

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on February 27, 2008 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President  
Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President  
Ms. Amy Antelis  
Mr. Marvin I. Braverman  
Mr. John Leary  
Ms. Kathy Leonard  
Ms. Rita Ostrager (arrived approximately 8:03 p.m.)  
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Joseph Homoki

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Melissa Bonamici  
Ms. Upasana Natarajan

STAFF

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

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 62

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 February 22, 2008:

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

### CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Faraone 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(N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

- a. Employment status of employee no. 001128
- b. Employment status of employee no. 002267
- c. Employment status of employee no. 000476

The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved. Motion passed unanimously.

Members of the Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 7:03 pm.

Members of the Board of Education reconvened to the Public Meeting at 8:02 pm.

### RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Ferrie and Mr. Kirk, K-12 Supervisor of Athletics & Co-curricular Activities introduced the Model UN Program Club Advisor Mr. Romano, who introduced and recognized the students who participated in a regional tri-state area competition where they came in 1<sup>st</sup> place based on exemplary conduct, excellent preparation and participation; and were named the Premiere Delegation. Then, Mr. Kirk introduced Coach Virginia Gonzalez and they recognized members of the Girl's Varsity Field Hockey team for their successful season; winning the first Red Division championship and the first County tournament in school history. Additionally, Mr. Kirk stated that Ms. Gonzalez was named Greater Middlesex County Coach of the Year.

PUBLIC FORUM - Please refer to attached Transcript #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Antelis to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on January 9, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Antelis and seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Meeting held on January 9, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Antelis to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on January 23, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Antelis and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Meeting held on January 23, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTENROLLMENT

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

HOME INSTRUCTIONFIRE DRILLS – ALL SCHOOLSPERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Leonard that personnel items (A –V) of the Superintendent's Report be approved by consent. Roll call – All Yeas – Motion Carried 9 – 0 with Ms. Antelis recusing on Item U. 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution: Be It Resolved that the Monroe Board of Education suspend without pay retroactive to February 1, 2008 the employment of Victoria Blevins. Roll Call – 9 – 0 - Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that members of the Board of Education approve in support of the administration's recommendation that the employment of Dolores Irato, a bus driver, be reinstated effective February 28, 2008, in accordance with correspondence from her attorney. Roll Call – 9 – 0 - Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Antelis to recommend that members of the Board of Education approve a resolution to suspend retroactively to February 1, 2008 the employment of Robert Learn subject to reinstatement on an administrative basis determined by the resolution of the motor vehicle charges pending against him. Roll Call – 9 – 0 - Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that members of the Board of Education approve a resolution to continue the in-school suspension of Student No. 70173 until a date to be determined by the Administration. Roll Call – 9 – 0 - Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

#### BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action Items (A – J), with changes to Item F as follows regarding Policy#4352 – page 8 end of paragraph 7 and Regulation #3362 - page 3 end of paragraph 7; it was recommended to add the following clause: “If a complaint is filed against a member of the Central Office Administrative Staff, the Board President will authorize the Board Attorney to investigate such complaints. Roll Call – All Yeas - Motion Carried 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.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Please refer to attached Transcript #2.

#### STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Bonamici spoke about the following events at the High School: visiting spokesperson from the Princeton Review, College Planning Night, London Suite drama production, the upcoming performance of the Pirates of Penzance, the FBLA competition, Spanish Honor Society’s Pennies for Patients competition, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual One Book Read. She then spoke about the following events at Brookside Elementary School: Cultural Arts Committee Assembly programs entitled Ssuuna and Jazz Ma Tazz, the D.A.R.E. program graduation, and the PTA Variety Show.

Ms. Natarajan spoke about the following events at Woodland Elementary School: Annual Jump Rope for Heart event, the D.A.R.E. program graduation, and the Annual Book Fair. Then, she spoke about the following events at Applegarth Middle School: Annual Book Fair, that the Student Council’s raised money for the Valerie Foundation, and the World Language Department tri-cultural event. Next, Ms. Natarajan spoke about the following events at Mill Lake Elementary School: Go Red For Women Heart Event, Mathathon to raise money for St. Judes in Memphis, and Astronomy Night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Please refer to attached Transcript #3.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – Please refer to attached Transcript #3.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to attached Transcript #3.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Antelis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

# TRANSCRIPT

## PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time, we will  
2 go to number 7 on the agenda, public forum. Anyone  
3 from the public wishing to speak to anything on the  
4 agenda, please come to the microphone and state your  
5 name and address for the record.

6 DR. BOYD: Hello, Dr. Russell Boyd,  
7 Pheasant Lane, Monroe. Just a couple of  
8 clarifications. So in the addendum that was out  
9 here, it says that we're hiring an OPRA secretary  
10 for 32,000 pro rated for 5 months. So is the 32,000  
11 just for the 5 months, or is it for the entire year  
12 pro rated down to 5 months?

13 DR. FERRIE: Pro rated so it's a  
14 significantly lower amount than that.

15 DR. BOYD: Okay. Just wanted to double  
16 check that. So another topic. I wanted to ask  
17 about the classification of resolutions as  
18 extraordinary, unspecifiable services which cannot  
19 be reasonably described by written specifications.  
20 There's three of them in the agenda tonight, and I'd  
21 like to understand why the ones here are being  
22 classified that way and what that means. The ones  
23 here don't seem to be in that category.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

25 MR. BUSCH: Dr. Boyd, the three I think

1 you're talking about are the before and after school  
2 care.

3 DR. BOYD: That's two of them.

4 MR. BUSCH: Two of them, and Grubb  
5 Associates. Those are the three, correct?

6 DR. BOYD: That's correct, Mr. Busch.

7 MR. BUSCH: Let me first mention that I  
8 believe that the Board president is going to  
9 withdraw the Grubb one for tonight so we're really  
10 just talking about before and after school care, and  
11 we have people who have been providing these  
12 services for a number of years, and it doesn't cost  
13 the district any money, as I understand it. It's  
14 strictly paid for by the parents. There's a  
15 continuing relationship between the people who are  
16 giving the care and our students going down to the  
17 early grades, and it was felt that that was worth  
18 maintaining.

19 Perhaps Dr. Ferrie or someone else wants  
20 to add to that.

21 DR. BOYD: Okay. I understand that  
22 completely, but why is it specified as cannot be  
23 described by any reasonable written description?  
24 That I don't understand.

25 MR. BUSCH: Because the services are

1 qualitative. It's not like buying tools, equipment,  
2 desks, furniture where one thing is fungible with  
3 another.

4 DR. BOYD: So can I have an estimate for  
5 the percentage of the budget that ends up in that  
6 category?

7 MR. BUSCH: Overall for all U.S. I'm  
8 sure it's miniscule. I don't know if anyone here  
9 could possibly know the answer. Maybe Wayne does.

10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Good evening, Mr. Boyd,  
11 how are you? This is Wayne Holliday speaking. In  
12 terms of any expenditures by the Board of Education,  
13 there has never been a check written to Metuchen  
14 B.A.S.C.

15 DR. BOYD: No, I know. I was saying  
16 that in the general category of expenses which we  
17 call extraordinarily unspecifiable, what percentage  
18 of a budget actually goes towards those kinds of  
19 expenses?

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: Oh, I do not know, sir.

21 DR. BOYD: Okay. Fair enough.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: So you're talking about  
23 in aggregate.

24 DR. BOYD: In aggregate, yes, sir.

25 Okay. On another topic I have a question about the

1 budget. The budget's increasing by I believe about  
2 10 percent; is that a correct number?

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Dr. Boyd, would you  
4 please restate your question?

5 DR. BOYD: Yes. I'm just asking about  
6 the budget number. The final number seems to be an  
7 increase from last year of about 10 percent; is that  
8 correct?

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: In aggregate that is  
10 correct.

11 DR. BOYD: What percentage raise will  
12 the teachers in the community get?

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: I believe it's  
14 4.95 percent, sir.

15 DR. BOYD: And do we know approximately  
16 where that will put them in the standings with the  
17 average teacher within the state? I just ask  
18 because -- let me clarify the question why I'm  
19 asking. The last 3 years at least -- the state  
20 report card was actually just published on the state  
21 web site. It's actually linked in actually very  
22 quickly on our own district web site. The last  
23 3 years at least by that report card, our teachers  
24 have been continually slipping in respect to the  
25 average teacher within the state. So they're now

1 down, at least from the latest report, 20 percent

2 lower than the average in the state.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Dr. Ferrie.

4 DR. FERRIE: The Board has strived to

5 make them better than the average in the county and

6 the region. We have hired so many new teachers

7 because of the growth that the average salary of a

8 Monroe teacher has dropped, but -- so it's kind of

9 difficult because you have to look at, you know, the

10 range from starting salary to once you get to the

11 top of the guide. The top of the guide and the

12 starting salaries are competitive in the region.

13 DR. BOYD: All right. So with all due

14 respect, you're correct, the average tenure of a

15 teacher in this district is less than that in the

16 state. The average administrator is exactly the

17 same, actually, less, but our average administrator

18 is paid more than the average in the state so there

19 seems to be a dichotomy between the way we're

20 compensating administrators in the district versus

21 the way we're compensating our teachers.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone wish to

23 respond?

24 Anything else, Mr. Boyd.

25 DR. BOYD: No.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone  
2 else from the public? Okay. Seeing no one, we will  
3 go to the approval of minutes.

4 (Transcript part 2)

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will now go on to  
6 the business administrator's report with Mr.  
7 Holliday.

8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President and  
9 members of the Board of Education, it is recommended  
10 that Board action items A through R be approved by  
11 consent roll call. Item S is being withdrawn at  
12 this time. Counselor will explain item S, and then  
13 Madam Board president shall call for a motion and a  
14 second on items A through R.

15 A BOARD MEMBER: So moved.

16 A BOARD MEMBER: Second.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch, before we  
18 have the motion.

19 MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Mrs.  
20 Kolupanowich. Item S was the resolution which would  
21 authorize a contract with Richard Grubb &  
22 Associates. They are arc -- I'm sorry --  
23 archeologists from Cranbury, New Jersey, in dealing  
24 with the requirements of the New Jersey Department  
25 of Environmental Protection in the Historic

1 Preservation Office and specifically with regard to  
2 the construction of the proposed new Monroe Township  
3 High School. Among the conditions to the title  
4 which Monroe Township Board of Education has  
5 received would be compliance with certain  
6 correspondence dated September 7, 2007, from the  
7 Historic Preservation Office and September 10, 2007.  
8 These requirements are stated in the deed and then  
9 in the release of the easements where DEP allowed  
10 the County of Middlesex to convey clear title to the  
11 Township of Monroe, which then conveyed title to the  
12 Monroe Board of Ed, all of which happened and  
13 recorded on December 10, 2007.

14 In order to comply on a going forward  
15 basis, the Monroe Township Board of Education has to  
16 pick up where the Township of Monroe left off. The  
17 Township of Monroe had authorized a Phase 1 and a  
18 Phase 2 environmental investigation and survey in  
19 the year 2007, and Richard Grubb & Associates has  
20 done all of the preliminary work, which is why it  
21 would be qualitative and why it would not require  
22 bidding.

