

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on October 17, 2007 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 5:00 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. Joseph Homoki
Mr. John Leary (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)
Ms. Kathy Leonard
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Mr. Ira Tessler (departed at 9:16 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

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 of Curriculum & Instruction

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 82

After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the Board President read the following statement:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the Monroe Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted October 12, 2007:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Antelis moved seconded by Ms. Leonard 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):

1. Interviews with two final candidates for Brookside Elementary School principal.
2. Employment status of Employee No. 000068
3. Status of Student No. 80272 and No. 82551

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

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Members of the Board of Education convened to closed session at 5:05 p.m.

Public Meeting Reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

HENRY RICKLIS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMITTEE DONATION

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

Dr. Ferrie expressed appreciation to members of the Holocaust Committee for their support in helping educate Monroe's students regarding the Holocaust.

HENRY RICKLIS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ASSEMBLY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Mr. Rothman a representative from the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee and Mr. DeFillipis the High School Social Studies Coordinator presented awards to students winning the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee Assembly Essay Contest. The students were Kelcy Mar, Dylan Sorkin, Bridget Noel, Kelly Craig, Nick Rodrigues and Jason Chung. Each student received a fifty dollar American Express Gift Card.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2006/07 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Mr. Stankiewicz stated that the Board was in receipt of two reports. Namely, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. He explained both reports and stated that there were no recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to recommend that members of the Board of Education accept and approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously. Mr. Stankiewicz and Mr. Homoki publicly commended Mr. Holliday, Mr. Gorski and the financial staff for all their hard work in producing such a report with no comments or recommendations. Dr. Ferrie, also, acknowledged and thanked the financial staff.

QUALITY ASSURANCE ANNUAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Dr. Ferrie and Dr. Tienken reviewed the Quality Assurance Annual Report. Specifically, they spoke about: school level planning; achievement of performance objectives; the school report card; professional development activities; condition of facilities; status of mandated program reviews; community support; and the Statement of Assurances. Next, Dr. Ferrie and Dr. Tienken highlighted the 2006/2007 achievement of goals and testing results. Members of the Board of Education and the public were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions. Neither the Members of the Board of Education or the public had any comments or questions.

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

“NAMING THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL” COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Ferrie introduced Principal Dennis Ventrello. Mr. Ventrello then introduced Mr. John Katerba, Monroe Township Historian, who explained the process and criteria used in selecting names to be recommended to members of the Board of Education for the new Elementary School. The three names the committee recommended were: James Monroe Elementary School, Great Oak Elementary School and Oak Tree Elementary School. A motion was made by Ms. Antellis and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to name the new elementary school “Oak Tree Elementary School”. Motion Carried Unanimously.

PROPOSED NEW HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE – Please refer to attached Transcript 1.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to attached Transcript 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Antelis and seconded by Ms. Leonard that the minutes for the Public Meeting held on September 10, 2007 be approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Antelis that the minutes for the Public Meeting held on September 26, 2007 be approved. Motion Carried Unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTENROLLMENT

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

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All schools

2007/08 PUPIL SUSPENSIONS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2007PERSONNEL

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

Board Attorney Bertram Busch read the following(Item AA): Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education confirms a suspension of Employee #000068 retroactive to October 11, 2007 pending further action of the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve Item AA. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried 9 - 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

Item BB was a motion made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve Ms. Dori Alvich to the position of Principal of Brookside School at a salary of \$106,000 pro-rated effective January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried 9 - 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

BOARD ACTION

ITEM A - VIOLENCE, VANDALISM, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, the Annual District Report and the Incident Listing for Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse was presented to members of the Board of Education and public for review. Members of the Board of Education and the public were given the opportunity to make comments or ask questions. Neither the Members of the Board of Education or the public had any comments or questions.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Antelis that Members of the Board of Education accept the Annual District Report on Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse. Roll Call – All Yeas - Motion Carried 9 – 0. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative.

A motion was made by Ms. Antelis and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action items (B – J) be approved by consent. 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.

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

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Please refer to attached transcript 2.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Ms. Bonamici spoke about the following High School activities: Peer Leadership Program, the successes of the Monroe Township Marching Band Competitions, Homecoming Game and Dance, the PSAT, Fall Drama Production, GSA(Fight Against AIDS) Walk, and a Magazine Fundraising Drive. Also, Ms. Bonamici spoke about the following Brookside activities: Assembly on Leni Lenape Indians, Bike Ride Fundraiser, Fire Safety Program, the Book Fair

and the "Pumpkin Patch". Ms. Natarajan spoke about Fire Safety Day at Mill Lake School, the American Heart Association fundraiser "Jump Rope for the Heart" at Woodland School and the following activities at Applegarth Middle School: Red Ribbon Week, Student Council Halloween Dances, Veteran's Day Salute and American Education Week. Student Board Members Report continues as transcript 3.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Please refer to attached transcript 3.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS – Please refer to the attached transcript 3.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to the attached transcript 3.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

TRANSCRIPT
PUBLIC BOARD OF
EDUCATION
MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2007

1 (Transcript part 1)

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Now we will go on to
3 the proposed new high school update.

4 DR. FERRIE: Based upon the conversation
5 from the last meeting, we brought some of the
6 concepts to Mr. Morton. Actually, Mr. Morton came
7 and saw me immediately following the meeting
8 regarding the issues that were in the interlocal
9 agreement in terms of the requirements set forth by
10 Green Acres in terms of the Phase 3 -- the Phase 3
11 archeological on the 3. -- approximately 3.6 acres
12 and 50-foot buffers. So after examining it very
13 closely, we had a presentation tonight before a
14 facilities committee so I'll pass this over. I
15 think it's probably appropriate for Mr. Homoki to
16 introduce this in terms of a portion of the
17 facilities meeting discussion this evening and then
18 turn it over to Mr. Morton, who will give you a
19 brief presentation in terms of what we are
20 recommending at this time.

21 So, Joe, do you want to -- you want to
22 introduce this as part of the facilities committee
23 meeting tonight, or shall we turn this right over to
24 Mr. Morton?

25 MR. HOMOKI: Yes, later on when --

1 DR. FERRIE: Well, Mr. Morton's here to
2 do a presentation on this so why -- Mr. Morton, why
3 don't you come forward, and you just have to
4 identify yourself in the --

5 MR. MORTON: Hi, Jim Morton with Design
6 Ideas Group. As Dr. Ferrie said, after the last
7 meeting, we had a meeting and -- to discuss the
8 possibilities of what would happen if we moved the
9 building down the site towards Perrineville Road to
10 get out of the designated area that DEP has decided
11 would be Phase 3. After that meeting, I met with my
12 engineers, and they were in the process of getting
13 the survey work done as directed by Green Acres, and
14 they had developed a survey identifying two lots
15 from the information that they were given. As some
16 of the references that previously have been that
17 this is a 3.6-acre area. There's also a buffer
18 portion of this piece so it ends up about
19 4.46 acres.

20 We got the survey information, and I put
21 it on our site work, our site plan, and I did some
22 sketches and studies just very schematically just to
23 see what would happen if we moved the building down.
24 I discussed it and presented it to our engineers,
25 and together we looked at what would have to be

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1 done, with the goal being that we must save all the
2 parking and the building -- of course, the building
3 doesn't change -- and to fit all that on the
4 remaining acreage. We are confident that we can do
5 that. We know what we have to do, and the --
6 tomorrow I'm going to meet -- meeting with them to
7 start the engineering process to show -- decide what
8 we have to do in order to house the storm water.
9 There will be some changes made to the detention
10 basins. We have a large detention -- recharge basin
11 along Perrineville, as you know. We are going to
12 relocate that. It is going to be smaller because of
13 the relocation of the building, but we will make it
14 -- we will change its profile by using retaining
15 walls and block retaining walls to give us the
16 cubage we need for the storm water. We are going to
17 supplement that with underground storage as
18 required.

