously approved at Step 5 of the Master's guide. Ms. Lee should be approved as a long term substitute (\$150/day) pending receipt of her certification, retroactive to September 1, 2006.
- O. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Mr. Larga Greene**, custodian for the district, to reflect 25 years longevity effective October 13, 2006.
- P. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Susan Mathusiak**, night custodian at the High School, from 8 hours per day to 4 hours per day retroactive to September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of **Ms. Dawn Michaud**, supervisory paraprofessional at Brookside School, for 3.5 hours per day to Security Paraprofessional at Brookside School for 6.5 hours per day, retroactive to September 6, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- R. It is recommended that the Board approve **Mr. Lew Stonaker**, to provide new teacher orientation. He will be compensated at a per diem rate.

- S. It is recommended that the Board approve **Mr. Mark Goebel**, as a dispatcher in the transportation department at a prorated salary of \$32,405 (Central Office salary guide), retroactive to September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- T. It is recommended that the Board approve **Mr. John Salisbury**, as the Athletic Fields Grounds Supervisor for the District, at a prorated salary of \$59,500, effective September 25, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- U. It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for Summer Band Camp for the 2006-2007 school year:

Rodney Farrar
Nelson Mendez

Sharon Maher
Kevin Romanski

- V. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for Technology Resource positions for the 2006-2007 school year, at the agreed MTEA negotiated stipend (pending contract negotiations):

Melissa Fletcher
Carly Grob

Mill Lake
Brookside (2/3) (three teachers filling two positions)

- W. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel at the following steps pending contract negotiations:

| | Employee | Position | School | Salary Guide | Dates | Hours | Reason for Hire |
|---|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Dina Costa | paraprofessional | Transportation | Step 1 Paraprofessional | 9/1/06- 6/30/07 | 2.0/day | new position |
| 2 | Dolores Irato | Driver | Transportation | Step 2 Driver | 9/18/06- 6/30/07 | 6.0/day | new position |
| 3 | Maria Steinberg | Driver | Transportation | Step 2 Driver | 9/7/06- 6/30/07 | 6.0/day | new position |
| 4 | Cynthia Ferguson | Paraprofessional | Brookside | Step 1 Paraprofessional | 9/15/06- 6/30/07 | 3.25/day | replacement position |
| 5 | Alice Glowacki | Paraprofessional | Brookside | Step 1 Paraprofessional | 9/14/06- 6/30/07 | 3.25/day | replacement position |
| 6 | Michelle Glessman | Paraprofessional | Brookside | Step 4 Paraprofessional | 9/14/06- 6/30/07 | 3.5/day | transfer – increase in hours |
| 7 | Janet Hyman | Paraprofessional | Barclay Brook | Step 2 Paraprofessional | 9/6/06- 6/30/07 | 3.75 | Increase in hours |
| 8 | Lucille Hussey | Paraprofessional | Mill Lake School | Step 3 Paraprofessional | 9/6/06- 6/30/07 | 6.25 | Increase in hours |
| 9 | Cheryl Campanaro | Paraprofessional | Wood School | Step 1 Paraprofessional | 9/6/06- 6/30/07 | 3.75/day | replacement position |

- X. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of the following personnel at the High School from 100% to 117%, effective September 6, 2006 through October 31, 2006. This reflects teaching an additional class to cover a leave of absence.

Dennis Kelleher
Stacey Weinstein
Raymond Ruiz
Nicole Santora
Susan Okulewicz

- Y. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of the following personnel at the High School from 100% to 117%, effective September 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. This reflects teaching an additional class to cover a leave of absence.

Patricia Kuhl
Deborah DeBoer
Brian Latwis
Marie Pepe
Jo-Ann Cardone

- Z. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Maura Towne** as a volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at the High School for the 2006-2007 school year.