23 As we got to see their proposal,  
24 however, questions have arisen as to whether or not  
25 we have enough information on things such as their

1 insurance coverage, whether the Monroe Township  
2 Board of Education is properly designated as an  
3 additional insured status, questions on their  
4 professional liability insurance, not to call in to  
5 question if it's valid, but just whether Monroe has  
6 to be named on it, and we didn't have all of that  
7 information plus additional information as to the  
8 scope of the project until in my case at least  
9 Monday afternoon of this week.

10 So I think the proposal will be to bring  
11 this back to the Board on March 12. Thank you.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Now I'll entertain a  
13 motion and a second.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: So moved.

15 MS. ANTELIS: Second.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Kaufman, Miss  
17 Antelis.

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman, Miss  
19 Antelis, so noted.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any  
21 questions for Mr. Holliday? Mr. Braverman.

22 MR. BRAVERMAN: On item M.

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: M, yes, sir.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: And N.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: M and N, yes, sir.

1 MR. BRAVERMAN: Last Thursday I was  
2 delighted to hear that the B.A.S.C. program, the  
3 B.A.S.C. program, B.A.S.C., was willing to pay us  
4 \$800 a month for 400 students that they have  
5 registered, and they're going to pay us monthly for  
6 10 months. I think that's -- I'm really delighted  
7 because when they started in this district, I think  
8 I was the only person that opposed giving them our  
9 property free of charge so that they can earn all  
10 kinds of money. I do understand allegedly this  
11 Board was pressured by some other entity; however,  
12 in the resolution, it says nothing about the \$800 a  
13 month, and I wonder if that's an intentional  
14 omission, or shouldn't it be inserted. On N, on N,  
15 it seems to me -- and, of course, I'm only one  
16 person here -- it seems to me that before we enter  
17 into a contract for the following year, now that  
18 they have said that they're willing to pay \$8,000 a  
19 year for our facility, wouldn't it behoove us to go  
20 out with some kind of invitation or proposal -- I  
21 forget exactly what that is called -- for other  
22 firms to make proposals? Perhaps they would pay us  
23 \$12,000 a year. Should we just be giving them a  
24 2-year contract for \$8,000 a year? Is that what we  
25 do, we subsidize private industry?

1           MR. HOLLIDAY: This is Wayne Holliday  
2 speaking. Mr. Braverman, in terms of the  
3 resolution, the resolution, itself, makes reference  
4 to the agreement, which you were provided with, and  
5 I shall read for the public in the agreement. The  
6 consideration for this agreement is the payment of  
7 \$8,000 by B.A.S.C. to the Board, constituting 10  
8 payments in the amount of \$800 to be made on the  
9 15th day of each month of September through June.  
10 So through resolution, it does make reference to the  
11 agreement, and the payment by B.A.S.C. is delineated  
12 in the agreement, itself, sir.

13           In terms of your second question in  
14 regarding to other entities providing for that  
15 service, counselor can address that at this time,  
16 sir.

17           MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Wayne. The  
18 agreement was drawn, by my understanding, at least,  
19 that the payment of the \$8,000 would commence in  
20 this coming September and not go retroactively since  
21 we're now at the end of February in 2008. Whether  
22 it can go out for bid, and I'd answer the question  
23 before as to qualitative services, that would be a  
24 determination to be made by the Board of Education  
25 and by the administration. Is it legitimate to have

1 a extraordinary unspecifiable service resolution, I  
2 think it is. I think it's a judgment call by the  
3 Board and the administration, but these are  
4 qualitative services, and I simply can only give you  
5 that answer. It could -- perhaps specifications  
6 could be made. There's another category that we've  
7 never done called competitive contracting, which is  
8 a blend between nonbidding and bidding, but you can  
9 use qualitative criteria. It's very complicated. I  
10 don't recommend it based on my other experience  
11 outside of Monroe, but it is out there. So you have  
12 three alternatives, no bid, competitive contracting,  
13 or bid.

14 MR. BRAVERMAN: Frankly, I find it  
15 amusing --

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Braverman.

17 MR. BRAVERMAN: -- that this company  
18 indicated that they will pay \$8,000 a year without  
19 increasing their tuition. How much money have they  
20 been making over the last several years? I really  
21 believe we're subsidizing private industry, and  
22 that's wrong.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis.

24 MS. ANTELIS: When this first came to  
25 the Board, I don't believe that it came to us as a

1 money making project. It came as a service to  
2 parents, and that's what we're trying to provide.  
3 Not everyone can stay home with their children.  
4 People do have to work. And from what I understand,  
5 their fees are pretty reasonable. They do a great  
6 job with the kids. I've never heard any complaints  
7 from people. And I think that if we go out to bid,  
8 what's going to happen is, yeah, maybe somebody will  
9 pay us 12,000, but what are they going to charge the  
10 parents. The whole idea of this, what I believe,  
11 was to provide a service to the parents, not to be a  
12 money making project for the Board of education.

13 MR. BRAVERMAN: I'm not trying to make  
14 money --

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Braverman.

16 MR. BRAVERMAN: -- I'm trying to be  
17 fair, and I think \$8,000 for a rental of this kind  
18 of facility that they use is ridiculous, and in  
19 terms of the tuitions that they pay, I think they  
20 get a tax break for that kind of service because  
21 it's a licensed organization.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the  
23 Board? Miss Ostrager.

24 MS. OSTRAGER: I guess two questions on  
25 this topic. Why are we wait -- why in February are

1 we approving 2007/2008, 1, and what is the pressing  
2 need to approve 2008/2009 now? Is there any reason  
3 why that couldn't be tabled and let us think about  
4 options -- is there anything that we lose by tabling  
5 that and bringing it up maybe at the next meeting?

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday speaking.

7 In regard to your first question in terms of  
8 approving '07/'08 in paragraph number 7 of the  
9 agreement for said year '07/'08, paragraph 7 took a  
10 great deal of research on the part of Mr. Busch and  
11 myself in regard to new requirements as stated by  
12 the State of New Jersey in regard to requirements  
13 that must be met by B.A.S.C. and had to be  
14 researched and incorporated into the agreement so as  
15 to hold the Board of Education harmless in the event  
16 that any event was to occur. So this, inasmuch as  
17 it's only one paragraph, took a great deal of  
18 research because for the first time now there is a  
19 connection between B.A.S.C. and the New Jersey --  
20 and I believe DYFS, and we had to get the language  
21 firm and tight.

22 MS. OSTRAGER: Because that makes sense.

23 Now, is --

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

25 MS. OSTRAGER: Is there any pressing

1 reason why we cannot table next year's contract and  
2 look into other options, such as Mr. Braverman  
3 suggested, in the meantime?

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Either I can ask that  
5 question -- answer that question or Mr. Busch can;  
6 however, at this present time, this particular item  
7 can be addressed by this Board for '08/'09, or the  
8 next seated Board can; you are correct.

9 MS. OSTRAGER: Then I would like to make  
10 a motion to table item N or to amend the resolution  
11 to -- help me out here -- to separate it so we can  
12 separate out item N from the consent agenda.

13 MR. BRAVERMAN: I'll second that.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are you asking to  
15 table N, or are you asking to remove N and vote on  
16 that separately?

17 MS. OSTRAGER: I'm making a motion to  
18 amend --

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: To vote on that  
20 separately.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: -- on the resolution to  
22 remove item N, and I believe Mr. Braverman has  
23 seconded that.

24 MR. BUSCH: You have a motion and a  
25 second on that. You should call the roll on that

1 item on separating out, as Miss Ostrager said, item  
2 N, which has been moved and seconded. That would be  
3 the motion before the Board.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Then we will  
5 have a roll call on separating N and taking that as  
6 a separate --

7 MR. BUSCH: I'm sorry, before you vote,  
8 Patrice is absolutely right. First open it up for  
9 discussion only on Rita's motion.

10 MS. FARAONE: Motion to amend.

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Then we'll  
12 open it up for the Board to discuss removing item N  
13 from the business administrator's report and taking  
14 that separately. Patrice.

15 MS. FARAONE: You know, I was here when  
16 this initially was -- the B.A.S.C. came before the  
17 Board, and I did think at the time that it was  
18 extremely generous of the Board to not charge them  
19 for their services, and although I couldn't vote on  
20 it because it really pertains to the grammar  
21 schools, but I remember Marv doing that, and I have  
22 to agree with Amy. Really, the purpose was to  
23 provide a service to the parents of Monroe, and  
24 having worked while my children were growing up,  
25 it's very costly so I understand where you're coming

1 from, Marv, but I don't understand what the end  
2 result is when the purpose is to provide a service  
3 to the parents of Monroe. I don't think the Board's  
4 intention was to make a lot of money off it, and I  
5 understand what you're saying is that they shouldn't  
6 initially decide the amount, but I don't really  
7 agree with the need to go out and get other  
8 proposals.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Then we  
10 will have a roll call on removing and taking number  
11 N separately from the rest of the business  
12 administrator's report.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

14 MR. LEARY: No.

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

16 MR. TESSLER: No.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Would you repeat

18 that, Mr. Tessler.

19 MR. TESSLER: No.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

21 MR. KAUFMAN: No.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

23 MS. FARAONE: No.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

25 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

1 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.

2 MS. ANTELIS: No.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

4 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

6 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: No.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,  
10 the motion has been defeated.

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay, and at this  
12 time we have a motion to accept the business  
13 administrator's report. Is there anymore discussion  
14 by members of the Board of Education? Miss  
15 Ostrager.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes. I'd like to ask a  
17 few questions about the tentative budget that we're  
18 voting on. We had this summary that they gave some  
19 information on it. Because of the way that we've  
20 changed the committees on this Board, I've been able  
21 to attend most of the committee meetings of the  
22 Technology, the Curriculum, and the Finance,  
23 Buildings, and Grounds, and I've really appreciated  
24 that this year. There were meetings of those three  
25 committees on February 20 that was not published

1 open committee meetings so I was not able to attend  
2 that from the way I looked at it, so I would just  
3 like to go through, get a little update on what  
4 occurred in those discussions so that I can get some  
5 sense of how we came to the consensus in those  
6 committees to accept these particular items.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager, those  
8 committees were public, and the -- were published,  
9 and the public was invited to attend those committee  
10 meetings.

11 MS. OSTRAGER: Oh, then I misunderstood.  
12 When I got the notice, usually it says -- said so,  
13 and that particular memo was my --

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: And it was on the web  
15 site.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Is it possible that --

17 MS. LEONARD: I'm sorry. I did not --

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Leonard.

19 MS. LEONARD: Yes, I looked on the web  
20 site for that and did not find that information on  
21 the web site. I called Mr. Holliday for the dates,  
22 unless I was looking in the wrong places, but I  
23 looked under committee meetings and things on the  
24 web site.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday speaking.

1 I will gladly check that for you; however --

2 MS. LEONARD: I may have been in the  
3 wrong spot. There's a lot of different tabs there,  
4 but I was looking for it, and I did not find it.

5 MS. OSTRAGER: Regardless whether it  
6 was, or I could have been mistaken, misread it, or  
7 whatever, I would find it helpful if I could get  
8 some I guess a report like from these three  
9 committees to go through a summary of what they  
10 discussed and how they came to the conclusion for  
11 their particular part of this budget. I just would  
12 like that information if possible.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager, I believe  
14 that that is going to be addressed during committee  
15 reports, or at least I was told by the individuals  
16 that were there, and we had in excess probably of  
17 about 30 staff members there at least and quite a  
18 few Board members that sat in the audience so  
19 somehow the word did definitely get out, but I will  
20 check for Miss Leonard to make sure that it was  
21 appropriately published.