19 When they do their final calculations,
20 we'll know what that is, and as a result of moving
21 the building down towards Perrineville, we get away
22 from a high point on the property, and so that the
23 detention basin on the easterly side will be
24 somewhat smaller. We don't know exactly how big
25 that is yet until we do the calculations, but there

1 will be an effect to the side of the property where
2 the buffer area is, but the net result is that we
3 can house all the storm water we have to in the
4 required basins that we will have to have and
5 maintain all the parking that we had. There will
6 also be the set-aside area for the addition, a
7 future addition if you require it, and additional
8 parking if you require it.

9 So this will take us some time. We are
10 not going to have this ready to go to Freehold Soils
11 Conservation for their approval until early January.
12 That will be consistent and in line with our
13 schedule to be able to go out to bid in January, and
14 so we haven't -- we're not going to be losing any
15 time as far as the bidding process is concerned. We
16 will -- what we intend to do is come back to you in
17 April -- in November and have more information on a
18 preliminary basis as far as what the engineering is
19 showing, and I hope to have a preliminary budget
20 estimate for the work that we're going to have to do
21 and any changes that will have to be done, the
22 relatives of those items that I mentioned, the storm
23 drainage and the underground drainage. We hope to
24 start immediately on that.

25 I know that tonight's meeting you were

1 supposed to be appointed to go with the additional
2 work that's required, and we will start tomorrow,
3 and I'll be back to you with updates and give you
4 information as we go along.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Before I open
6 this up to the Board for discussion, I'm going to
7 turn this over to Mr. Busch for a resolution.

8 MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Mrs.
9 Kolupanowich. Thank you, Jim. Jim had submitted a
10 letter this past week with a proposed amendment to
11 the contract. Just by way of background, you'll
12 recall the Board had entered into a contract with
13 MRM Architecture and later approved an amendment by
14 assigning that to DIG, Design Ideas Group, so while
15 I'll be reading a fairly long dry thing, that's the
16 background and would authorize an amendment to that
17 contract to take into account the movement or the
18 sliding to the west of the building and structures
19 on the property.

20 "Whereas the Monroe Township Board of
21 Education, the Board, and MRM Architecture entered
22 into a contract on November 13, 2003, for a proposed
23 new Monroe Township High School;

24 "And whereas the Board adopted a
25 resolution authorizing the assignment of the

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1 contract from MRM Architecture to Design Ideas Group
2 Architecture Plus Planning, LLC (DIG);

3 "And whereas the New Jersey Department
4 of Environmental Protection, DEP, by letter dated
5 September 10, 2007, adopted a letter dated September
6 7, 2007, from the state Historic Preservation
7 Office, HPO, conditionally agreeing to execute a
8 partial release of Green Acres restrictions for the
9 western portion of the site subject to all terms and
10 conditions set forth in the DEP letter and the HPO
11 letter;

12 "And whereas DIG has submitted a letter
13 dated October 9, 2007, to Wayne Holliday, business
14 administrator for the Board, together with a
15 notification of amendment to the professional
16 services agreement dated October 10, 2007;

17 "And whereas the said document submitted
18 by DIG contains a proposal to relocate the proposed
19 new Monroe Township High School in order to leave
20 untouched the 3.6 acres and buffer identified by the
21 HPO and DEP as the 28-MI-243 site area;

22 "And whereas the notification of
23 amendment submitted by DIG identifies the
24 engineering requirements associated with the
25 movement of the building west on the site, including

1 reengineering for storm drainage, grading, and
2 utilities, inverts for underground piping, storm
3 recharge detention berms, the parking lot
4 configuration, and other items, all of which must be
5 shown on site drawings, plumbing drawings, and an
6 electrical site plan, together with a graphic plan
7 showing the revised site layout, a preliminary
8 construction cost estimate, submission of the
9 revised site document to Freehold Soil Conservation
10 District, and the Monroe Township Municipal
11 Utilities Authority, and other items prior to
12 awarding bids, at a cost of an additional \$170,000
13 as more particularly set forth therein;

14 "Now therefore be it resolved by the
15 Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby
16 authorizes the president and secretary of the Board
17 to sign the AIA document, G605-2000 submitted by DIG
18 as set forth above."

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there a motion to
20 accept the resolution?

21 MS. LEONARD: So moved.

22 MS. ANTELIS: Second.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Kathy and Miss
24 Antelis.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. Thank you.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I'll open it up to
2 the Board for discussion. Mrs. Leonard.

3 MS. LEONARD: I have a question about
4 the detention basins. You mentioned -- my question
5 is about the new detention basin. Stone walls, and
6 is it going to be deeper? Can you elaborate,
7 please?

8 MR. MORTON: No, it's not deeper than
9 what we had before. The profile changes. Before we
10 had sloping sides, and it went down to a flat
11 bottom. The bottom of the basin will be -- was and
12 still will be sand because it's a recharge basin.
13 We have to hold a certain amount of cubage feet of
14 water based on calculations they have for when we
15 have rainfall. We have to recharge a 2-year storm,
16 and so we have to have a sand basin. So it doesn't
17 -- it doesn't change the depth, but it changes the
18 cubage because we are -- by making retaining walls,
19 we change the slope to a box.

20 MS. LEONARD: So we're going to have a
21 pool instead of a basin.

22 MR. MORTON: No, there won't -- you
23 hold --

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Leonard.

25 MR. MORTON: It will recharge, and once

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1 it reaches a point, there will be a weir that in a
2 2-year storm that it will go up to the level of the
3 weir, and then it will seep out like any detention
4 basin, but because it is a sand base, it will perc
5 into the ground.

6 When we started all this on the site, we
7 did -- we had the geotechnical people do perc tests
8 in the areas of the detention basins. Part of what
9 we're going to be doing now is we have to have the
10 geotechnical people come back and do some more perc
11 tests because we're moving the basin. So we want to
12 be sure and test that we are going to get the proper
13 perc we need in the bottom of the basin, but it does
14 -- it doesn't really -- all we need to do is house
15 that cubic feet of storm water at that given time.
16 We -- we might -- the basin that we're going to
17 have, the area that we're going to have left, as I
18 said, we might have to supplement with some
19 underground storage capacity in large pipes that
20 will take the additional storm water for a period of
21 time in storage, and then it will also weep out into
22 the drainage system in the area.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

24 MR. HOMOKI: Madam Chair, may I just add
25 onto --

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki.

2 MR. HOMOKI: -- what's been said before?

3 Yesterday we went to the ground breaking ceremony
4 for the addition to the library, and Ernie Feist was
5 there, and we talked about the very same issue that
6 you have questioned, and there are -- they're
7 looking at different options as to what is best, and
8 he was not specific enough because it says if you
9 have to look at the area, you have to study the soil
10 and everything else, and he will come up with an
11 answer as to what the -- but one thing I can assure
12 you is that we will conform to all local ordinances,
13 all regulations, runoff and so on. All that will be
14 done. That's a must. That's a given. That has to
15 happen. As to how it's going to happen, he is not
16 absolutely certain yet because he doesn't have all
17 the data as of yesterday.

18 MR. MORTON: Right.

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anybody -- Miss
20 Antelis.

21 MS. ANTELIS: I have a couple questions.
22 We're not changing the size of the building. It's
23 staying the same size that we had originally
24 designed.

25 MR. MORTON: Right, nothing changes with

1 the building. It just moves about 180 feet towards
2 Perrineville.

3 MS. ANTELIS: By doing this, will this
4 delay the project at all?

5 MR. MORTON: No.

6 MS. ANTELIS: No.

7 MR. MORTON: That's why the January 9
8 date I mentioned, what we are planning to do, we
9 will be submitting the Freehold Soils Conservation
10 for that, and at that time, about that same time
11 we're going to be going out to bid. When the
12 2-month period that we have to bid, we will be able
13 to get the approval from Freehold. We don't expect
14 them to make any changes, but in case they come back
15 and they say they want something changed, we will
16 still have some time to put that into an addendum.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis.

18 MS. ANTELIS: And we don't have to go to
19 the DOE, the DCA, or any of these other --

20 MR. MORTON: We will be making an
21 amendment, amended submission to DCA only to show
22 them that we are making a change. The only concern
23 they have is barrier-free access. We're not
24 changing that so as long as we can show that we're
25 still complying with the barrier-free access and how

1 we had originally planned and that all will stay the
2 same, that's really their basis of concern.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis.