- AA. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the following custodial contract to reflect the black seal premium (\$600.00) retroactive to July 15, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Scott Dinkel
Ian Stevenson

Donald Hefner

- BB. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the after school Tag Program for the 2006-2007 school year (salary subject to contract negotiations):

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| Woodland School | Laura Schreuders | Math, grade 6 |
| Brookside School | Susan Voza | Science, grade 5 |

- CC. It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of the following advisory positions at Applegarth Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year (subject to contract negotiations):

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| Nancy Markwell | Student Council Advisor |
| Sherri Fatovic | Yearbook Advisor |
| Robert Howatt | Band Director |
| Rhonna Guglielmetti | Chorus Director |

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

Certificated

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|---------------|--------------------|
| Kosha Desai | Substitute Teacher |
| Hope Fisher | Substitute Teacher |
| Alida Granata | Substitute Teacher |
| Lori Grossman | Substitute Teacher |

II. Board Action

A. Policy and Regulations

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

Policy No. 6360 Political Contributions
Policy No. 8335 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Policy No. 8453 HIV/Aids

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

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.

MONROE TOWNSHIP
Board of Education

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

I. BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$6,768,187.37 for July 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 (BOND SERIES 1997)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$300.00 for July 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 \$8,293.20 for July 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 \$143,020.19 for July 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 July 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 July 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).

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F. TRANSFER #1

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #1 as presented for fiscal year 2006/07. A copy is attached hereto.

G. SUNDAY USE OF FACILITY

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a request from Mr. Patrick Dowling on behalf of Monroe Township High School Football team for the use of the gym, fields, locker room and lecture hall on Sunday, September 17, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a football meeting and practice.

H. 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 Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide training to para-professionals working with pre-school disabled and young autistic students on September 22, 2006. The fee for the training will be \$930.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Gabor Barabas, M.D. and Ronald Barabas, M.D. of Child Neurology Associates, P.A., to provide neurological evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$295.00 per evaluation.
3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Dr. Frederique Delhaye to provide psychiatric evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$350.00 per evaluation.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Dr. Lorraine Licata to provide psychological evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$240.00 per evaluation.
5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Rose Larkin, LDTC to provide educational evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$240.00 per evaluation.

6. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Herman, Anayiotos, Gennaro & Gilson Neurology, P.A. to provide neurological evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$290.00 per evaluation.
7. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Carolyn Faughnan to provide physical therapy during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$70.00 per hour.
8. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Anna Nierenberg of Therapeutic Rehabilitation Services to provide occupational therapy during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$45.00 per ½ hour session.
9. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve associates affiliated with Pediatric Workshop to provide evaluations during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$57.00 per ½ hour, \$79.00 per ¾ hour and \$265.00 an evaluation.
10. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Heidi G. Kaduson, PhD to provide social skill training during the 2006/2007 school year at the rate of \$200.00 per session.

I. ADEQUACY APPROVAL FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept correspondence from Bernard E. Piaia, Jr., Director, Office of School Facilities entitled: FINAL EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY APPROVAL FOR A SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT FOR A DISTRICT NOT REQUIRED TO USE THE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5 AND N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4 regarding the new High School.

J. ADEQUACY APPROVAL FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept correspondence from Bernard E. Piaia, Jr., Director, Office of School Facilities entitled: FINAL EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY APPROVAL FOR A SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECT FOR A DISTRICT NOT REQUIRED TO USE THE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5 AND N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.4 regarding the new Elementary School.

K. FINANCING SIX NEW 54 PASSENGER BUSES

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the enclosed resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AWARDED THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SIX NEW 54 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES".

L. B.A.S.C. AGREEMENT

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize the attached Agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc. as Monroe B.A.S.C. with regard to use of Monroe Township schools.

M. AWARD OF BUS SERVICES FOR ATHLETIC AND FIELD TRIPS

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education award the bid to provide services for athletic and field trips to First Student Inc. (Please refer to the enclosed bid analysis for supplemental information.)

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

SEPTEMBER 13, 2006
Meeting Date

TRANSCRIPT

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2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will go on to
3 committee reports, curriculum,
4 co-curriculum activities, athletics.
5 Patrice, she's not here but I believe
6 there's a meeting scheduled for the 27th.

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Finance, buildings
9 and grounds, transportation. Joe.

10 MR. HOMOKI: I have a couple of
11 reports that I would like to share with the
12 Board and with the public. First of all
13 the Monroe Township High School, the New
14 Jersey Department of Education has
15 completed review of educational
16 specification and issued final educational
17 adequacy approval for the project.