22 In terms of the dialogue that transpired  
23 during the many hours of deliberation over the  
24 budget, I would suggest that each chairperson  
25 address it, seeing that it's their committee.

1 MS. OSTRAGER: That's exactly what I was  
2 asking for.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will do that on  
4 the committee reports.

5 MS. OSTRAGER: But I'm asked to vote on  
6 it now.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Well, right now we're  
8 on a different report. We're not doing committee  
9 reports. We have a motion on the floor to accept  
10 the business administrator's report.

11 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay, which includes  
12 voting on this tentative budget.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Right, and if -- you  
14 had the opportunity to either come to the budget  
15 meetings or call Mr. Holliday if you had any  
16 questions, call the administration and ask, but we  
17 will be giving a report on what transpired at those  
18 committee meetings, but right now we have a motion  
19 on the floor.

20 Miss Faraone.

21 MS. FARAONE: I understand we went to an  
22 open committee meeting policy this year, but as long  
23 as I've been on the Board, our budget committee  
24 hearings are always open to the public, so I'm not  
25 quite sure where this is coming from. I do know

1 that, Rita, you were at the meeting with me in the  
2 morning when the bids were opened and we discussed  
3 that the curriculum and finance meeting were that  
4 night, and they are open to the public.

5 MS. OSTRAGER: And I knew they were, but  
6 I knew that notices I received, the way I  
7 interpreted it, it usually says it was published and  
8 that it's open to the public, and that one didn't.

9 MS. FARAONE: What is this, the second  
10 year or third year you're on the Board? I'm just  
11 trying to think. In the past, have you come to the  
12 budget level committee meetings?

13 MS. OSTRAGER: And in the past -- last  
14 year --

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Ostrager.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Well, let's -- Patrice,  
17 you had the committee that met at 6 o'clock that  
18 evening on the curriculum. Could you give me an  
19 idea of what the committee discussed regarding the  
20 budget at that meeting?

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will be doing that  
22 during committee reports.

23 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I'm going to give Mr.  
25 Holliday the microphone.

1           MR. HOLLIDAY: I've been asked to recite  
2    verbatim the following memo. This memo was directed  
3    to all members of the Board of Education. It came  
4    from Dr. Ralph P. Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools,  
5    from Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator, re:  
6    2008/2009 Budget Committee review meeting. It was  
7    dated February 8, 2008. In accordance with the  
8    budget review process the following budget review  
9    meetings have been established. February 20, 2008.

10           (End of tape 1)

11           February 20, 2008, 7 p.m., High School  
12    media center. Finance, Buildings and Grounds,  
13    Transportation Committee. A memo, financial  
14    summary, and highlights facts sheet of the 2008/2009  
15    will be provided to each Board member; however, if  
16    any Board member desires a 2008/2009 budget book,  
17    please notify Wayne by e-mail, my e-mail address, on  
18    or before Monday, February 11. It was directed to  
19    all Board of Education members, Dr. Tienken, Dr.  
20    Geyer, Mr. Gorski, all principals, all K-12  
21    supervisors, and all directors.

22           MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there any other  
23    discussion on the business administrator's report?

24           MR. BRAVERMAN: Yeah. With all due  
25    respect --

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Braverman.

2 MR. BRAVERMAN: With all due respect --

3 Marvin Braverman speaking. With all due respect, on  
4 Thursday I asked you for copies of all the papers  
5 that were passed out with -- I didn't get them.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman, your  
7 packet on Friday I had sent to you personally, and  
8 it was personally labeled as Mr. Braverman all the  
9 documents that were provided for Finance, Buildings  
10 and Grounds, Transportation and Dr. Ferrie's yellow  
11 notes. All the documentation that were provided at  
12 the meetings for Curriculum, Co-Curricular  
13 Activities, and Athletics were provided in Dr.  
14 Ferrie's yellow notes, as well. The -- it's a blue  
15 folder, and it was provided on Friday for Finance,  
16 Buildings and Grounds, Transportation. Mrs.  
17 Ostrager I see has one.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Okay.  
19 At this time, we will have a roll call.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: The roll call, if I  
21 understand it correctly, Counselor, will be on items  
22 A through R.

23 MR. BUSCH: Correct.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: With the exception of S,  
25 which has already been removed, withdrawn.

- 1 MR. BUSCH: Correct.
- 2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.
- 3 MR. LEARY: Yes.
- 4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.
- 5 MR. TESSLER: Yes.
- 6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.
- 7 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.
- 8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.
- 9 MS. FARAONE: Yes.
- 10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.
- 11 MS. ANTELIS: Yes.
- 12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.
- 13 MS. OSTRAGER: No on N, abstain on P,  
14 yes on everything else.
- 15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Would you be so kind as  
16 just to repeat that a little slower for me, please.
- 17 MS. OSTRAGER: Item N, no.
- 18 MR. HOLLIDAY: Okay.
- 19 MS. OSTRAGER: Item P, abstain.
- 20 MR. HOLLIDAY: Item P, abstain.
- 21 MS. OSTRAGER: All others, yes.
- 22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. Thank you ever so  
23 much.
- 24 MS. OSTRAGER: You're welcome.
- 25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

1 MR. BRAVERMAN: No on M and N, yes on  
2 the remaining.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you very much, Mr.  
4 Braverman.

5 MR. BRAVERMAN: You're very welcome.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

7 MS. LEONARD: I'll be easy. Yes.

8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you, Miss Leonard.  
9 Miss Kolupanowich.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,  
12 the motion has passed. Madam Board President, that  
13 concludes the business administrator's report.

14 (Transcript part 3)

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time, we will  
16 go to the Board of Education committee reports. Is  
17 there any chairperson who would wish to give a  
18 report this evening? Patrice.

19 MS. FARAONE: In regards to the budget  
20 committee meetings, we had a curriculum meeting. It  
21 was very extensive, very comprehensive. Dr. Tienken  
22 and Dr. Ferrie, the entire K to 12 supervisors,  
23 principals, director of special services. Some of  
24 the issues that we discussed were the MTHS program  
25 of studies '08/'09. There were 26 courses added

1 along with teachers and supplies. We discussed  
2 supporting the professional development plan,  
3 increasing the summer enrichment to add 6th grade at  
4 Applegarth and expand the summer band and add  
5 chorus, and we were given two handouts that went  
6 into detail regarding the two summer enrichment  
7 programs, which did replace the remedial summer  
8 classes a few years ago or a couple years ago.  
9 Discussed the new math curriculum K to 5, new  
10 science program K to 5, new language arts  
11 curriculum, continue the 5-year revision cycle of  
12 curriculum and resources.

13 And just as an added note, as I  
14 mentioned at the meeting, itself, Dr. Tienken came  
15 on board to the district and has had nothing but  
16 positive and creative and extensive programs. Dr.  
17 Ferrie has supported and the K to 12 supervisors  
18 have really just gotten on board with everything he  
19 has recommended. I personally have given Dr.  
20 Tienken a hard time about a few of them, thinking  
21 they were a little unattainable, and I can't tell  
22 you how supportive his group is that they just daily  
23 increase the knowledge and the experience for the  
24 children in the district. So I wanted to commend  
25 all of the participants, as I did that night, to

1 just congratulate them on their efforts to bring the  
2 curriculum to such excellence.

3 We had a curriculum meeting tonight, and  
4 it is recommended to have the Board approve the  
5 following: Astronomy; biotechnology; handwriting,  
6 grades K to 4; holocaust and genocide; music, grade  
7 1, grade 2; music theory 1; science, grade 4; social  
8 studies, grade 2; social studies, grade 3;  
9 sociology; world history honors; the '08/'09 list of  
10 course of studies; professional development plan for  
11 '08/'09; and the ESL text.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there a second to  
13 Patrice's motion?

14 MS. ANTELIS: Second.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis. Any  
16 questions for Patrice on the motion? We will then  
17 have a roll call.

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.

19 MS. ANTELIS: Yes.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

23 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

25 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

1 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

2 MR. LEARY: Yes.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

4 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

6 MR. TESSLER: Yes.

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

8 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,

12 the motion has passed.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anything

14 else, Patrice? Patrice.

15 MS. FARAONE: I have another committee

16 report.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: That's okay, if

18 you're finished with curriculum.

19 MS. FARAONE: We also had Finance,

20 Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, and the chair

21 was not able to attend so I as the vice chair will

22 report. Finance was some of the issues discussed

23 school funding reform, chapter law, user friendly

24 budgets, S1701, sources of revenue, state aid,

25 estimated '08 tax rate. Mr. Tague was there to

1 discuss staff for Oak Tree Elementary, opening of  
2 Oak Tree, storage containers for the High School,  
3 temporary classrooms at the high school, storage  
4 containers for Applegarth, and Transportation was  
5 new staff, replacement busing and additional buses.

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

8 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone  
10 else? Mr. Kaufman.

11 MR. KAUFMAN: I was not able to attend  
12 the 20th meeting of Technology, but, Mr. Tessler, I  
13 believe you were there. Would you mind giving a  
14 brief recap?

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Tessler.

16 MR. TESSLER: Put me on the spot. I was  
17 a little under the weather that night, but we talked  
18 about the computers in the district. We're going to  
19 hold off 1 year with the Mill Lake -- with the  
20 Barclay Brook replacement for the Macintosh.  
21 Refresh my memory. The Genesis Student Management  
22 System, which is a new student management system  
23 we're looking at putting in next year, which will  
24 replace SASI and the Parent Connect. It will be one  
25 system that the parents can get to and the teachers

1 will upgrade for their grade book. So it's all  
2 integrated.

3 And we're also looking to upgrade the  
4 backbone of the network that connects in between the  
5 schools. Instead of T1's, Verizon has a virtual  
6 ethernet, which can go anywhere between 10 and a  
7 hundred megabits. So that would increase the band  
8 width in the schools, give us the ability to provide  
9 video services between the schools, and pump more  
10 data and provide better connectivity between all the  
11 schools in the district, and I believe that was  
12 pretty much it.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
14 Tessler. Mr. Leary.

15 MR. LEARY: Yes. I'd like to report on  
16 the Middlesex Regional Educational Service  
17 Commission. I'm the chairman of the finance  
18 committee, and on the 19th, we had a very extensive  
19 review of the \$74 million budget for the Educational  
20 Service Commission, and that's split into two major  
21 components. First is the transportation element of  
22 \$24 million, and that's directed at 8,000 students  
23 who provide economies of scale for the private  
24 schools and for a number of public school districts  
25 in addition to the Educational Service Commission.

1           The other \$50 million is directed at the  
2   1,200 students who are in the six institutions  
3   operated by the Educational Service Commission and  
4   the infrastructure to support that. Unfortunately,  
5   on Friday, when we were going to have the Board of  
6   Directors and to review and approve the budget, we  
7   had a snow storm, and a lot of people were slipping  
8   and sliding all over the place, so we did not hold  
9   the meeting, but what we did do was over the weekend  
10   convene by electronic means the Executive Committee,  
11   and I am a member of the Executive Committee, and we  
12   authorized that the budget be submitted to the  
13   Executive County Superintendent to meet the  
14   statutory requirements and that at the next meeting  
15   in March of the Board of Directors we expect that  
16   they -- the Board of Directors will ratify the  
17   actions of the Executive Committee.