4 MS. ANTELIS: So what you're saying is
5 going ahead with this plan is not going to delay in
6 any way this work. Thank you.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mrs.
8 Leonard.

9 MR. HOMOKI: Kathy.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Leonard has the
11 floor.

12 MS. LEONARD: Mr. Morton, you mentioned
13 storage underground. Under the detention basin or
14 in another part of the site, and how does the water
15 get into --

16 MR. MORTON: I don't really know. Most
17 likely it will be in the parking lot, but I really
18 can't -- I don't know until we really get it all
19 engineered, but there will be underground piping
20 storage. It will -- it will take the excess from
21 the basin and go into a storage facility under in
22 pipes, and then from there it will go out into the
23 -- it will weep out into the regional storage area
24 or the storm system, but I don't know exactly how
25 much it is and how much of it there will be or where

1 it's going to be exactly located until we get the
2 engineering done.

3 MS. LEONARD: John, I'm not finished.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Leonard.

5 MS. LEONARD: How does the water get
6 from the detention basin to the underground storage?

7 MR. MORTON: It will be -- there will be
8 weeps. The same like the 2-year storm, there's a
9 weir, a little hole in a pipe so as that water
10 raises up, it will go into a release pipe that will
11 go out into the area, the storm piping that's
12 already in the area. That same thing will happen
13 when it reaches to level in the -- as the water
14 rises in the basin, it will go into the storm --
15 underground storm pipe. It will go into it at
16 another -- from another pipe system into that
17 underground pipe system from the basin.

18 MS. LEONARD: And that would be mesh --

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mrs. Leonard.

20 MS. LEONARD: -- mesh so no person can
21 get swept through that?

22 MR. MORTON: I'm sorry. I didn't
23 understand.

24 MS. LEONARD: The pipe opening at the
25 weir.

1 MR. MORTON: Yes.

2 MS. LEONARD: That would be mesh so
3 nothing large can get --

4 MR. MORTON: Yeah, yeah, yes. There
5 will be trash screens and things like that so that
6 nothing will go into that. You can't get, you know,
7 balls and anything, floating objects or anything
8 like that into that or twigs and things.

9 MS. LEONARD: I was thinking of
10 something a little more precious.

11 MR. MORTON: This will be fenced so the
12 access to the weir will be inside a fenced area.

13 MS. LEONARD: Okay. Thank you.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Homoki, did you
15 have a question?

16 MR. HOMOKI: Yeah, I just wanted to add
17 onto what Amy said, and not only do we have -- are
18 we going to have the exact same building that we
19 designed originally, but we will also have addition
20 -- the space for any future additions that we might
21 want to do down the road, and, of course, the
22 biggest things is that we eliminate the 3.6, which
23 is an unknown. We know it's going to cost money,
24 but it's certainly unknown down the road, so that's
25 certainly half the process.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

2 MR. LEARY: Yes. I lived in Chicago for
3 8 years, and the use of underground storage is a
4 technique that's used throughout the Chicago
5 metropolitan area, and it's a very common civil
6 engineering practice.

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

9 MS. OSTRAGER: You keep talking about
10 storage for 2-year storm, correct? I hear you
11 correctly?

12 MR. MORTON: That's for the recharge
13 portion.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay. So when we have a
15 larger storm, what's the water going to go?

16 MR. MORTON: It's still in the basin.
17 The basin is designed for probably a hundred-year
18 storm, but the recharge portion of the basin is a
19 2-year storm so that the bottom -- that level will
20 come up at the bottom of the basin. It will come up
21 a given dimension, and then it will weep out into
22 the storm drainage system in the roadway.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

24 MS. OSTRAGER: This underground piping
25 system that would go I guess underneath a parking

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1 lot, can you give me an order of magnitude? I know
2 you can't give me a budget yet, but are we talking
3 about hundreds of thousands, millions, I mean,
4 just --

5 MR. MORTON: In what, in linear feet? I
6 don't know that.

7 MS. OSTRAGER: Dollars.

8 MR. MORTON: Oh, no.

9 MS. OSTRAGER: Roughly, I mean tens of
10 thousands, hundreds of thousands --

11 MR. MORTON: Tens of thousands.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: -- millions? Tens of
13 thousands.

14 MR. MORTON: Yes, and, again, this is
15 not -- we don't even know how much it is, how much
16 of it we have to do yet, and I hope to be able to
17 come back to you in November with at least a
18 preliminary estimate of what we are doing.

19 MS. OSTRAGER: Now --

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: The perc test that you
22 were talking about, is that included in the
23 \$170,000, or is that something that we're separately
24 contracting with --

25 MR. MORTON: No, the testing is done --

1 that's a separate issue that is done by the
2 geotechnical company that you'll hire. You already
3 have hired a geotechnical company that did the
4 original testing, and we would go back to them and
5 augment their study. We're not doing a whole site.
6 We're just going to do -- we're going to do the
7 areas that were not done, you know, in the -- for
8 the basin area. We did -- we did where the basin
9 was originally located. Now, we have -- as we're
10 moving the basin, we need to do three -- I think
11 last time they did a test pit and two borings in the
12 where the new basin will be.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: Why are we doing a
15 recharge basin where before we had detention basins,
16 like what's the significance there?

17 MR. MORTON: It's the law. It's
18 required by code and law.

19 MS. OSTRAGER: The code has changed
20 since we had the original design.

21 MR. MORTON: Yes, yes.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

23 MS. OSTRAGER: In the previous plan, the
24 plan that we have in place today that has the three
25 detention basins, it appears that the new plan has

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1 this one recharge basin that's smaller in surface
2 area than the largest of those three. Even though
3 we're changing the steepness, therefore increasing
4 the volume, if we're not going any deeper, and those
5 were fairly steep before, I mean, they weren't
6 straight down, how is the gross volume of this one
7 basin compared to the gross volume of the three
8 basins we had before combined?

9 MR. MORTON: Well, first of all, the one
10 -- the basin on Perrineville has nothing to do with
11 the other two, and the other two are probably going
12 to end up to be a very small one because as we slide
13 down towards Perrineville, we get away from that
14 high point so we -- we're not putting as much storm
15 water out in that direction, but the reason that
16 we're doing some of the underground is the fact that
17 we don't know yet how much capacity we're going to
18 be able to put into that new basin. It will be
19 close to what we had but not exactly what we had
20 before so there will be some balance, and I can't
21 tell you tonight what that is until we get the
22 engineering done, but we know we can fit it on the
23 site.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Okay.
25 Miss Ostrager.

1 MS. OSTRAGER: If we're finished with
2 basins, I have a few other questions. You had a --
3 I mean, at this point you haven't redrawn design so
4 just looking at the design, it just may be a time to
5 look at some of these things. When I look at the
6 bus turn-around that you have on the far western
7 corner there, there is parking that appears to be
8 car parking between the building and the bus loop;
9 am I reading that correctly, or is it just the way
10 it's drawn?

11 MR. MORTON: That's nighttime parking.
12 What we use that -- the bus loop for is nighttime
13 parking, you know, additional parking for events
14 that may occur for the auditorium or the gymnasium.

15 MS. OSTRAGER: But there's enough space
16 there --

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

18 MS. OSTRAGER: -- for how many buses to
19 angle park for the pick-up and drop-off? I mean, is
20 there --

21 MR. MORTON: Well, you --

22 MS. OSTRAGER: I was looking at it, and
23 it looked like it was parking, and I'm thinking how
24 are the buses dropping off the kids with no --

25 MR. MORTON: The parking lot or the

1 parking spaces were shown incorrectly. They
2 shouldn't be on that drawing because they are
3 nighttime parking spaces. They're not daytime
4 parking. That bus loop is strictly for buses --

5 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay.

6 MR. MORTON: During the daytime. At
7 night you can come in and park your cars, and I
8 think -- I forget how many -- I think we had 70 cars
9 in that area at night.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

11 MS. OSTRAGER: Will we need a new
12 environmental impact statement because of the change
13 in the water flow?

14 MR. MORTON: We don't -- we are not
15 doing an impact statement at all.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay.

17 MR. MORTON: All we have to do is
18 justify the storm water calculations to Freehold
19 Soils Conservation.

20 MS. OSTRAGER: Now, you --

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

22 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you. You had one
23 walkway that looked like it was going from the front
24 door of the building straight across, I assume so
25 that students can then access the athletic fields on

1 this location?