18 The architect will next submit
19 construction documents to the New Jersey
20 Department of Community Affairs for code
21 review and approval. The project may be
22 advertised for bid after this review and
23 approval is received.

24 On the new elementary school, the
25 same thing, New Jersey Department of

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2 Education has completed review of
3 educational specification and issued a
4 final adequacy approval for the project.

5 Prisco Group the architect will next
6 submit construction documents to the New
7 Jersey Department of Community Affairs for
8 code review and approval.

9 And the same holds true for
10 elementary, as I said, for the high school.

11 Replacement high school gymnasium and
12 weight room roofs, contractor Spring Valley
13 Construction has completed tear off of
14 existing roofs and installation of new roof
15 insulation and base parts.

16 We are taking appropriate action to
17 insure that their work is satisfactorily
18 completed so as not to compromise issuance
19 of a full roof system warranty.

20 Recent inclement weather temporarily
21 delayed work at the site.

22 And just a quick report of TCU's
23 temporary classroom units at Barclay Brook,
24 Brookside, Applegarth, Monroe, they were
25 all ready on time for students to use them.

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2 I'd like to take a minute or two and
3 give an additional report. As I said a
4 number of times before and I think most
5 Board members know that I'm a
6 representative of the 14th Legislative
7 District to the New Jersey School Boards
8 Association.

9 And obviously we are advocates for
10 good schools and there are a couple things
11 that I'd just like to talk about.

12 I think everybody agrees that in New
13 Jersey the major problem that we have is
14 taxes. And we knew this for years and for
15 years and for years, and the good news is
16 that finally the governor, the legislature
17 is actually talking about it.

18 Four committees are working at the
19 present time and have worked for a number
20 of weeks. One committee is Public School
21 Funding Reform, Public Employee Benefits
22 Reform, Government Consolidation and Shared
23 Services and Constitutional Reform,
24 Citizens Property Tax Constitutional
25 Convention.

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2 The problem that we have with taxes
3 didn't happen yesterday or the day before,
4 it's an ongoing process that's been going
5 on for a number of years.

6 The problem is that aid to local
7 schools and specifically Monroe and
8 everybody else in the State of New Jersey,
9 aid has been frozen. It really means that
10 you did not receive more money this year
11 than you received last year, same problem.

12 Essentially that means you're
13 receiving less because obviously the budget
14 is going up.

15 When that happens, the money has to
16 come from someplace and it's coming from
17 all of us, the taxpayers. And that's one
18 of the issues that they're addressing.

19 There are some bigger problems. The
20 state legislature has mandates to the
21 school districts that are unfunded, that we
22 must pay for.

23 Where does the money come from?
24 Taxpayers again. And of course the big
25 problem also is that there's a very unequal

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distribution of state monies to local schools.

I just want to read you some statistics. In 2004-2005 New Jersey supported schools 58.7 -- I'm sorry, 58.9 percent of the money came from taxpayers; throughout the United States only 42 percent came from taxpayers.

The state aid in New Jersey is 38.3 percent to schools, but this is very skewed because Monroe gets less than six percent.

So obviously somebody is getting much, much more if we're only getting six percent and 38 percent.

So a lot of money is spent on education but the distribution is a real problem the Federal aid that New Jersey gets is only 2.8 percent of the total budget, while the rest of the states throughout the United States get 8.8 percent.

So we're just not getting the money in and money has to come from someplace.

I also want to mention this to you,

1 that, as far as the discussions go and my
2 assessment, the area they're going to move
3 on, these committees, is on consolidation
4 and shared services, also benefits.
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6 Of course there are a lot of pressure
7 groups that are fighting against this but
8 these are areas that they're talking about.

9 One of the things that's still very
10 much alive is that Board elections will be
11 moved to November and they're also talking
12 about Fire District elections to be moved
13 to November, which would be, some of you
14 may not even know that we do have elections
15 every year for fire districts and it's
16 really a very small turnout. So I just
17 wanted to share that with you.