18           MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr. Leary.  
19   Is there any other committee reports? Miss Antelis.

20           MS. ANTELIS: Yes. On February 19 there  
21   was a Recreation Board meeting. I wanted to report  
22   that registration has started for girls softball.  
23   There's over 300 girls registered. Soccer season  
24   will start on March 30.

25           For those of you who know the story

1 about Ryan Miller, he was one of our students, and  
2 he received a heart transplant. I understand he's  
3 doing very well. On April 5 in East Brunswick there  
4 will be a soccerthon. Donations from the soccerthon  
5 will be made to Beth Israel Hospital and to cover  
6 expenses from the family.

7 Baseball has over 800 children  
8 registered, boys I guess, and they were happy to  
9 announce at the Rec Board that the Pony League has  
10 joined with Jamesburg in a joint venture to have  
11 both Jamesburg and Monroe children play. There's 25  
12 children from Jamesburg, 45 from Monroe.

13 On June 21, there will be a picnic for  
14 all the D.A.R.E. graduates at Thompson Park. And  
15 football registration will be on March 2 at the  
16 recreation center.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone  
18 else? Mr. Tessler.

19 MR. TESSLER: Sure, I'll throw in some  
20 Community Relations. We didn't necessarily have a  
21 meeting, but I just wanted to mention that the  
22 Monroe Education Foundation is having its annual  
23 Casino Night on March 28. It's the second time  
24 we're doing it. It's one of our three fund raisers  
25 we have a year to raise money for the school

1 district. If anybody's interested in purchasing  
2 tickets to go, you can contact the board office or  
3 myself.

4 Also just wanted to mention as part of  
5 that, if anybody is ever curious about all the trees  
6 around at all the schools, because we get a lot of  
7 questions on that, those trees are for people to  
8 donate toward the Education Foundation. Each leaf  
9 is sold for \$100 for each school, and 500 buys you  
10 all six schools, but you could put a leaf with your  
11 family name, your business name, dedicate it to  
12 anybody you want, and those are all the people who  
13 donate to the cause so it's something, a legacy you  
14 can leave to the schools.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone  
16 else? Melissa.

17 MS. BONAMICI: I would just like to add  
18 on to what Miss Antelis said about Ryan Miller. The  
19 school also got involved, and his friends sold these  
20 purple wrist bands for a dollar, and it went to the  
21 American Heart Association and to help with his  
22 medical expenses. So the school got involved, and  
23 we love him, and we can't wait to see him back in  
24 school again.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone

1 else? Okay. At this time, we will go to Other  
2 Board of Education. Is there any business from any  
3 member of the Board of Education? Dr. Ferrie.

4 DR. FERRIE: Yes, and we're so pleased  
5 that Ryan is home, so that's a great thing for the  
6 Miller family. We can't wait until he gets back to  
7 school, and it's just wonderful to see how the  
8 student body has pulled together for that family.

9 I also would like to mention that on  
10 Friday, this past Friday, we were supposed to have a  
11 professional day for our teachers. Carol Ann  
12 Tomlinson, not only nationally known, but known  
13 throughout the entire world in her expertise in  
14 decision -- I'm sorry -- Differentiated Instruction,  
15 was in Monroe. She was prepared to present before  
16 the teachers, and certainly, as you know, when we  
17 woke up very, very early Friday morning, that wasn't  
18 possible. We had a snow day for staff and not for  
19 students because the students were off already, but  
20 I want to really acknowledge the administrative team  
21 and I'd say 10 or 12 trainers. I know Karen  
22 O'Connell is here. Karen actually was good enough  
23 to podcast Dr. Tomlinson's presentation before us.  
24 So there were about 45 of us that came up regardless  
25 of that snow, and that meeting was all morning into

1 the early afternoon, and what was really, really  
2 powerful to us -- well, first of all, that was also  
3 supported by the Education Foundation, and we thank  
4 the foundation for supporting that endeavor, but  
5 what was most powerful to us is Dr. Tomlinson  
6 confirmed in terms of the strategies that we are  
7 using, the programs that we are offering within the  
8 district, the new high school program of studies,  
9 the differentiated instruction has a delivery model  
10 throughout the district, our grouping practices.  
11 She confirmed it without us even asking questions  
12 within her presentation that Monroe's curriculum  
13 department is doing the right thing. So that was an  
14 exceptional day. I'd like to thank the foundation  
15 for that and certainly thank everyone for coming out  
16 to listen to Dr. Tomlinson. Those of you who are in  
17 the audience, you can just Google Dr. Tomlinson, and  
18 you'll see what her accomplishments are. She's out  
19 of the University of Virginia. Does a lot of work  
20 with Jay McTighe and Grant Wiggins, who are local,  
21 and it's just a phenomenal great day.

22 A lot of people have been asking me  
23 about so what are we going to do with that  
24 professional day and how are we going to handle the  
25 snow days the rest of the year. There are three

1 snow days built into the calendar for students.  
2 None of those snow days have been used yet for  
3 students. The teachers do have to make up the  
4 professional day on Friday. I do not have an answer  
5 for you this evening because it's too early. If we  
6 could still get snow within the next few weeks -- as  
7 we well know, it snows into St. Patrick's Day and  
8 sometimes all the way into early April, so we have  
9 to be real careful about, you know, making a  
10 commitment to what we're doing with those days, but  
11 as soon as we feel comfortable as we get closer to  
12 when it's not going to hopefully snow anymore, we'll  
13 be able to tell folks how we're going to make those  
14 days up.

15 Finally, I do want to mention something  
16 unfortunate. I have had the fortunate experience  
17 the last 7 years to bring our teachers of the year  
18 in Monroe, which is a teacher identified in each  
19 building, on a day in May, late April, May, to the  
20 Pines with the entire county. The entire county,  
21 all the schools bring their teachers of the year  
22 there. It was a wonderful luncheon. We had a nice  
23 inspirational speech by the county teacher of the  
24 year and sometimes the state teacher of the year,  
25 and they were awarded a nice certificate, and it was

1 just a wonderful day to honor our teachers who were  
2 teachers of the year.

3 Due to the new legislation in terms of  
4 budget and in terms of our regulations, that is no  
5 longer possible. We cannot even bring teachers of  
6 the year to a \$30 luncheon and honor them; however,  
7 we are committed to the teacher of the year process,  
8 and we will continue the teacher of the year process  
9 within the district and continue to honor these  
10 teachers at a Board meeting in May and try to do  
11 something nice for them here locally within the  
12 regulations that we have been provided because it's  
13 an important program. It was always an uplifting  
14 program. I know that the teachers truly enjoyed it.  
15 They were certainly on the top of their profession  
16 for that particular activity and beyond, and that's  
17 something that's unfortunate that's an outcome of  
18 some of the climate that we're operating under.

19 We will also continue to honor our  
20 support staff of the year, as we have in Monroe the  
21 last few years, and that's something we do locally  
22 as well, but I just that I'd report out on that.

23 The student -- county student dinner,  
24 which was also in jeopardy, this is a dinner that  
25 honors students in the county that are students who

1 are very special in terms of their commitment,  
2 community service, character, overcoming odds,  
3 overcoming disabilities, that is -- that was also in  
4 jeopardy, but it looks like there's a possibility  
5 that we're getting some support and we'll be able to  
6 continue to have that dinner for the students. We  
7 felt honoring the students was very, very important  
8 and to try to continue to maintain that program. So  
9 we're trying to do these things within the confines  
10 of the climate we're in, and we will do everything  
11 we can to make sure that our teachers of the year in  
12 Monroe feel special like they have in the past and  
13 honor them sometime in May.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss  
15 Antelis.

16 MS. ANTELIS: Yes. On February 3  
17 through the 5th, I attended with Mr. Leary the  
18 Federal Relations Network hosted by the New Jersey  
19 -- I'm sorry -- the National School Boards  
20 Association. This was a conference down in  
21 Washington, D.C. where we spent 2 days going to  
22 various lectures, which were supposed to help us  
23 when we met with our congressman to talk about  
24 things like funding and No Child Left Behind. On  
25 Tuesday, the 5th, when we were supposed to meet with

1 our congressman, unfortunately it was Super Tuesday.  
2 Very poor planning. No one was there. We had got  
3 to meet with an aide. I was extremely disappointed.  
4 I felt it was very unorganized, and being as New  
5 Jersey gets the least amount of IDEA funding, which  
6 is about 12 percent, I think it was really important  
7 that we did meet with our congressman and voice our  
8 concerns, also about the problems with No Child Left  
9 Behind and the upcoming bills. What I found down  
10 there was they were more concerned about the  
11 elections. It was -- the weather was nice. That's  
12 about the only thing I really can say about it, and  
13 I don't think I would ever attend it again, and like  
14 I told the head of New Jersey School Boards, if I'd  
15 wanted to talk with the congressman's aide, that's  
16 who I would have voted for. I made the effort to go  
17 down to Washington. I felt that Congressman Holt  
18 should have been down there, as well. This was  
19 planned way in advance. So I think that the next  
20 time this comes up, I would seriously think about  
21 it. It was a real disappointment.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Mr.  
23 Leary.

24 MR. LEARY: The National School Board  
25 Association has to plan this a year ahead, and the

1 New Jersey Legislature in its infinite wisdom jumped  
2 the June primary date to the 5th of February, and we  
3 were caught short, and I thought that Congressman  
4 Rush Holt's aide was very informative, and it wasn't  
5 good news, but it was informative. He gave us the  
6 bad news straight and didn't try and sugarcoat it,  
7 but other than that, I agree with you, Amy.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss  
9 Ostrager.

10 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes, I'd like to ask Mr.  
11 Leary a question. You report on the Middlesex  
12 County Regional Ed Services Commission. I've heard  
13 you say it enough time I can actually get it  
14 straight. I know that you're very involved in the  
15 finance and the budgeting of that. Could you give  
16 us an idea of what process the members of the board  
17 like yourself are involved in in putting together  
18 that budget? Is it -- I know here we're kind of --  
19 we get a proposed budget towards the end of just  
20 before we vote on it and then we kind of go through  
21 the summary that's mainly prepared by the  
22 administration. Is that the way it's done in the Ed  
23 Services Commission, or is it -- is there a  
24 different process?

25 MR. LEARY: The process is quite

1 similar. Pat Moran is a very good business  
2 administrator, almost as good as Wayne Holliday, but  
3 we've had a series of meetings going back several  
4 months going element by element looking at the  
5 various components of the Ed Services Commission  
6 budget, and we authorize -- we organized it so that  
7 anyone of the 25 boards of directors could come to  
8 the finance committee and sit. We had one person  
9 come in on the first one, and the other two we  
10 waited until 10 o'clock in the morning and no one  
11 showed up, but it's a very thorough -- if you want  
12 to look at the documentation, I have handed it over  
13 to Joe King so he can do a good advance planning  
14 job. It's a very comprehensive, detailed, bottoms  
15 up building process just like Wayne does.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Now, you're saying --

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

18 MS. OSTRAGER: But one thing I'm  
19 figuring is in this district it's mainly done by the  
20 administration, but what you're describing in the  
21 Middlesex County Ed Services Commission, you're kind  
22 of involved with it from how far in advance, a  
23 month, 9 months, 12 months? I mean, how far ahead?