2 MR. MORTON: I didn't get the first part
3 of the question. I'm sorry.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: When I look at the
5 drawing, there appears to be one pedestrian walkway
6 that goes from the front of the building that goes
7 straight across to Schoolhouse Road, and it appears
8 that it's -- my guess is so that it's students can
9 access the athletic fields here.

10 MR. MORTON: Yes, and that's where
11 there's a gatehouse going to be there, and that will
12 be the controlled access to get students across the
13 roadway.

14 MS. OSTRAGER: There's a gate.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

16 MR. MORTON: There's --

17 MS. OSTRAGER: Because I was wondering
18 why it's not going --

19 MR. MORTON: It's a security -- it's a
20 security house.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: -- a crosswalk, why is it
22 not going to the light where the students would have
23 controlled access.

24 MR. MORTON: Well, actually, there was a
25 discussion early on about whether -- where the

1 location of that house would go, whether it should
2 go at the corner or whether it should go down
3 further in front of the building. It was decided
4 that the location should be in front of the building
5 where the students would most likely walk across.
6 There will be a fence across, you know, along
7 Schoolhouse so that access can only be done at that
8 one control point, and there's going to be -- in the
9 roadway we will have a -- you may have seen lighting
10 systems they have now -- a pedestrian lighting
11 system across the roadway at that location so it
12 will be a secure point of access.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

14 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Seeing no
16 other questions, we'll have a roll call on the
17 motion to accept the resolution to move the high
18 school to the west.

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

20 MR. LEARY: Yes.

21 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

22 MR. TESSLER: Yes.

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

24 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

1 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

3 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

5 MR. BRAVERMAN: No.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

7 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.

9 MS. ANTELIS: Yes.

10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

11 MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

14 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,
15 the motion has passed.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. We will
17 now go to the public forum. Anyone from the public
18 wishing to speak to the agenda, please come to the
19 microphone and state your name and address for the
20 record.

21 MS. CORNISH: I have two questions.
22 First one with the storm sewer water, I listened to
23 the discussion, and I guess everybody understands
24 that that water goes directly into Jamesburg, which
25 is in a flood zone. That's a flood zone area that

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1 you're directing that water to. I can't possibly
2 believe that with the problems in Jamesburg that
3 there isn't some kind of DEP, you know, requirement
4 when you're directing water that's never been there
5 before into a flood zone, which is definitely going
6 to be a problem. I mean, it's not like it's been a
7 hundred years since Jamesburg was wiped out from
8 water. So I do think that you're going to have a
9 little bit of a problem, you know, with this water
10 because of the fact that Jamesburg is in a flood
11 zone. Thank you.

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

14 MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska, 1634
15 Perrineville Road. My question, Mr. Morton or
16 anybody from the Board, as far as only meeting the
17 requirement from Freehold Soil, can somebody tell me
18 why that's your only place of requirement?

19 DR. FERRIE: Mr. Morton, you want to
20 answer that, please? Just state your name.

21 MR. MORTON: That's part -- Jim Morton
22 again from Design Ideas Group. That is part of our
23 application process. In order to -- for a permit to
24 be released, we have to have approval from Freehold
25 Soils Conservation. The other submissions have

1 already been done, and the engineers are -- have
2 never done the Freehold Soils because of the
3 changes, the delays that were -- we experienced. So
4 once that -- once we have completed our redesign,
5 we'll submit it to Freehold Soils Conservation, and
6 I think we have to submit to the MUA. They've
7 touched base with everybody else that they have to
8 touch base with.

9 MS. PROHASKA: I appreciate your
10 response, although I still feel that this Board and
11 this proposal still needs to answer to the
12 conditions of the State House. From what I
13 understand, a change in plans -- and it's right here
14 on the application that if any of the above maps
15 change in the application, they must be revised and
16 resubmitted with the final plans, so I don't see why
17 the DEP would not be concerned that not only have
18 you moved the school 4 acres, but you're still short
19 or you've changed two retention basins. So my
20 question is if we only needed one recharge basin and
21 we could have had these additional basins used for
22 fields or additional parking or additional school
23 space at any time, why didn't we just have one
24 recharge basin.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton.

1 MR. MORTON: We always had recharge
2 basins, and the other two that were at the top of
3 the site where there because, as I said, we were at
4 the top of the site on a high point, and the
5 distribution of the existing storm water runoff
6 dictated that we have basins at the top end. We
7 still will have a small basin on the easterly side.
8 You know, they'll design the system to meet the
9 requirements that they have.

10 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. That sounds great,
11 but now I'm hearing about underground, and I'm
12 hearing cinder blocks, and it seems to me like maybe
13 there is -- this additional cost was something we
14 wanted to avoid and that's why we had originally the
15 three retention basins. Is that because this
16 particular one basin seems to be of a much bigger
17 magnitude and a little more of a detailed basin
18 opposed to just the usual, you know, hole in the
19 ground. Am I correct in stating that?

20 MR. MORTON: Well, the basin that we had
21 before was a sloped side basin. It was a grassy
22 sided basin with a sandy bottom.

23 MS. PROHASKA: Is that the one that was
24 on the Perrineville western side?

25 MR. MORTON: They all were.

1 MS. PROHASKA: Okay.

2 MR. MORTON: All three were, and --

3 MS. PROHASKA: Has there been any
4 changes now where that basin is now?

5 MR. MORTON: We've relocated the basin
6 to go north.

7 MS. PROHASKA: North.

8 MR. MORTON: It was in the corner of
9 Perrineville and Schoolhouse. It is now north on
10 the northern side of the property because that gives
11 us --

12 MS. PROHASKA: Does that affect any of
13 the existing homes that are on Perrineville Road?

14 MR. MORTON: How would it affect anymore
15 than it did before?

16 MS. PROHASKA: I don't know. I'm just
17 asking you.

18 MR. MORTON: No.

19 MS. PROHASKA: I haven't seen the
20 revised -- I'm surprised you didn't come in with
21 maybe a little map of something just to show
22 everybody the changes that have been made.

23 MR. MORTON: We will do that in November
24 when we get our engineering done, you know, gone
25 along so know what we're talking about.

1 MS. PROHASKA: Now, if you've changed
2 the parking lot in any way, does that change your
3 electrical or does this change any of your pipes in
4 any way. There's got to be more to it than just
5 saying, well, I'm just going to dig one retention
6 basin when I used to have three. It sounds like
7 there's been a whole redesign maybe of the parking
8 area from what I hear from Miss Ostrager talking
9 about the bus loop.

10 MR. MORTON: Yes, we -- that's why we
11 gave the Board a proposal, because there is a lot of
12 work that we have to do. It changes inverts. It
13 changes parking. It changes lighting. That's what
14 we're going to be doing between now and January.

15 MS. PROHASKA: Okay. So now if there is
16 --

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Your
18 3 minutes are up. Anyone else from the public?

19 MR. SIEGEL: Will Siegel, 12 Public
20 Road. Mr. Morton, maybe we can answer this. Have
21 you ever been called back to a site to retrofit it
22 if it didn't meet the demands in a situation?

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton, do you
24 wish to answer that?

25 MR. SIEGEL: I'm really concerned about

1 the water that's going to come off this property,
2 like the lady said back here. Jamesburg has been
3 hit like three times the last 2 or 3 years, and at
4 first they attributed to a hundred-year storm.
5 Well, now that the climatologists are changing the
6 definition of a hundred-year storm, I think this is
7 something that we really have to consider in this
8 situation.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton.

10 MR. MORTON: Jim Morton with Design
11 Ideas Group. That's what our engineers are going to
12 be doing. They're going to study. They know what
13 they have to do. They will -- the whole site has to
14 be recalculated for storm runoff because we are
15 moving the building, moving down site. When we --
16 when they get the configuration of the building
17 location and parking, we will -- they will do the
18 calculations and design the basins to meet that
19 requirement. We have -- that's why we have to have
20 basins and why it's so important, as I mentioned
21 before, as far as where the water now goes. You
22 know, we're not going to be increasing the runoff.
23 We have to maintain, recharge, or detain the water
24 in those basins or the underground storage, and they
25 have calculations to support that.