18 And the final thing I have is those
19 of you who are interested, on October 7th,
20 Saturday morning, from 9:15 to 11:30, right
21 here in Monroe Township High School
22 auditorium, we will have a session on the
23 consolidation and shared services and they
24 will be chaired or moderated by Michael
25 Allen, who is host of New Jersey Network

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2 Reporters Round Table and On The Record.

3 And the public is invited, if you are
4 really interested, and I hope the paper
5 will pick this up and put something in
6 there, I have fliers that you can take.
7 It will be a very, very interesting
8 session.

9 There will be legislators here,
10 there will be educators here, there will be
11 lots of people here to answer questions and
12 we really expect a very, very large crowd
13 and this will be sponsored by the New
14 Jersey School Boards again.

15 I think I spoke enough. And that's
16 the last part of my report, unless somebody
17 has any questions.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Joe.
19 We will now go to personnel negotiations.
20 Amy.

21 MS. SPEIZER: The only thing I have
22 to report is that we are fully staffed at
23 this time.

24 I would just like to take a moment
25 and thank the entire staff here in Monroe

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2 for a great opening, for a good week,
3 especially to our bus drivers, I know what
4 a challenge it can be the first week and I
5 certainly compliment you and the rest of
6 the staff on a great opening.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

8 Community relations, Rita.

9 MS. OSTRAGER: Our next meeting is on
10 the 18th.

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

12 Policies, Marv, he's not here today.

13 Meeting the 18th of September. Technology,
14 Lew.

15 MR. KAUFMAN: No report, our next
16 meeting is going to be on the 27th.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: There is no report
18 from the library board. Human Relations
19 Commission, John?

20 MR. LEARY: Next meeting will be on
21 the night of the 18th.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Municipal rec
23 board, Amy.

24 MS. SPEIZER: I believe our next
25 meeting will be on next Monday night.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you.

2 Jamesburg Board of Education, Patrice is
3 not with us this evening. Middlesex
4 Regional Education Services Commission.
5 John?
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7 MR. LEARY: We have several meetings
8 coming up, on Tuesday morning we'll have
9 the finance committee meeting; on
10 Wednesday, the 20th we'll be having a
11 facilities meeting over at the Learning
12 Center in the afternoon, and finally on the
13 22nd, in the morning we'll have the Board
14 of Directors meeting.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, thank you
16 very much. At this time we'll go to other
17 Board of Education business. Anyone from
18 the Board of Education wishing to speak on
19 anything?

20 MS. HARING: Kathy.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Carol.

22 MS. HARING: I just want to
23 congratulate the football team on their win
24 against South Brunswick, really exciting
25 game, they won 28 to 20 and just, you know,

1 wish them the best for a really great
2 season, just like they had last year.

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4 MR. HOMOKI: Kathy, just one more
5 thing I neglected to mention. These
6 committees that I talked about, they will
7 conclude their hearings and write their
8 report after November the 15th, November
9 15th.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Joe.
11 Thank you, Carol. Anyone else from the
12 Board? Okay, then at this time we'll go
13 back to our public forum.

14 Anyone from the public wishing to he
15 speak, please come to the microphone and
16 state your name and address for the record.

17 MS. DRESSLER: Jennifer Dressler,
18 Dey Grove Road. I'd like to say thanks for
19 the committee report on finance and
20 buildings and grounds and transportation.

21 I'd just like to toss in my two cents
22 that you still don't have land and there is
23 still a lawsuit.

24 And I just had a question. Somebody
25 said that the paperwork that they sent home

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2 from school that you have to pay to join
3 the PTA, to volunteer your time at Barclay
4 Brook and Brookside School. Why would that
5 be?

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You would have to
7 go back to Barclay Brook. This is Barclay
8 Brook?

9 MS. DRESSLER: Barclay Brook and
10 Brookside. That you have to pay to --
11 volunteer your time. Yeah, but I don't
12 understand.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: It's probably --
14 we're not the PTO or the PTA, so we don't
15 regulate what they do. But it probably has
16 to do with membership dues.

17 MS. DRESSLER: I understand, but why
18 would you have to pay to join a group to
19 volunteer your time?

20 You can't come to the meetings unless
21 you pay the membership and it's a political
22 group and I don't think that you should
23 have to pay to join a political group.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: You have to go to
25 the PTO, PTA and talk to them about it. We

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have nothing to with the PTA.