24 MR. LEARY: Three months before, we had  
25 -- because of some, shall we say, recalcitrance by

1 some five members of the 25-member board, we decided  
2 we will kill them with kindness. If you want to  
3 come to the meeting, fine. We went back and said  
4 3 months prior to the submission of the budget we  
5 would have meetings where they could come in and we  
6 would go through major items by major items, and as  
7 I said, we killed them with kindness. One showed up  
8 for the first meeting, and then the next meetings  
9 they were conspicuous by their absence, but on  
10 Tuesday of last week, we went through the details of  
11 that budget. We really scrubbed it. We wanted to  
12 make sure because we knew the clique of five were  
13 going to go throw mud balls at us. So it was a  
14 thorough review by the finance committee working in  
15 close harmony with the administrative staff.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Okay.

18 Seeing no one, we will now go to the public forum  
19 again. Anyone from the public wishing to speak to  
20 anything, please come to the microphone and state  
21 your name and address for the record.

22 MR. GILBERT: What was the last thing  
23 you wanted, Kathy? Where I live, you mean?

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Excuse me?

25 MR. GILBERT: You said something.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: State your name and  
2 address for the record.

3 MR. GILBERT: Oh, for the record.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

5 MR. GILBERT: My name is Frank Gilbert  
6 at 59A Winthrop. I'd like to discuss the 2008  
7 tentative budget. It's roughly \$96 million. How  
8 did that compare with last year? What is the  
9 percentage increase?

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Holliday.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: The budget that the Board  
12 of Education had reviewed in committee and voted on  
13 tonight is the tentative budget. As you well know,  
14 the governor gave his address yesterday.

15 MR. GILBERT: I was going to mention  
16 that in a minute, but we'll go ahead.

17 MR. HOLLIDAY: And we have not received  
18 official state aid documents or other documents from  
19 the state. Tonight's submission or vote by the  
20 Board of Education is to submit the tentative budget  
21 at this particular time to the budget. When you're  
22 asking about percentages, if you look at the overall  
23 percentage of the budget, you're approximately  
24 10 percent; however, the overall budget has for the  
25 first time hitting the 2006 principal and interest

1 bond referendum and for the first time the bond  
2 series 2008, which was the bond referendum for  
3 additional cost for the new high school. So what  
4 gives the appearance of being a budget of  
5 10 percent, if you were to exclude that additional  
6 debt service, you would find that the general  
7 operating budget is up slightly. It's 5.7 percent.  
8 Translated into a tax rate -- right now I must  
9 emphasize that this is an estimate because we have  
10 not received official documentation from the state  
11 yet -- it would appear that there would be a  
12 3.7 percent rate increase. That's on taxes.

13       So overall, yes, the budget did go up  
14 10 percent, but when you dissect it and when it was  
15 dissected in the finance review, budget review  
16 meeting, it was emphasized that it did go up  
17 10 percent because of new debt. Mainly that new  
18 debt, which is hitting for the first time,  
19 approximately a million 9, related to the 2008 bond  
20 series, and the other factor that influences the  
21 general budget is the opening of the new elementary  
22 school, Oak Tree. So we had extenuating  
23 circumstances in our budget, new debt, new school.

24       MR. GILBERT: And 193 more pupils.

25       MR. HOLLIDAY: That is correct, sir,

1 approximately.

2 MR. GILBERT: Okay. I listened to Dr.

3 -- the Governor's speech on the budget the other

4 day, and all I heard was the dire financial

5 condition that the state is in, and I heard after

6 every word he says cut, cut, cut, no more new taxes.

7 Now, apparently he's -- he also said he was going to

8 cut the educational budget, and we don't know how

9 much he's going to cut the budget now, do we?

10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday speaking.

11 We have not as of -- the legislature has passed a

12 law many years ago that indicates that the Governor

13 is obligated to release all information related to

14 the budget and the state aid figures 48 hours from

15 the delivery of his speech, which would give him

16 basically until Thursday to have the Department of

17 Education officials release that information to us

18 so I cannot give you an answer at this time because

19 I have not received the documents as of now.

20 MR. GILBERT: Okay. Thanks, Wayne.

21 MR. HOLLIDAY: You're more than welcome,

22 Mr. Gilbert.

23 MS. OSTRAGER: Excuse me.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the

25 public?

1 MS. OSTRAGER: Excuse me. Mr. Holliday,  
2 could you repeat that --

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: Could you repeat that tax  
5 impact again? I think I misheard you. In cents per  
6 thousand, right. It was what?

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Again, I want to  
8 emphasize this is an estimate, that we do not have  
9 the figures from the state aid, which obviously  
10 affects taxes, but right now I am projecting that it  
11 will be going up in terms of percentage 3.7 percent.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: Oh, it was percentage.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: I thought it was cents.  
15 It's about 6.7 cents.

16 MR. HOLLIDAY: Right now, you're  
17 correct, .0672; however, I would prefer at this  
18 point in time to in light of the governor's speech  
19 to give you a range. I believe that range will be  
20 .0672 to .0728.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you very much.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: You're more than welcome.

23 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Good evening, Tom  
24 Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel Street. Just a quick  
25 question with regarding to the B.A.S.C. issue. Is

1 that only for the schools, or does that include the  
2 community center program?

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

4 MR. BUSCH: It's schools where it's  
5 presently used.

6 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Isn't the community  
7 center part of that, also, so that -- but this is  
8 not an agreement with that, correct? That's a  
9 separate one from the council, correct?

10 MR. BUSCH: Yes.

11 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Thank you. Also with  
12 regards to the money that the state Schools  
13 Construction Corporation is, the 15 million, where  
14 do we stand with that? Has that been released with  
15 us?

16 MR. BUSCH: It's been verified that it's  
17 in escrow and that it will be released to us as we  
18 provide purchase orders and receipts to pull that  
19 money down.

20 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Can we draw from that  
21 first, or is there --

22 MR. BUSCH: I think it's a -- Wayne, I  
23 think you can answer that, but it's not all that  
24 first. That's not quite how it works.

25 MR. NOTHSTEIN: So that's an accurate

1 answer?

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Good evening, first of  
3 all, sir. In terms of back in 2003, when we applied  
4 for the Section 15 grant and we were awarded the  
5 \$15.2 million, what existed at that time was the New  
6 Jersey School Construction Corporation, and as you  
7 well know, that has been dissolved by the state  
8 legislature. It is now referred to and has been  
9 reconstituted as the New Jersey School Development  
10 Authority, and in terms of the New Jersey School  
11 Development Authority, they have been contacted, as  
12 Dr. Ferrie has indicated, that that money has been  
13 escrowed for Monroe Township, and they are providing  
14 the procedures for me to make the withdrawal.

15 The withdrawal of those monies are not  
16 dedicated towards any particular element of the  
17 project. It could be used for architectural fees,  
18 it can be used for construction, but we must provide  
19 the adequate documentation to show that it is indeed  
20 for the approved project by the authority.

21 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Would it benefit us by  
22 being able to draw from that first because we're not  
23 paying interest obviously on that, where if we kept  
24 our principal in the high interest account that  
25 you're currently in, would it make more sense or and

1 it is allowed to draw down from that 15 million  
2 first?

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday speaking  
4 again. We weren't permitted to draw down until we  
5 received the actual deed and until that deed was  
6 actually recorded. Obviously, the authority was  
7 waiting for the outcome of the land exchange, and  
8 now at this point in time, we will start to  
9 requisition money from the authority.

10 MR. NOTHSTEIN: So you're trying to take  
11 from that first.

12 MR. BUSCH: The short answer, Tom, is if  
13 we can draw down from them first, it benefits us  
14 because we can continue to invest the proceeds of  
15 the bond.

16 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. I got you. Also  
17 with regard to that, do we have any idea of when  
18 we're going out for bid? Is there any update on  
19 that?

20 DR. FERRIE: We're out. We're on the  
21 street. We're anticipating awarding on the 25th of  
22 March. Not awarding, coming in. I'm sorry.

23 MR. NOTHSTEIN: I knew what you mean.  
24 They'll be open the 25th.

25 DR. FERRIE: Let me get that straight on

1 the record. The bid opening is tentatively  
2 scheduled for March 25, I apologize, not awarding.  
3 Obviously, the Board meeting thereafter if  
4 everything is legally appropriate, we will try to  
5 award that bid shortly thereafter.

6 MR. NOTHSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the  
8 public?

9 DR. BOYD: Dr. Russell Boyd, Pheasant  
10 Lane, Monroe. Wayne, can you tell us who the  
11 candidates are for the next election?

12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. Once again, good  
13 evening, Doctor. The candidates that have filed a  
14 petition are as follows:

15 (End of Tape 2)

16 Are the four candidates that filed a  
17 petition to run for the Board of Education, sir.

18 DR. BOYD: Thank you. I look forward to  
19 those debates.

20 I've been out of the loop for a while.  
21 So did we -- we did get DCA approval on the high  
22 school?

23 DR. FERRIE: Yes.

24 DR. BOYD: When was that granted?

25 DR. FERRIE: I'll do it.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

2 MR. BUSCH: November 29, 2007, they had

3 approval. We got title December 10, 2007.

4 DR. BOYD: Thank you, Mr. Busch. The

5 Applegarth sewer connection, I saw in the School

6 Story it said early Spring is when we're expecting

7 the water connection. Can I have clarification on

8 what early Spring means?

9 MR. BUSCH: The water -- the sewer is

10 complete.

11 DR. BOYD: Sewer is connected.

12 MR. BUSCH: And the water we're

13 anticipating mid-April, end of April at the latest.

14 DR. BOYD: Okay. Thank you. I just

15 have a couple comments on the discussion on the

16 B.A.S.C. contract. I think there is sort of a

17 fallacy in the argument of this Board is not trying

18 to make money off of this. The Board isn't trying

19 to make money at all. The Board owns the money from

20 the public, and so I think Mr. Braverman is

21 absolutely correct that you can achieve a balance

22 between the rates that that kind of a service can be

23 put out for to the parents versus the payback that

24 we get for the use of those facilities, and for the

25 Board not to oversee that financial responsibility

1 of going out and saying we want to balance the  
2 amount of money that we're asking parents to pay in  
3 a tuition, which I think is a perfectly legitimate  
4 claim, versus also getting back money for the use of  
5 our facilities is something that we should have gone  
6 out to bid for and something that shouldn't have  
7 been so quickly dismissed by this Board.

8 I think the second thing I'd like to  
9 bring up about that same topic is when the three  
10 members of the Board who actually ended up winning  
11 last year ran, one of the main things in the debate,  
12 and I was there so I should know, is they said they  
13 wanted to bring back decorum to this Board. During  
14 that debate, one Board member who won the election  
15 last year leaned over and basically said let's just  
16 vote this down. That was before any debate was had.  
17 That is not decorum, Mr. Kaufman. That is exactly  
18 the opposite of what you ran on.

19 And the last point I'd like to make on a  
20 totally different topic is when it comes to Board  
21 decorum, I saw at least 75 percent of the Board  
22 having side conversations while the student Board  
23 members were giving their report, and I think that  
24 was disrespectful to them and would ask that the  
25 Board that's representing the public give them the

1 respect that they deserve. Thank you.