1 MR. SIEGEL: Have you ever seen an
2 emergency spillway?

3 MR. MORTON: I'm sorry?

4 MR. SIEGEL: Have you ever seen an
5 emergency spillway coming out of one of these
6 retention sites?

7 MR. MORTON: I don't believe we will
8 have detention basins of that design, that type.
9 You know, for -- I know what you're talking about,
10 yes, but I don't believe we have that system
11 designed that way.

12 MR. SIEGEL: Thank you. While I'm up
13 here, the last time I was here I questioned the
14 number of acres for a contemporary school, and now
15 it's gone from 35 to what, 31.4 I guess it would be,
16 and at the time I asked what about future
17 expansions, and Mr. Leary chimed in and said, well,
18 it will be vertical, and I said that's okay.

19 Over the last year, I've been doing some
20 research, and I think at that meeting, Dr. Ferrie
21 said he had been in contact with South Brunswick and
22 they had wished they had more than the 76 acres that
23 they do for their present high school. If you check
24 your minutes, Mr. Ferrie, I think that's what you
25 said.

1 Last -- 2 weeks ago, almost to the day,
2 I was at a board meeting in South Brunswick. As I
3 walked in the room, it was almost like fate. The
4 Mayor was appealing to the board that they acquire
5 an additional 30 acres adjacent to their high school
6 because they didn't have enough space. That would
7 take them to over a hundred acres. When I asked
8 what the additional acres were for, anybody want to
9 take a guess? Student parking, because the cars
10 were all over the neighborhood, and people were
11 complaining. Have you ever driven past this place
12 in the springtime when the weather starts getting
13 nice? The cars are all over the place. I can't
14 imagine where is the parking going to come in over
15 at Thompson Park. Down the road 10 years, are
16 future Board members going to --

17 (End of tape 2) band. That's all.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you for your
20 comments. Anyone else from the public?

21 MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio, 9
22 Nathaniel Street in Monroe. I can't help but speak
23 to Mr. Siegel's statement about the expansion.
24 We've heard all along that you wouldn't want to go
25 and do a vertical expansion here because you don't

1 want to have anything disrupt the students, and yet
2 we keep touting that, oh, you know, if our numbers
3 are wrong on the population, if we need more space,
4 we're just going to expand and you're going to do
5 vertical. So why is it going to be okay after the
6 fact, after we've made probably -- have to live with
7 the consequences of failure, and you're going to do
8 a vertical expansion then, but you're not willing to
9 do it now, which is baffling to me. It really --

10 DR. FERRIE: It's not a vertical
11 expansion. Mr. Morton, can you please explain that?

12 MR. MORTON: Jim Morton again with
13 Design Ideas Group. The plan has always provided
14 for future expansion, and the question has always
15 been how big. So the -- we have on our sketches,
16 our plans always shown the dotted line where a
17 building expansion could go. It doesn't go on top
18 of any existing building. It goes out from the
19 building. The only discussion about whether it's
20 vertical or not is whether it's going to be two
21 stories or three stories.

22 MS. ARMINIO: Well, if it's -- how is
23 this going to be built? You said you're not
24 changing anything now. It's going to be built as a
25 two-story building now?

1 MR. MORTON: It's -- there's a
2 three-story academic classroom tower --

3 MS. ARMINIO: Okay.

4 MR. MORTON: -- surrounded by a
5 one-story piece that houses the things that are
6 large one-story areas like the auditorium, the
7 cafeterias, the gyms and things like that. So the
8 classroom tower is in the center of the building,
9 and it's three stories tall. The addition that
10 could go out beyond that could also be three stories
11 tall.

12 MS. ARMINIO: And there will be no
13 disruption at all in any --

14 MR. MORTON: Not on top. When you're
15 talking about vertical on this building is because
16 the discussion was whether or not you would go on
17 top of the existing building. I don't personally
18 ever recommend that. I know there's some people
19 that think about designing schools where you can
20 expand vertically. I don't think that's a good
21 idea.

22 MS. ARMINIO: Well, do you just --

23 MR. MORTON: That's not that way the
24 building that we're talking about now is designed.

25 MS. ARMINIO: Okay. I just thought it

1 was said a few minutes ago that it was a vertical
2 expansion.

3 MR. MORTON: Vertically only because you
4 can go two or three stories, but from grade.

5 MS. ARMINIO: Sounds like semantics.
6 Okay. The other thing Will just brought up, which I
7 thought was incredible, and we haven't thought about
8 it, but we're seeing sort of the use of the park now
9 as parking for this facility, so is this going to go
10 beyond the 31 -- if we're going to need additional
11 parking during activities and things like that, I
12 could just see that the rest of the flatlands of
13 that park are going to be used for parking, and I
14 just find that if we know that to be the case right
15 now, it's horrible. Is the 31 acres -- are we going
16 to stay within and contained in the 31 acres,
17 including parking?

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton.

19 MR. MORTON: Are you asking me?

20 MS. ARMINIO: Yes.

21 MR. MORTON: Jim Morton. Well, I have
22 barely little to say about that, but my
23 understanding is you can't do anything but stay in
24 that area. That's your profile. And don't forget
25 this particular building is going to be a middle

1 school. There's going to be additional parking
2 spaces available on this site for either teachers or
3 whoever -- however the Board -- if you ever got into
4 that problem, but the plan also has, as I mentioned
5 before, space for building expansion as well as
6 additional parking spaces.

7 MS. ARMINIO: And that's --

8 MR. MORTON: Again, we don't know how
9 big, how much you're going to require or how much
10 it's going to be, but there is space on the site to
11 do that.

12 MS. ARMINIO: All these things that we
13 don't know about, and we're in 19 -- in 2007. Okay.
14 Runoff flows from the corner Perrineville Road
15 toward the Wigwam Brook in towards Jamesburg and
16 then down because we are a high elevation here and
17 then down Schoolhouse, and you're saying that that's
18 not -- that Schoolhouse is not going to be impacted,
19 and yet I do believe some of the sewer lines or the
20 storm sewers are going to attach to Nathaniel
21 Street. I think you said that in one of the
22 previous meetings. Is that still going to occur?

23 MR. MORTON: Jim Morton, Design Ideas
24 Group. I don't ever remember saying that
25 Schoolhouse was not going to be impacted. There is

1 going to be work on Schoolhouse. There's road work.
2 The sanitary line does run down Schoolhouse. I
3 think it's about 15 or 1,600 feet. That's where the
4 sanitary line runs.

5 MS. ARMINIO: I'm talking about
6 flooding, flood, storm.

7 MR. MORTON: Again, you're now -- you're
8 now running away from -- as you slide down the site
9 towards Perrineville, you're moving from the high
10 point towards Perrineville, and you're going to be
11 reducing the amount of storm water running out into
12 the brook area to the east.

13 MS. ARMINIO: The -- well, you're still
14 going to have all the same impervious space,
15 impervious surfaces so that water is going to go
16 somehow still down there and now without the benefit
17 of as big a retention basin as you first calculated.

18 MR. MORTON: Yes, that's right. That's
19 right. We're going to calculate that into that
20 recharge basin and the underground storage.

21 MS. ARMINIO: And you're confident that
22 there will be no flooding or -- because there's a
23 valley right below this area. You're confident that
24 there's not going to be any future impact on the
25 maybe hundred or so houses that flow down from --

1 MR. MORTON: I'm confident with my
2 engineers that they can design a system to do what
3 it has to do without flooding the area, yes.

4 MS. ARMINIO: And yet we still have
5 flooding in this area. Okay. Thank you.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is there anyone else
7 in the public?

8 MS. KOPPEL-EGIERD: Hi. Leslie Koppel,
9 10 Andrew Drive, and I'd like to just start by I'm
10 not representing the PTA and I'm not representing
11 the council. I'm here only as a parent, as a mom.
12 We have waited so long for this day, and we are
13 here, and I am so proud of the Board, and I'm so
14 excited, and I just wanted to let you guys know.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone
16 else from the public? Is there any other -- others
17 before we see you again? Okay.