MS. DRESSLER: You have nothing to do with what goes on with the childrens' education during school hours?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: That's not a Board of Education, and that's after school hours. They're run by another organization.

MS. DRESSLER: No, I'm talking about during school time, that if you want to be a room mother, that you have to pay to join a private organization?

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: That is run by that organization and you need to go to them and talk to them.

MS. DRESSLER: I just don't believe it. Thanks.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MR. BOYD: Russell Boyd, Pheasant Lane. First of all you don't have to pay to be a room parent. I don't know if you have to pay to be in the PTA but you don't have to pay to be a room parent.

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2 So my question actually goes back to
3 the elections, the elections were about
4 five months ago and although we're missing
5 one of the candidates that won tonight, I
6 want to challenge the candidates that are
7 here tonight to ask them about the
8 commitments they made during that campaign.

9 One of the questions that came from
10 the PTA at that time was what were the
11 challenges facing the Board of Ed. and what
12 would these people do. And both of the
13 current two elected officials here both
14 answered that space was the major concern
15 and that their priority was not just to
16 look at long term solutions being the
17 building the schools, possibly look at
18 short-term solutions.

19 I know that the trailers are there, I
20 understand that's a short-term solution.

21 I was wondering are there other
22 short-term solutions that are being
23 considered? I ask specifically of Rita
24 because at one of the sessions you
25 specifically talked about maybe this wall

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2 could be knocked down, maybe this room
3 could be expanded and there were other
4 ideas besides just let's bring in new
5 trailers. So.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are you addressing
7 that to--

8 MR. BOYD: To whoever on the
9 Board. Specifically for the two new
10 members but if the Board itself is
11 addressing it then I'd be happy to hear
12 from the Board as well.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: And that's a
14 facilities issue? Because I would give
15 that to Mr. Homoki.

16 MR. HOMOKI: Thank you. I don't know
17 if you visited any of the schools, the
18 trailers and so on.

19 MR. BOYD: I have. I have a kid
20 that's in one of the trailers.

21 MR. HOMOKI: They're very nice, would
22 you agree?

23 MR. BOYD: They leak a little bit,
24 but yes.

25 MR. HOMOKI: The way I understand it

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2 and I'm asking if anybody, if I'm wrong to
3 correct me, we've made major, major
4 improvements at Applegarth School. We've
5 improved the lunch period, they will go
6 later, finish much earlier, and as I
7 understand it, hopefully what we have done
8 at Applegarth School will carry us at least
9 until the new elementary school is opened.
10 Would you agree with that?

11 MS. SPEIZER: Excuse me. I'm sorry,
12 I have to interrupt you. With this phone
13 call, there's all kinds of background noise
14 and I find it very disruptive to try to
15 hear what you're saying, to hear what
16 you're saying or members of the public.

17 MR. HOMOKI: You can't hear?

18 MS. SPEIZER: I can't hear you.
19 There's all this background noise coming
20 from this background. So at this time,
21 Mrs. Leonard, are you still there?

22 MRS. LEONARD: Yes, I am.

23 MS. SPEIZER: Do you know what all
24 this background noise is? It sounds like a
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of people talking.

MRS. LEONARD: (Inaudible.)

MS. SPEIZER: Okay, well, what you're doing is kind of disrupting the Board meeting with all this background noise. Isn't it possible if you're going to make this call to be in a place where it's quiet?

MRS. LEONARD: (Inaudible.)

MS. SPEIZER: Well, I think this is something the Board needs to look into. I find this very disruptive to the meeting and to the Board members. I'm sorry, Joe.

MR. HOMOKI: My answer was that our hope is, our hope is that what we have done at Applegarth School which was a major problem area will take care of things until the new elementary school opens, and I'm just referring to the professionals, is that a fairly decent and correct assumption? Would you agree with that?

So that's a major thing that we have done and certainly if you go down there now, you can see the difference between

1 last year and what's going on this year.
2 But do you have a specific question?
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4 MR. BOYD: No, I'm just following up
5 on the campaign and the promises that were
6 made. I understand what's going on with
7 the trailers. I just was checking
8 basically.