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the

3 public? Seeing no one, we will close the public

4 forum.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORT - Public Meeting February 27, 2008

**I. Enrollment**

	<u>1/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>	Increase+ Decrease-	<u>1/31/07</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	764	766	-2	674	+90
Barclay Brook School	717	716	+1	699	+18
Brookside School	971	966	+5	932	+39
Mill Lake School	674	671	+3	686	-12
Woodland School	485	486	-1	492	- 7
Monroe High School	<u>1530</u>	<u>1522</u>	<u>+8</u>	<u>1465</u>	<u>+65</u>
<b>Total Elementary &amp; Secondary</b>	<b>5141</b>	<b>5127</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>4948</b>	<b>193</b>

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

	<b>1-31-08</b>	<b>12-31-07</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	14	
Bridge Academy	1	1	
Center for Voc Reh	1	1	
Center School, Highland Park	3	3	
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	1	
Collier School, Wickatunk	2	2	
CPC High Point	4	4	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Eden Institute	2	2	
Harbor School	2	2	
High Roads	6	6	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Joseph Cappello	2	2	
Kidspeace	1	1	
Kiva High School			
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Mary A Dobbins	1	1	
Mercer Elementary	1	1	
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	2	2	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
Mercer County Reg Day	3	3	
Midland School, North Branch	4	4	
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1	1	

New Brunswick High School			
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Pine Ridge	1	1	
Piscataway Reg Day	1	1	
Princeton Child Development	1	1	
Raritan Valley Academy			
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Rugby School	2	2	
Schoth School	1	1	
Somerset Academy			
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Somerset Hills Residential	1	1	
Spotswood High School			
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
State Fac/DCF	1	1	
<b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
Summit Speech	1	1	
UMDNJ <b>Jamesburg Student</b>	1	1	
<b>TOTAL Monroe Students</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	
<b>TOTAL Jamesburg Students</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	

## II. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/ wk
1.	CST	PS	Romano	ML	9-5-07		10
2.	CST	UG	Fletcher	OD	9-5-07		5
3.	Med	UG	Oskierko	OD	9-5-07		10
4.	Med	12	Butler, OSundstrom, Tolboom	HS	9-20-07		10
5.	504	5	Sidler	BS	9-5-07		5
6.	504	12	Sidler	HS	9-5-07		10
7.	504	5	Bowman	BS	9-5-07		5
8.	Med	12	Mazzola, Ielpi, Schwartz, Castaldo, Minter	HS	10-25-07		10
9.	SUS	12	Lyons, Friedman	HS	10-25-07		4
10.	504	11	Schwartz, Basmajian, Romano	HS	9-5-07		10
11.	SUS	9	Fennessy	HS	11-12-07		10
12.	504	12	Bowman	HS	11-28-07		10
13.	Med	10	Bergen Reg Med	OD	10-10-07		10
14.	CST	12	Ongaro, Cleary, Beagan	HS	10-29-07		10
15.	Med	12	Schwartz, Tolboom	HS	11-26-07		10
16.	SUS	9	Fennessy	HS	11-12-07		10
17.	504	12	Four Winds Hosp	HS	11-28-07		10
18.	CST	12	Ongaro, Cleary, Beagan	HS	10-29-07		10
19.	Med	12	Schwartz, Tolboom	HS	11-26-07	1-3-08	10
20.	Med	8	Weiner, Magee, Firestein	A	1-8-08	1-22-08	5

21.	Med	11	Hladek, Ongaro, Peterson	HS	1-3-08		10
22.	SUS	10	McDonald	HS	1-4-08	1-10-08	10
23.	504	11	Tolboom, Mendell	HS	1-15-08		10
24.	Med	12	Steuber, Drust	HS	1-7-08		10
25.	SUS	11	Latwis	HS	2-4-08		10
26.	Med	10	Rickert, Simmons	HS	2-14-08		10
27.	Med	10	Fennessy, Gonzalez, Oade, Miller	HS	1-16-08		10

### III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School ----- January 7 and 8, 2008  
 Barclay Brook School ----- January 7 and 8, 2008  
 Brookside School ----- January 8 and 23, 2008  
 Mill Lake School ----- January 7 and 8, 2008  
 Woodland School ----- January 7 and 25, 2008  
 Monroe High School ----- January 7 and 18, 2008

### IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement, of **Mrs. MaryAnn Martenak**, secretary in the Superintendent's office, effective February 1, 2008.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Susan Cohen**, Social Worker at Mill Lake School, effective February 26, 2008.
- C. It is recommended that the Board extend the medical leave of absence to **Ms. Valerie Fitzpatrick**, custodian at the High School retroactive to January 24, 2008 through March 3, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Fitzpatrick may have available.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Paula Seitz**, Special Education teacher at Mill Lake School, effective May 27, 2008 through June 30, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Seitz may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Diane Shadell**, grade three teacher at Mill Lake, effective January 28, 2008 through March 3, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Shadell may have available.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Jeannine Morse**, Language Arts teacher and Language Arts TAG, at Applegarth School, effective March 10, 2008 through April 14, 2008. It is

further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Morse may have available.

- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Carol Johnson**, second grade teacher at Mill Lake School, retroactive to February 2, 2008 through February 29, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Johnson may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve an intermittent leave of absence under FMLA to **Ms. Heidi Magee**, Library Coordinator at Mill Lake School, retroactive to January 14, 2008 through June 30, 2008.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Dana Hopkins**, School Psychologist at the High School, effective April 25 through April 29, 2008.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Patricia Sherman**, workstation specialist at Brookside School, retroactive to February 6, 2008 until March 3, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Sherman may have available.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve to extend the maternity leave of **Ms. Katy Elias**, physical education teacher at Applegarth School, to March 7, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Elias may have available.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the start date of a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Danielle Sano**, teacher at Barclay Brook School, effective February 12, 2008 through February 1, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days Ms. Sano may have available.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the start date of **Ms. Kathleen Majewski**'s transfer to LDTC. She was previously approved effective as of November 20, 2007. It should read January 3, 2008.
- N. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Mr. Eliot Feldman**, workstation specialist, to reflect the Microsoft Certified System, Administrator's Certification (\$1500.00 stipend).
- O. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contract of **Ms. Silvia Rego**, teacher of Spanish at Applegarth School, to step 1 of the Bachelor's guide (\$42,535 pro rated), effective February 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. In the Superintendent's Report of December 12, 2007, Ms. Rego was previously approved as a long term substitute pending receipt of certification.

- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers (one teacher per Saturday for four hours on a rotating basis) at the agreed upon MTEA supplemental rate, for Saturday Credit Restoration effective March 8, 2008 through June 30, 2008:

Jo-Anne Cardone  
Adele Fennessey  
Michele Ballard  
Nicole Butler

- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve a change in the hours of the following driver in the Transportation Department retroactive to January 25, 2008 through June 30, 2008:

Deborah LaGola from 7.5 hours to 6.5 hours midday run ceased

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

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for hire
Marianna Cabanski	Lead Custodian	Mill Lake	Night premium + Black Seal + Lead premium	Retroactive to 2/1/08-6/30/08		Transfer position
Joan Stoller	Paraprofessional	Brookside		2/11/08-6/30/08	3.75 hrs/day	Increase in hours
Linda Anderson	Paraprofessional	Brookside		2/11/08-6/30/08	3.8 hrs/day	Increase in hours
Theresa Rapisardi	Special Ed Paraprofessional	Brookside	Step 3 \$11.49/hr +1.00	2/11/08-6/30/08	6.5	Transfer – increase in hours
Pat Smeraglia Russo	Security	Barclay Brook	Step 2 Security Rate \$19.24	2/28/08-6/30/08	.45 minutes/day prorated	New position
Kathleen Watlington	Security	Barclay Brook	Step 2 Security Rate \$19.24	2/28/08-6/30/08	1.0/hr day	New position

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

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Reason for hire

Beth T. Nagle	Long term substitute	Mill Lake	\$150/day Long term substitute	2/7/08-2/29/08	Leave replacement
Liza Mazzetta	Physical Education teacher	Applegarth School	Extension of contract	3/4/08-3/7/08	Leave replacement
Kim Wasnesky	Project Manager for Autism Grant	Mill Lake	MTEA hourly rate	2/26/08-6/30/08	
Georgette Nelson	Special Education	Applegarth	Step 1 Prorated \$42,535	3/31/08-6/24/08	Leave replacement
Mary Chris Kelly	Long Term Substitute	Mill Lake	\$150/day Long term substitute	2/14/08-3/3/08	Leave replacement
Karen Bierrie	Family Consumer Science teacher	MTHS	\$150/day Long-term substitute	2/18/08-2/20/08	Extension of contract
Bonnie Crisco	Language Arts Literacy TAG	Applegarth	Stipend	3/10/08-4/14/08	Leave replacement
Stacy Levier	After School Basic Skills Math	Brookside	2 days per week	2/28/08-6/30/08	Replacement position
Sarah Ginter	After School Basic Skills	Mill Lake	4 days per week	2/29/08-6/30/08	Replacement position
Lauren Thaiss	After School Basic Skills Math	Brookside	2 days per week	2/28/08-6/30/08	New position
Kathy Dillon	Asst. Basketball Coach	MTHS	Step 3	School 2007-2008 school year	Coaching position
Stacey Weinstein	Student/Staff Athletic Manager	MTHS	Step 3	Winter and Spring 2007-2008	Coaching position
Nathan Cogdill	Athletic Trainer	MTHS	Step 3	Winter and Spring 2007-2008	Coaching position
Matthew Schweighardt	Volunteer Boy's Lacrosse	MTHS	Volunteer	2007-2008 school year	Coaching position
Maureen Shamy	Volunteer Girl's Lacrosse	MTHS	Volunteer	2007-2008 school year	Coaching position

T. It is recommended that the Board approve the following instructors, classes and salaries for the Spring 2008 Adult Education Program:

**INSTRUCTOR**

**CLASS**

**DATE**

**SALARY**

Alperin, Benita	Calligraphy	3/13-5/22	600.00
Anzoldi, Concetta	Italian	3/11-5/20	600.00
Berger, Bryan	Posture & Health	4/29	No Salary
Berger, Bryan	Nutrition/Health/Longevity	5/6	No Salary
Berger, Bryan	Golf/Tennis Injuries	5/20	No Salary
Bischel, Rick	Golf	4/8-5/6	1,500.00
Briskin, Alan	MS Word/Inter.	4/1-5/6	350.00
Burger, Marise	Tai Chi Chih	3/25-5/20	300.00
Coast Boating School	Safe Boating	4/15 & 5/20	45.00
Cook, Christine	Adobe Photoshop Elements	3/11-5/6	480.00
Cook, Christine	Beg. Photo Editing	3/13-4/24	360.00
<b><u>INSTRUCTOR</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>
Cook, Christine	Introduction to Digital Photo	3/17-5/12	360.00
Curran, Irene	Step	3/10-5/19	203.00
Curran, Irene	Toning	3/10-5/19	203.00
Curran, Irene	CKB	3/11-5/22	688.75
Cyrsostom, Jane	Chandlering	3/18	MTCAC
Cyrsostom, Jane	Soap Making	3/18	MTCAC
DeNitto, Angela	MS Word Beginning	3/11-4/15	300.00
DeNitto, Angela	MS Word Intermediate	4/22-5/20	300.00
Dery, Veronica	Consv.Inter/Spanish	3/11-5/20	500.00
Doyle, Janice	Home Organizing	4/1	50.00
East Coast Massage Srv.	Stress & the Workshop	4/15	35.00 pp
Erlich, Russ	Driving Classes	3/18 & 3/20	70.00 pp
Farel, Julie	One Stroke Painting	3/11-5/6	400.00
Freed, Robert M.	Stress & the Workshop	4/15	17.50 pp
Gough, Karen	Purch./Home 0 D.P.	3/11 & 5/6	No Salary
Gough, Karen	How to Sell FSBO	3/18 & 5/8	No Salary
Gough, Karen	Reverse Mortgages	3/20 & 3/25	No Salary
Gough, Karen	Reverse Mortgages	5/13 & 5/22	No Salary
Gough, Karen	How to Shop/Mortgages	4/15	No Salary
Gough, Karen	Smart H/Buyer Seminar	4/29	No Salary
Greenberg, George	CPR	4/22-5/22	45.00
Harris, Janet	Yoga	3/11-5/22	65.00 pp
Hye, Suzanne	Necklace & Earrings set	3/11 & 3/13	100.00
	Lovely Teardrops & Bracelet	3/27	50.00
	Elegant Bead & Wire Neck.	4/22 & 4/22	100.00
	Necklace & Earrings	4/15	50.00
	One Class 2 Bracelets	4/29	50.00
	Convertible Necklace	5/6	50.00
	Memory Wire Bracelet	5/8	50.00
Kapel, Rochelle	Full Body Exercise	3/11-5/22	250.00
Kijak, Ken	Ballroom Dancing/Beg	3/11-5/20	312.50
Kijak, Ken	Ballroom Dancing/Interm.	3/11-5/20	312.50
LaRussa, Sylvester	Auctions	4/24	No Salary
	Credits Reports	4/3	No Salary
	Real Estate Career	3/18	No Salary
	Start Your Own Business	4/17	No Salary
Lorie, Dr.	New Hope Artist Colony	4/29	MTCAC

	American Art since 1950	4/29	MTCAC
	What's it Worth? Dr. Lori	5/20	MTCAC
Mahler, Maurice	Life Drawing	4/1-5/20	455.00
Mahler, Maurice	Power of Art	5/1-5/22	MTCAC
Martino, Tiki, Esq.	Surviving/Divorce Process	3/11 & 5/20	No Salary
Miller, Fred	Lectures-In-Song	4/17-5/15	MTCAC
Oster, Robert	Stress Management	3/11	35.00 pp
Oster, Robert	Smoking	3/13 & 3/18	55.00 pp
Oster, Robert	Weight	3/25 & 4/1	55.00 pp
Oster, Robert	Stress Management	4/15	35.00 pp
<b><u>INSTRUCTOR</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>
Oster, Robert	Smoking	4/17 & 4/22	55.00
Oster, Robert	Weight	4/29 & 5/6	35.00 pp
Ostrowski, Lisa	Stamp-A-Stack	3/29	70.00
Ostrowski, Lisa	One Sheet Wonder Card	5/1	70.00
Ostrowski, Lisa	Stamping & Inking	5/20	70.00
Ovsiew, Harriet	ESL	3/11-5/22	360.00
Panic Relief	Panic & Anxiety Workshop	4/22 & 5/20	20.00 pp
Petscavage, Bill	Ukrainian Easter Eggs	3/18 & 3/20	MTCAC
Price, Sandy	Maj Jongg	4/17-5/22	420.00
Pulchin, Len	Excel	3/11-4/1	350.00
Pulchin, Len	PowerPoint	4/15	88.00
Pulchin, Len	Maintain Your Computer	4/22	88.00
Pulchin, Len	Google/Google Earth	4/29	88.00
Pulchin, Len	Access for Beginners	5/6-5/20	262.50
Rakow, Phyllis	Eye of the Beholder	4/15	MTCAC
Renz, Rob	Pottery	3/11-5/8	800.00
Schneider, Dan (Chef)	Home Cooking & Purchasing	3/18-4/24	700.00
Schwartz, Joel Dr.	Lower Back	3/11	5.00 pp
	Neck	3/25	5.00 pp
	Shoulder Problems	4/29	5.00 pp
	Alter Kocker Fitness Prog.	5/13	5.00 pp
Sears Driving	Drivers Point Reduction	3/15 & 4/2	55.00 pp
Sharar, Connie	Crochet	3/13-5/22	350.00
Silvestri, Joseph	Succ. Money Management	4/14-4/29	No Salary
Sky, Marc	Psychic Reading	3/13	21.00 pp
Sky, Marc	Spirit Encounters	3/13	21.00 pp
Sky, Marc	Psychic Powers	3/20	21.00 pp.
Sky, Marc	Past Lives	3/20	21.00 pp
Sky, Marc	Superpower Memory	3/27	21.00 pp
Sky, Marc	Reduce Stress w/Hypnosis	3/27	21.00 pp
Slutsky, Rosalie	Bridge Beginners	3/11-5/20	560.00
Slutsky, Rosalie	Bridge Intermediate	3/13-5/22	560.00
Sowinski, Janye	Hatha Yoga	3/13-5/22	70.00 pp
Wilden, Francine	Jazz Dancing	3/11-5/22	500.00
Zukas, Marion	Intro. To Inter. Design	3/13-4/17	65.00 pp
Zukas, Marion	Advanced Inter. Design	4/22-5/22	65.00 pp
Zukas, Marion	Use What You Have Dec.	3/11	30.00 pp

- U. It is recommended that the Board approve the following appointments to be added to our 2007-2008 list of approved substitutes:

*Certificated*

Georgette Nelson	Substitute Teacher
Neal Ziskind	Substitute Teacher
Gerald Preiser	Substitute Teacher
Jayne Rosen	Substitute Teacher

*Non-certificated*

Anna Cabanski	Substitute Custodian
Rachel Speizer	Computer Tech

**V. Board Action**

- A. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the school calendar for the 2008-2009 school year.
- C. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of January 2008.
- D. It is recommended that the Board designate Board Secretary/Business Administrator **Mr. Wayne Holliday**, to the following district appointment for a four year term commencing immediately through December 31, 2011:
- Shelter, Reception & Care Deputy, Office of Emergency Management
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve approximately ten students (maximum) and two chaperones of DECA to attend the National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on April 25<sup>th</sup> through April 30, 2008. Approximate costs for ten students and two chaperones are \$2975-\$3500 (airfare) \$440 (ground transportation), \$1800 (conference fees), \$6492 (hotel), \$49 per day meal and incidental allowance for two adults. Students pay for all their own meals except for one meal budgeted at \$16 per student. Approximate costs total \$11,707 without van.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions of the following policies and regulations:

- Policy No. 1100 District Organization
- Policy No. 1110 Organizational Chart
- Policy No. 1130 Staff Liaison Committee
- Policy No. 3362 Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment (teaching staff) \*
- Policy No. 4352 Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment (support staff) \*
- Regulation No. 3362 Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment (teaching staff) \*\*
- Regulation No. 4352 Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment (support staff) \*\*

\*Policy Nos. 3362 and 4352 incorporates District Policy Nos. 1550 and 1530 thereby dissolving those existing policies

\*\*Regulation Nos. 3362 and 4352 incorporates District Regulations 1550 and 2260 thereby dissolving those existing regulations

G. It is recommended that the Board approve the following policy for readoptions:

Policy No. 1120 Management Team

H. **2007-2008 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/07 through 2/27/08 .....\$0

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
10/22/07	MTHS	suspected use Confirmed	
11/20/07	MTHS	suspected use Confirmed	
12/12/07	MTHS	suspected use Confirmed	
1-30-08	MTHS	aggravated assault	
1-30-08	MTHS	aggravated assault	

I. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Professional Development Plan for the 2008-2009 School Year.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

To: **Monroe Township Board of Education**

From: **Dr. Ralph P. Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools**

Re: Addendum - Superintendent's Report for Board Meeting of February 27, 2008

Date: **February 27, 2008**

#### **IV. Personnel**

- V. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Reeshemah Sconiers**, as the OPRA secretary in the Central Office, at a salary of \$32,000 pro rated, effective February 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

#### **V. Board Action**

- J. It is recommended that the Board approve the MTHS wrestling team to attend the NJSIAA Individual Wrestling Championship in Atlantic City, at the Atlantic City Convention Hall on March 7, 8, and 9, 2008. Approximate cost for the wrestling team and chaperones: hotel \$1100; meal allowance for coaches \$49.00 per day; mileage reimbursement for coaches.

**I. BOARD ACTION**

**A. BILL LIST**

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$6,964,076.21 for December 2007 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 \$98,016.84 for December 2007 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 \$2,310,792.12 for December 2007 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 December 2007, 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 6A:23-2.11(c), Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the December 2007 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).

**E. BI-ANNUAL REPORTS**

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, it is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Summary Reports for the six months ending December 31, 2007.

**F. TRANSFER #6**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #6 as presented for fiscal year 2007/2008. A copy is attached hereto.

## **G. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**EXEMPT SERVICES** – Awarded without competitive bidding as provided for under the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law:

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Allies, Inc. to provide Community-Based Vocational Training at the rate of \$51.00 per hour for 100 hours and \$75.00 per day for transportation of the student for the 2007-2008 school year.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve CP of New Jersey to provide assistive technology services at the rate of \$110.00 per hour plus mileage for On-Site Technical Assistance and \$880.00 per On-Site Evaluation for the 2007-2008 school year.
3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Center of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide Supported Employment Services at the rate of \$51.00 per hour and \$71.00 per day for Partial Care/Vocational Assessment Services for the 2007-2008 school year.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Penta Hearing to complete Central Auditory Processing testing at the rate of \$445.00 for the 2007-2008 school year.
5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the enclosed professional services agreement between Teachscape, Inc. and the Monroe Township Board of Education. Teachscape will provide the Board with the services and materials as delineated within the scope of the agreement. The fee is \$12,500 per cohort.

## **H. BID AUTHORIZATION**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Board appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent to procure goods and services from Leisure Sporting Goods under State Contract #A89613.

## **I. TRANSACTIONS**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Michael C. Gorski, Assistant Business Administrator to administer all cash and investment accounts specifically including the authorization to initiate inter and intra account transfers subject to the approval by the other administrator. It is further recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize Joseph Muszel, Bookkeeper; Linda Boone, Payroll Coordinator; and Matthew Boone, Assistant

Payroll Coordinator to initiate inter account transfers and intra account transfers subject to approval by Wayne Holliday or Michael Gorski.

**J. WACHOVIA – BANK ACCOUNT**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize the opening of Bank Account #2000030031306 entitled “2008 Bond Series” with Wachovia as related to the new High School.

**K. NJ/ARM – ACCOUNT**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize the opening of Account #223-06/223-07 entitled “2008 School Bond Series Principal/Interest” with New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program (NJ/ARM) as related to the new High School.

**L. GRANT ACCEPTANCE**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and accept the New Jersey Department of Education Fiscal Year 2008 Grant Acceptance Certification (GAC) as related to the NCLB Consolidated FORMULA Grant Award. Please refer to attached for supplemental information.