18 MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska, 1634
19 Perrineville Road.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Is this on a
21 different subject?

22 MS. PROHASKA: It's a different
23 question.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: On the same subject?

25 MS. PROHASKA: This is on the agenda,

1 correct?

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

3 MS. PROHASKA: Do I have a different
4 question on the agenda? Is that okay or --

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: As long as it's on a
6 different subject.

7 MS. PROHASKA: Why, it can't be on the
8 high school.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Not if you've spoken
10 once on the high school.

11 MS. PROHASKA: Oh. I'll just wait for
12 public forum then.

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Then we
14 will go to the approval of the minutes for the
15 public Board of Education of September 10, 2007.

16 (Transcript part 2)

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will now go to the
18 business administrator's report with Mr. Holliday.

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President and
20 members of the Board of Education, it is recommended
21 that Board action items A through U be approved by
22 consent roll call.

23 MS. ANTELIS: So moved.

24 MR. KAUFMAN: Second.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis, Mr.

1 Kaufman.

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted.

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any
4 questions for the business administrator? Mr.
5 Braverman.

6 MR. BRAVERMAN: On item F for the hockey
7 team, should the hours of usage be in the contract?

8 MR. HOLLIDAY: It is, sir. It's in the
9 packet, I believe, sir.

10 MR. BRAVERMAN: What time are they
11 practicing?

12 MR. HOLLIDAY: That, sir, I do not know.

13 MR. BRAVERMAN: Will there be bus
14 service?

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: School.

16 MR. BRAVERMAN: In many school
17 districts, they practice in the middle of the night.

18 DR. FERRIE: No, no. We make sure that
19 it's after school, that it's not very late at night
20 or not very early in the morning.

21 MR. BRAVERMAN: And they'll have bus
22 service?

23 DR. FERRIE: Yes.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: Okay. I have another
25 question.

1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any -- oh, another
2 question?

3 MR. BRAVERMAN: On item K, there was an
4 article in the Home News a couple of weeks ago dated
5 9-23, and it's a study that shows hazards in
6 artificial turf, and I'd just like to read one
7 paragraph to you, and I'm sure you've looked into it
8 or you can speak to it. A study last month
9 sponsored by a Connecticut advocacy group found high
10 levels of carcinogens and some heavy metals in the
11 rubber tire crumbs gathered from the synthetic turf
12 field in Fairfield County, and the group advised
13 against continuing the rapid roll out of additional
14 fields. I doubt whether that will have any effect,
15 but I just wanted to get that into the record.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss
17 Ostrager.

18 MS. OSTRAGER: I have a question on
19 items S, T, and U. This is a supplement. I was
20 wondering at what point did we know that the parents
21 in these cases were contesting the level of service
22 that the district was providing and asking for
23 additional service and that this was going to end up
24 in it appears litigation?

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: On S, T, and U, these

1 were particular items that were being under review
2 with our student services department continuously
3 with counsel, namely Viola Lordi from Wilentz. When
4 I received the agreements, they were finally
5 finalized, and, therefore, I received them on
6 Monday, this past Monday, and, therefore, they were
7 included in my report.

8 MS. OSTRAGER: But somewhere before we
9 reached an agreement or you made this proposal for
10 an agreement, we knew that there was the potential
11 for litigation, correct? You weren't surprised when
12 you got this and said, gee, here's a resolution, we
13 never heard of this before. At what point did we
14 know that we had parents who were so frustrated with
15 the level of services that they were being offered
16 by this district that they were taking this -- that
17 this was being advanced to litigation?

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: I knew that there was
19 ongoing dialogue with representatives from student
20 services, and that ongoing dialogue was with the
21 parents and with the attorneys. I was not
22 intimately involved with any of the negotiations
23 that came about with this particular agreement. I
24 was given the agreement and presenting it to the
25 Board.

1 MS. OSTRAGER: So prior to getting this
2 agreement, you didn't know that we had potential
3 litigation, or could you give me a date, like a
4 month, a year? How long has this been an issue?

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager, I would
6 not want to give you an inaccurate answer.
7 Certainly, the most accurate answer could certainly
8 come from Mr. King, or I could supply the answer
9 from Mr. King to you later.

10 MS. OSTRAGER: I guess this comes --
11 issue that I have is earlier when we had the
12 superintendent's report and we talked about
13 out-of-district placements, one of the things that I
14 heard over and over for the last 2 or 3 years where
15 I've been coming to the Board members' meetings
16 either as a member of the public or as a member of
17 the Board is that our population has continued to
18 increase and we're very proud of the fact that we
19 have not had any significant increase in the amount
20 of out-of-district placements that we were making
21 even though our population has increased
22 significantly, and so question that I've asked
23 before has been how could this be possible that we
24 have all these kids moving into the district and yet
25 we're not having an increase in the number of kids

1 who have needs that are severe enough to require
2 out-of-district placement. Is it possible that we
3 are having kids who need more extensive services and
4 they're not getting them? And when I look at this,
5 this makes me very concerned that there were parents
6 who had children who had severe needs that, you
7 know, sometimes we can meet these in district, and
8 sometimes kids have needs that are more severe than
9 what you can meet in district. Certainly, we are
10 not increasing the number of self-contained
11 classrooms in there. We don't have the space for
12 it. So I guess my concern isn't just with the
13 settlement of these three. My question is is how
14 many other kids are there where parents are asking
15 -- I know of a few cases where people have talked to
16 me and I know they've withdrawn their kids from the
17 school system -- and how can we monitor this to make
18 sure that these children who are very needy are
19 getting the level of service that they really need,
20 and this is an indication to me that maybe there are
21 kids in our system that are not getting the level of
22 services that they need, and that concerns me.

23 DR. FERRIE: I'm going to respond. I
24 take absolute exception to the insinuation that you
25 are making that this administration does not meet

1 the needs of the children in this district, period.
2 I'm not going to respond any further. We can
3 discuss this with Mr. King if you'd like regarding
4 these three students. You're inaccurate in terms of
5 the number of self-contained classrooms because just
6 recently received a \$300,000 grant for teaching
7 children with autism and increased that program.
8 We've expanded our autistic program, our autistic
9 program through the district.

10 The State of New Jersey's goal based
11 upon its resolution -- its work with the federal
12 government has been to provide more inclusive, more
13 inclusive environment for children. Several years
14 ago, New Jersey was in jeopardy of actually losing
15 federal funding because of the manner in which it
16 was an exclusive state. So I'm not going to comment
17 any further on that this evening. Thank you.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis.

19 MS. ANTELIS: I also take exception to
20 what you said. You know what, I've known Mr. King
21 for years, and he has tried to provide a level of
22 service above and beyond for every special needs
23 child in this district. I had one myself. We will
24 -- and we've seen this even tonight with people
25 wanted bus routes changed. We cannot make every

1 single parent, as much as we would like to, happy in
2 this district, and there are going to be people who
3 dispute our professionals, but that's why we have
4 them. We're not here to make judgments about that.
5 We're here to make policy and not to question the
6 administration of special needs. There are people
7 who are not going to be happy. That's just the way
8 it goes. They took us to court, and then there was
9 a resolution.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss
11 Faraone.

12 MS. FARAONE: I just want to state from
13 my own personal experience. My son is special needs
14 handicapped since he was 18 months old, and I went
15 through the Jamesburg school system with an
16 exceptional child study team that did everything to
17 meet his needs, and when he transitioned into the
18 high school, I cannot tell you the level of
19 professionalism and compassion that the child study
20 team, Mr. King, the administration put towards
21 finding, which has become very common and very
22 popular nowadays, the least restrictive environment
23 for my son and in the same capacity encouraged that
24 he does get the best education. So while I
25 understand what you're saying, Rita, looking at

1 these, you might think that there was a red flag
2 that went off and no one addressed it. This is a --
3 I can assure you this is a very slow, involved
4 process, and they all came to an agreement, and I am
5 sure it was not on any part of the child study team
6 and the administration that they were negligent in
7 providing for these children, but there are certain
8 needs that certain children need, and they met them
9 to the best of their ability.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

11 MR. LEARY: I'd like to address this
12 issue from two perspectives. Number 1, I represent
13 Monroe Township in Middlesex Regional Education
14 Service Commission, and we work very cooperatively
15 with Mr. King and the child study teams here, and
16 the second perspective is I have a profoundly
17 retarded son, and I have to tell you my personal
18 experience with Mr. King and the child study team
19 was excellent, and I could look at them as true
20 professionals who are truly compassionate.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Okay.
22 Seeing no one, we will have a roll call.