9 MR. HOMOKI: I think what we have
10 done is , I know sometimes we say trailers,
11 portable classrooms, it doesn't sound that
12 good but they are very nice.

13 MR. BOYD: They are very nice.

14 MR. HOMOKI: Unfortunately, they're
15 only good for five years supposedly, I
16 don't know if that's going to happen or
17 not, but they're air conditioned, they're
18 clean, they're nice and so on, so we have
19 done what we have to do to make sure that
20 our students have adequate space.

21 MR. BOYD: I absolutely agree with
22 you. I'm not disagreeing at all. I guess
23 I'm more not looking at this year but in
24 the coming years whether there are going to
25 have to be other shorter term renovations.

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2 I just wanted to see if there were
3 other ideas on the table besides that,
4 extra trailers next year.

5 I know some of it came out during
6 some the candidates' gates speeches. So I
7 was just following up on that.

8 Actually I have a second question if
9 I may. It's more along the web site. I
10 know the web site is up, actually it's more
11 functional. Why is it impossible to scan
12 meeting minutes and meeting agendas and put
13 them into PDS and put them on the web site?

14 MR. HOLLIDAY: Good evening. In
15 terms of Board of Education functions, the
16 first thing that is posted out there is the
17 entire meeting schedule for the Board of
18 Education. That is active. Also if you
19 go, we launched this past Monday the agenda
20 for the Board of Education meeting. And
21 the next step is we will be posting the
22 minutes.

23 MR. BOYD: Okay. So when is the next
24 step?

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Actually, probably in

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October we'll start posting the minutes.

MR. BOYD: Okay, Thank you.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the public?

MR. GILBERT: Frank Gilbert, 59A Winthrop. I guess this is to Mr. Busch. Could you give us an update what happened since the last Board meeting, if anything, toward the new schools?

MR. BUSCH: Ms. Kolupanowich.

MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

MR. BUSCH: Mr. Gilbert, it's been a fairly short time, the last Board meeting was August 30, Labor Day came in between.

The briefs by the Respondents which would be the Township of Monroe, the county and the state and D.E.P., were filed on Monday this week, September 11. In the litigation area.

And in the acquisition of land, clear title was obtained for the CAS plot, which is 77.55 acres, and for the Lafayette Knolls property which is 21.09 acres.

So there was, at the last meeting

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2 there was a question as to three or four
3 acres in Lafayette Knolls. By my
4 calculation, the township now has clear
5 title to 168.38 acres and they promised
6 when they made their application that they
7 would have 151.58, so they're about, almost
8 17 acres more than they had to.

9 Other than that I don't have any
10 other update.

11 MR. GILBERT: When is the actual
12 transfer from the Monroe Township to the
13 Board of Education supposed to take place?

14 MR. BUSCH: That would depend upon
15 when Green Acres conditions are released
16 from the deed and that I can't talk about
17 because that's an unknown to me. I don't
18 know.

19 MR. GILBERT: Do you know anything
20 about the court case that's being filed?

21 MR. BUSCH: Well, I explained that
22 the Appellate Division briefs were filed
23 two days ago.

24 Just to give you some perspective,
25 the Appellants filed their briefs in June.

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2 The Respondents, who are the people trying
3 to uphold what the State House Commission
4 approved, filed their briefs two days ago.

5 The Appellants then get one more bite
6 at the apple, they can file a reply brief
7 which would be due September 21.

8 Then the Appellate Division decides
9 whether or not to have oral argument and
10 there's no time line on that and I don't
11 know whether they will but they will make a
12 decision. I just don't know when.

13 MR. GILBERT: Has anybody filed for
14 any sort of injunction to prevent us
15 from going along, starting the building
16 process?

17 MR. BUSCH: I'm not aware of any such
18 filing.

19 MR. GILBERT: Thank you, very much.

20 MR. BUSCH: You're welcome.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from
22 the public? Seeing no one, our next
23 scheduled public Board of Education meeting
24 will be held on Wednesday, September 27,
25 2006, eight o'clock p.m. at the high

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school. Motion to adjourn.

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