**M. B.A.S.C. – RESOLUTION 2007-2008**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE B.A.S.C. NETWORK, INC., AS MONROE B.A.S.C.**

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has the need to provide quality before-and-after school care for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, have stated that it is to the advantage of the Monroe Township Board of Education to enter into a contract with the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., to provide before-and-after school care; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23-7.1(e).1 provides that changes to the contract shall be within the scope of activities of the original contract, and not for the purpose of undertaking new or different work or projects; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to create specifications for quality child-care services, currently enjoyed by more than 400 students, and the Monroe Township Board of Education has been satisfied with the services provided by the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes an extraordinary unspecifiable services contract with the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., with regard to use of Monroe Township Schools to provide before-and-after school care in accordance with an agreement, effective September 1, 2007 to September 1, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary; and

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

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, the fact that the above before-and-after school care services are needed, that bid specifications would be exceedingly difficult to prepare and that the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., is particularly well suited to provide the services required by the Monroe Township Board of Education.

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Dr. Ralph Ferrie  
Superintendent

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Wayne Holliday  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

**N. B.A.S.C. – RESOLUTION 2008-2009**

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Dr. Ralph Ferrie  
Superintendent

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Wayne Holliday  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

**O. RESOLUTION – AWARD OF CONTRACT**

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

**RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MONROE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM FIELD REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education advertised for the submission of bids and 8 bids were received on February 20, 2008, from the following, in the amounts indicated:

1. The LandTek Group, Inc.
  - A. Contract #GG1 General Construction Work \$975,000.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$985,000.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$7,000.00
2. Atlantic Lining Co., Inc.
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$978,150.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$988,150.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$7,475.00
3. American Athletic Courts, Inc.
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,034,450.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,044,450.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$4,950.00
4. Precise Construction, Inc.
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,081,865.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,091,865.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$7,800.00
5. Applied Landscape Technologies
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,088,000.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,098,000.00

- D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$6,000.00
- 6. B and B Construction, LLC
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,097,000.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,107,000.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$10,000.00
- 7. Flanagan's Contracting Group Inc.
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,187,000.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,197,000.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC I -Repainting \$6,500.00
- 8. Renda Construction Inc.
  - A. Contract #GC-1 General Construction Work \$1,212,000.00
  - C. Base Bid Total \$1,222,000.00
  - D. Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the award of contract shall be exclusively subject to the condition that the Monroe Township Board of Education receives and accepts one or more bids for the financing of the Monroe High School Stadium Field Replacement Project and the award is subject to the availability of funds in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education in its Project Manual for the Monroe High School Stadium Field Replacement Project reserved the right to waive informality in the bidding if it is in the interest of the owner to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education has determined that the LandTek Group, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder and that to the extent that there are any informalities or any irregularities in the bid submitted by the LandTek Group, Inc., the same are immaterial and are hereby waived.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby awards a Contract for the Monroe High School Stadium Field Replacement Project to the LandTek Group, Inc., in the amount of \$985,000.00 for the sum of the Base Bid #GC-1 and contingency and the amount of \$7,000.00 for Alternate Bid GC 1- Repainting all line work, lane lines, numbering, etc., and existing synthetic running track. This award is subject to all terms and conditions set forth in the bid specifications, Project Manual and addenda.

**P. ADOPTION OF THE 2008/09 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following amounts and resolution for the 2008/09 Tentative Budget:

Be It Resolved, by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the 2008/09 Tentative General Fund Budget be adopted in the amount of \$85,365,777. and a Tentative General Fund Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$70,769,233. and a Tentative Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$786,024. and a Tentative Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$10,173,020. and a Tentative Debt Service Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,754,318. Whereby, the Tentative 2008/09 Budget totals \$96,324,821.; and

Whereas, the Monroe Township Board of Education has been notified or anticipates state aid amounts; and

Whereas, such state aid amounts are:

For 2008/09 the Categorical Special Education Aid is \$2,716,199.; and

For 2008/09 the Categorical Security Aid is \$373,277.; and

For 2008/09 the Categorical Transportation Aid is \$1,579,507.; and

For 2008/09 the anticipated Extraordinary Aid is \$212,422.; and

For 2008/09 the anticipated Debt Service Aid is \$798,382.; and

Whereas, school district Bylaw #0147, Policy #3440, Policy #4440 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2008/09 school year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2008/09 school year at the tentative sum of \$163,800., and

Be It Further Resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary file the required documents with the County Superintendent of Schools.

**Q. RESOLUTION – MELICK-TULLY AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

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

**RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO  
RETAIN MELICK-TULLY AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional engineering and environmental services to conduct a supplemental subsurface investigation at the site of the proposed new Monroe Township High School; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 provides that a contract shall be awarded by a board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor if the subject matter consists of professional services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) provides that the board of education shall state supporting reasons for its action in the resolution awarding a professional services contract and shall forthwith cause to be printed once, in an official newspaper, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the board of education; and

WHEREAS, Melick-Tully and Associates, P.C., Geotechnical Engineers and Environmental Consultants, submitted a Proposal to the Monroe Township Board of Education dated January 31, 2008, stating that the purpose of their services would be to:

1. provide a series of supplemental test pit excavations and test borings within the unexplored portions of the proposed building and stormwater facility areas;
2. estimate the relevant geotechnical engineering properties of the encountered materials;
3. review the geotechnical building design recommendations provided in our soils and foundation report and provide a report including the supplemental exploration logs, an updated plan, and discussions of any changes or amendments to the previous geotechnical building design recommendations;
4. provide the results of the supplemental explorations and permeability testing in the

stormwater areas to the site engineer for evaluation and review by the site engineer; and

WHEREAS, the fee for services to be performed by Melick-Tully and Associates, P.C., would be \$7,500.00 and the estimated fee for subcontractors would be \$7,310.00 and the cost for engineering services and subcontract charges would, therefore, be approximately \$14,810.00, subject to additional costs for attendance at meetings or consultations subsequent to the report, as more particularly set forth in the proposal dated January 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in the Bond Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes a professional services contract with Melick-Tully and Associates, P.C., to provide geotechnical engineering services as more particularly set forth above in the amount of \$14,810.00 and such additional amounts as may be necessary and as more particularly set forth in the Proposal dated January 31, 2008; and

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

**R. BOND SERIES 2008**

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept the following:

**REPORT OF THE BOARD SECRETARY AS TO AWARD OF BONDS**

In accordance with the provisions of the School Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 *et seq.*) relating to the sale of School District Bonds, Series 2008 of the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, I hereby report to the Board of Education the result of the sale of said bonds (the "Bonds"). I received bids for the purchase of the Bonds on February 20, 2008 and awarded the Bonds on February 20, 2008 and hereby report to the Board of Education as follows:

Principal Amount of Bonds: \$41,900,000

Interest Rate Per Annum: See Schedule A attached hereto  
Date of Maturity: See Schedule A attached hereto  
Redemption Provisions: See Schedule A attached hereto  
Purchase Price Received: \$41,900,000  
Name of Purchaser: Prager Sealy & Co.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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Wayne Holliday  
Board Secretary

Refer to Schedule "A" on the next page.

## SCHEDULE A

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**\$41,900,000 School District Bonds, Series 2008**

Due: April 1

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2010	\$ 50,000	4.75%	2025	\$1,600,000	4.75%
2011	50,000	4.75%	2026	1,700,000	4.75%
2012	75,000	4.75%	2027	1,800,000	4.75%
2013	75,000	4.75%	2028	2,020,000	4.75%
2014	175,000	4.75%	2029	2,070,000	4.75%
2015	300,000	4.75%	2030	2,255,000	4.75%
2016	400,000	4.75%	2031	2,350,000	4.75%
2017	550,000	4.75%	2032	2,455,000	4.75%
2018	700,000	4.75%	2033	2,560,000	4.75%
2019	800,000	4.75%	2034	2,670,000	4.75%
2020	825,000	4.75%	2035	2,785,000	4.75%
2021	875,000	4.75%	2036	2,910,000	4.75%
2022	1,050,000	4.75%	2037	3,035,000	4.75%
2023	1,200,000	4.75%	2038	3,165,000	4.75%
2024	1,400,000	4.75%			

**Redemption Provisions**

**Optional Redemption:** The Bonds maturing prior to March 1, 2019 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after March 1, 2019 are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Board of Education, in whole or in part at any time, and if in part, in such order of maturity as directed by the Board of Education, and by lot within a maturity if less than all of the Bonds of such maturity are to be redeemed, on March 1, 2018 or on any date thereafter, upon notice of redemption given by the Board of Education by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the registered owner of any Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books of the Board of Education not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date; provided, however, that failure to mail or to receive such notice, or any defect therein, shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for redemption. The Bonds subject to redemption shall be redeemed at 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

## S. RESOLUTION

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

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES TO RICHARD GRUBB & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A., I 8A: I 8A-5(a)(2) authorizes the award of a contract which exceeds the bid threshold by the adoption of a resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter thereof consists of extraordinary unspecifiable services which cannot reasonably be described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.2, the Monroe Township Board of Education (“the Board”) has a need for expertise, extensive training and proven reputation with regard to the procurement of services for archeological monitoring at the proposed new Monroe Township High School site known as Block No. 59, Lot No. 1.03, consisting of approximately 29.60 acres, as shown on the Monroe Township Tax Map and consisting of property at the intersection of Perrineville Road and Schoolhouse Road in the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, title to the subject property in the name of the Monroe Township Board of Education is subject to a Green Acres Release and Compensation Agreement and Deed of Restriction dated November 29, 2007, a Deed between the County of Middlesex and the Township of Monroe, and a Deed between the Township of Monroe and the Monroe Township Board of Education, all of which were recorded on December 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council previously authorized a Contract with Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., 66 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512, to undertake a Phase I Archeological Survey of the subject property and property known as Block No. 59, Lot 1.04, containing approximately 4.46 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Council also previously authorized a Contract with Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., 66 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512, to undertake a Phase I Archeological Survey of the subject property known as Block No. 59, Lot 1.04, containing approximately 4.46 acres; and

WHEREAS, Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., prepared Monitoring Plan dated August 24, 2007, submitted to the Historic Preservation Office in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the terms of which are incorporated in the restrictions to title

referred to above; and

WHEREAS, archeological monitoring services will be required during the course of construction of the new Monroe Township High School and Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., is uniquely situated to perform the archeological monitoring services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, Jerry Tague, Director of Facilities, has certified to the Board the nature of the work to be done, as more particularly set forth in Section 01340 of the Bid Specifications for the construction of the new Monroe Township High School, which described in detail why the Contract meets the provisions of the extraordinary unspecifiable services exception to the bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., has submitted a Proposal dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2008, a copy of which is available in the Office of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Bond Account for the proposed new high school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes an extraordinary unspecifiable services contract in an amount not to exceed \$778,977.00, as more particularly set forth in the Proposal dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2008, with Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., to comply with archeological monitoring requirements of the Green Acres Release and Compensation Agreement and Deed of Restriction together with all related documents; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the proposed Contract is on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

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

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, the fact that the above services are needed, that bid specifications would be exceedingly difficult to prepare and that Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc., is particularly well suited to provide the services required by the Monroe Township Board of Education.

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BERTRAM E. BUSCH  
Board Attorney

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Kathy Kolupanowich  
Board President

WITNESS:

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Wayne Holliday  
Board Secretary! Business Administrator

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Jerry Tague  
Director of Facilities

Please refer to the enclosed proposal for supplemental information.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
Prepared by

February 27, 2008  
Date