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

24 MR. LEARY: Yes.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

1 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

3 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

5 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

7 MR. BRAVERMAN: No on K, P, and Q; yes
8 on all the rest.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Could you -- would you be
10 so kind.

11 MR. BRAVERMAN: K like in Kenny, P like
12 in Peter, Q like in question.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you so much, Mr.
14 Braverman.

15 MR. BRAVERMAN: You're welcome, Mr.
16 Holliday.

17 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

18 MS. OSTRAGER: No on K, P, and Q; yes on
19 everything else.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: K, P, and Q?

21 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. Thank you very
23 much.

24 MS. OSTRAGER: I assume we're invoking
25 the doctrine of necessity on item J? We didn't

1 state so, but I assume that's true.

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Noted. Miss Antelis.

3 MS. ANTELIS: Yes on all items.

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

5 MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,
9 the motion has passed. Madam Board President, that
10 concludes the business administrator's report.

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Motion to accept the
12 report.

13 MS. ANTELIS: So moved.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: Second.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Antelis, Mr.
16 Kaufman. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions.
17 Motion is carried.

18 (Transcript part 3)

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any questions for our
20 students? Miss Ostrager.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes. Last month you
22 reported that the block scheduling was going fairly
23 well, but you had -- there were some problems with
24 lunch and not having enough time to get through the
25 lunch lines, and I read that in the high school

1 newsletter, as well. Is that working out now, or is
2 it still an issue?

3 MS. BONAMICI: It's a real issue.
4 Personally, I am really close to the cafeteria when
5 I am going for lunch, and by the time I get to the
6 cafeteria, there is a line so long that by the time
7 I have got my food, I am back at my table, I only
8 have about --

9 MS. NATARAJAN: Ten minutes.

10 MS. BONAMICI: Ten minutes, yeah.

11 MS. NATARAJAN: Ten minutes or so.

12 MS. BONAMICI: Ten minutes to eat, and
13 that's not a lot of time. That's really not.

14 MS. NATARAJAN: It's really important to
15 get to the lunch room as quickly as possible, and
16 considering the amount of traffic that fills the
17 hallways, it's just difficult. I think the fact
18 that there are four different like half hour blocks
19 makes it easier because there is only so much
20 congestion per block, but it's still pretty much an
21 issue.

22 MS. BONAMICI: It's bad. Like we've
23 actually had, my friends and I, a race to the
24 cafeteria. We all started out -- and we're
25 basically like really running to see who can get

1 there first, who can get their lunch first, who can
2 like make it, and still, 15 minutes tops to eat is
3 insane. It's really bad.

4 DR. TIENKEN: Yeah, let me -- can I
5 address that, too? From our perspective, it's
6 really --

7 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Dr. Tienken.

8 DR. TIENKEN: It's somewhat better
9 because what we've seen in our discipline reports,
10 we've seen a massive reduction in the amount of
11 incidents that occur during lunch period. The other
12 thing is when you first brought that up, I went into
13 the lunch period every day for 8 days, and I timed
14 the amount of time it takes students to eat, and
15 it's true, if you arrive late to lunch, you will
16 wait 14 to 16 minutes to get through the line.

17 MS. BONAMICI: Yeah.

18 DR. TIENKEN: And then you will have 14
19 or 16 minutes to eat, but what I did is I followed
20 that last person every day for 8 days, the last
21 person who got in line, and I watched, and they did
22 eat, and they actually did have 10 minutes to talk.
23 So, yes, I understand the issue with, you know, you
24 don't have as much time as you used to have because
25 you used to have literally 25 to 30 minutes to eat

1 and talk and, you know, do other things.

2 MS. BONAMICI: Yeah.

3 DR. TIENKEN: So I agree with you that
4 it is compressed. To that end, we have been working
5 yet, to open yet another service station because I do
6 agree, a 14-minute line, yeah, it is -- it's long.
7 I mean, I would definitely get hungry waiting in
8 that line. So we met with Mr. Tague and Mrs.
9 Mitroscak, and we're looking at another spot in the
10 cafeteria to open up another serving station where
11 they would serve sandwiches and snacks and drinks.
12 One of the issues is what I found is a lot of kids
13 get in that long line just to buy snacks, and they
14 don't realize that the snack machines are, in fact,
15 turned on so they don't have to wait in line if
16 there's a snack in the snack machine.

17 MS. BONAMICI: Are we allowed to use
18 those snack machines?

19 DR. TIENKEN: Yes. See, that's the
20 issue. Yes, yes, use them, please.

21 MS. BONAMICI: That's me. I get the
22 snacks.

23 DR. TIENKEN: I don't think -- and we've
24 -- and obviously we have to publicize this more.
25 Last year, the snack machines were, in fact, turned

1 off during lunch because we did not own the snack
2 machines, and with the no compete clause -- correct
3 me if I'm wrong -- we could not have the snack
4 machines on until after school ended. So you're
5 absolutely right. This year, we own them. We can
6 have them on during the lunch periods.

7 MS. BONAMICI: That is awesome. All the
8 people were thinking is, oh, I'm not allowed to use
9 the snack machines. All last year after school --

10 DR. TIENKEN: I hear you.

11 MS. BONAMICI: We got yelled at for
12 using the snack machines.

13 DR. TIENKEN: No, they're turned on so
14 we have that. We're going to add the other serving
15 station. So I, you know, I do agree with what
16 you're saying. There is actually a 14- to 16-minute
17 line; however, everybody does eat and finish their
18 lunch, but I understand your point of view. You
19 know, you want to go in there and relax a little
20 bit, and it would help if the lines were shorter,
21 and that's what we're working on.

22 MS. BONAMICI: Thank you.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr.
24 Kaufman.

25 MR. KAUFMAN: Yeah, just to back up on

1 what Dr. Tienken said, in my office we have
2 approximately 5,000 people that work there on a
3 day-to-day basis, and in the building there's a
4 cafeteria just like you guys have, and there are a
5 few, lunch lines, and you can understand that 5,000
6 people trying to eat lunch at on or about the same
7 time can be a little bit, you know, backing up.
8 What they actually did do was to open up like a
9 grab-and-go line where people would just go up that
10 just wanted a sandwich with a drink, and there was a
11 fixed price so people didn't have to count out
12 money. You literally grabbed your lunch and you
13 were out of the line in a heartbeat.

14 The other thing that we also did was
15 institute these little cards that employees could
16 have on their ID so that they didn't have to carry
17 cash. What they did was they just basically tapped
18 and go, so that they would pay, their money would be
19 debited out of their account, and then people would
20 be able to fly through the lines so you didn't have
21 to play around with dollars and cents.

22 I think anything that we can do to
23 expedite the process of getting through the line
24 would be great, and, you know, putting up these mini
25 satellite stations would definitely free up the long

1 lines.

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Ms.
3 Ostrager.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: Mr. Kaufman's comments
5 about the swipe, we used that at Brookside when the
6 lunch lines became an issue. Given that we're
7 expecting increased enrollment for the next few
8 years at the high school, is that something we can
9 consider for next year's budget to add to the high
10 school, and would that help our situation?

11 DR. FERRIE: Yes, we're actually
12 expanding that this year to Woodland.

13 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay.

14 DR. FERRIE: And as I just mentioned, I
15 leaned over to Wayne and I said we may be thinking
16 about sooner than later the POS system at the high
17 school to help this in addition to the extra line,
18 you know, the extra serving areas with a POS, but
19 then, of course, we might have to have like kind of
20 like when you're driving up the Parkway with the
21 EZPass versus the -- where we have POS lines where
22 the students want to do that, help expedite that.
23 So we'll look at that, but you keep us posted. You
24 know you can let us know this in the monthly
25 meetings that Mr. -- that Dr. Tienken and I have

1 with you, too. So let us know how this is going the
2 next time we meet. Okay?

3 MS. NATARAJAN: Yeah.

4 MS. BONAMICI: Great.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else for the
6 students? Okay. Thank you for your report.

7 MS. BONAMICI: Thank you.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will now go on to
9 the committee reports, curriculum, co-curriculum
10 activities, athletics, Patrice.

11 MS. FARAONE: No report.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Finance, buildings
13 and grounds, transportation, Joe.

14 MR. HOMOKI: Again, we have spoken about
15 the proposed site plan revision for the high school
16 so I'm not going to touch on that. Another
17 important thing is there's a little link, a sidewalk
18 extension at Brookside Elementary School that we're
19 looking at. We'd like to finish that project so
20 we're doing a study.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any questions for
22 Joe? The new high school action committee, Amy.

23 MS. ANTELIS: We'll be meeting Monday
24 October 2, 5 p.m. in Brookside School.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Community

1 relations. Ira had to leave, but I believe there is
2 a meeting tomorrow, 12 noon, at the township
3 library. Policy, Marv.

4 MR. BRAVERMAN: We met Thursday,
5 October 11, at 4:15, and it was a very exciting
6 meeting because we had an increase of one observer,
7 so they heard about our exciting meetings and they
8 had to get there. We spoke about adult education,
9 district equipment, breathalyzers, and reviewing
10 existing policies, as well as the process of naming
11 schools, buildings, and whatever.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you very much.
13 Technology, Lew.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: No report.

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Library board.

16 DR. FERRIE: Yes, the ground breaking
17 for the addition to the public library occurred
18 yesterday, and certainly everyone looks -- it was a
19 wonderful ceremony, and everyone looks forward to
20 when this new facility is finalized. It certainly
21 will be a treasure in Middlesex County. So it was a
22 wonderful ceremony, and it will expand the library
23 by 22,000 square feet.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Human
25 Relations Commission, John.

1 MR. LEARY: On Sunday there will be the
2 Octoberfest, and the Human Relations Commission will
3 be a participant there.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Municipal
5 Recreation Board, Amy.

6 MS. ANTELIS: I will be meeting on
7 Monday.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Jamesburg Board of
9 Education, Patrice.

10 MS. FARAONE: Our next meeting is
11 tomorrow night.

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Middlesex Regional Ed
13 Services Commission, John.

14 MR. LEARY: The finance committee met
15 yesterday and the board of directors will be meeting
16 on Friday, and the items that will be of interest
17 are that the schools at Piscataway and Sayreville
18 are on schedule going through the design approval
19 and build process and that a bridge loan has been
20 arranged for an amount of \$10 million from Commerce
21 Bank to provide funding for the Sayreville school
22 until we get all the drawings and everything else,
23 and then we can go out to the bond market for an
24 additional \$30 million.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you very

1 much. That concludes our committee reports. We
2 will go to number 17. Is there any other business
3 from any member of the Board of Education? Seeing
4 none -- Miss Ostrager.

5 MS. OSTRAGER: Could we get an update on
6 the status of the release of the 31 acres? On
7 September 10, we opened the meeting with a letter
8 that was read into the record that at the close of
9 business that day that 31 acres was going to be
10 released.

11 (End of tape 3) when this may be
12 released, will we have it before the bond
13 referendum?

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I'll refer this to
15 Mr. Busch.

16 MR. BUSCH: Thank you, Mrs.
17 Kolupanowich. I make it a point of speaking to the
18 assistant township attorney, Peg Schaffer, on a
19 daily basis. I spoke to her about 20 after 4 today.
20 DEP has everything it needs, including a survey
21 showing the two lots, the MI lot that would be the
22 impacted historic site and the larger lot. They're
23 engaged in review, and we're just waiting to find
24 out, and then once the 31 acres more or less are
25 released, my understanding is that the county will

1 have a deed to the township and the township will
2 have a deed to the Board of Education. So the ball
3 is still in DEP's hands.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

5 MS. OSTRAGER: At the last meeting, we
6 passed a resolution, which, if I understand it
7 correctly, we as a Board of Education are now
8 responsible for making sure the remaining checklist
9 items from the State House Commission are completed
10 and completed on time. To the best of my knowledge,
11 about a year ago, a contract was awarded to design
12 the soccer fields that are supposed to be completed
13 by January 5. Do we have any idea what the status
14 of that is and if they're going to be done on time?

15 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

16 MR. BUSCH: Again, with my daily
17 checking with Mrs. Schaffer, my understanding is the
18 town does not need to ask for any extensions, and
19 everything is expected to be done by the 2-year
20 deadline, which is, indeed, January 5, 2008. The
21 warm weather I think will be helpful.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss
23 Ostrager.

24 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you. Just one more
25 on the same subject. The last communication I am

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1 aware of -- and I don't OPRA these things constantly
2 -- to the DEP regarding the release of the land was
3 a letter from Peg Schaffer, and in that letter she
4 was asking for the release of the entire 35 acres.
5 Now that the responsibility is with this Board to do
6 that and raising the issues that I had last time
7 about the DEP and the 3.6, is this Board going to be
8 requesting the release of I guess it's now about 30
9 and a half acres from the DEP, or are we going to
10 continue the request for the release of the entire
11 35?

12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

13 MR. BUSCH: You'll recall at the
14 September 26 meeting that this Board authorized the
15 interlocal agreement between the township and the
16 Board of Education, and, indeed, Kathy Kolupanowich
17 and Wayne Holliday signed it. The ordinance
18 authorizing that agreement was adopted on first
19 reading by the Township Council. It's on for next
20 Monday, September 22, if that is Monday. I think it
21 is -- for second reading. October 22, I'm sorry.
22 Thank you. And I'm assuming following the public
23 hearing, if it's adopted, that the agreement will be
24 signed by the township. The agreement is about 4
25 pages long.

1 When we see the release for the 31 acres
2 more or less, the Board will proceed with those
3 31 acres. The 4 acres which require monitoring, I
4 think I can't comment on that unless Dr. Ferrie
5 wants to.

6 DR. FERRIE: No, that's it.

7 MR. BUSCH: Okay. That would be it, but
8 the 31 acres we are hopeful will be released very
9 shortly.

10 MS. OSTRAGER: But have we --

11 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Ostrager.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you. Have we made
13 a formal request from the DEP for only that
14 31 acres, which they seem more inclined to release,
15 since if Mr. Morton is able to make this fit on that
16 31, actually 30 and a half when you take away the
17 50 feet. Have we made that, or is the last
18 communication still asking for the whole 35, because
19 the 31 seemed like something we can get?

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Busch.

21 MR. BUSCH: We do not interface directly
22 with DEP. We don't have the relationship with them.
23 By agreement the township is doing all the
24 requesting. Peg Schaffer has requested the release
25 of the 31 acres ASAP. DEP has everything they've

1 anybody? How do you know that the information you
2 got was correct?

3 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton, do you
4 wish to respond?

5 MR. MORTON: I'm not involved -- I'm not
6 involved in that process. I get information, and I
7 put it on a drawing.

8 MS. PROHASKA: Well, then I guess my
9 next question is maybe to Dr. Ferrie. Is that
10 normal policy of the Board? I was at the facilities
11 meeting today, and supposedly you didn't sleep well
12 after the last meeting, and you decided the next day
13 to contact Jim to see if there was something you
14 could do regarding this 31 acres and if he could
15 work on something. Is that something that normally
16 gets done like this without the Board having a
17 resolution, or is that -- is that policy? I don't
18 know.

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Does anyone wish to
20 respond?

21 DR. FERRIE: No.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Please go on.

23 MS. PROHASKA: Mr. Bertram, is there a
24 policy?

25 MR. BUSCH: That's my first name, not my

1 last name. Mr. Busch.

2 MS. PROHASKA: Mr. Busch, I'm sorry.

3 MR. BUSCH: I'm not a hair dresser.

4 MS. PROHASKA: Well, you never know.

5 MR. BUSCH: No, I don't care to respond
6 to that, either.

7 MS. PROHASKA: I didn't think these
8 questions were all that difficult. I'm just trying
9 to get some answers because I'd like to see a copy
10 of the survey that Mr. Morton's looking at, and I'd
11 like to know where I can OPRA that from, but it
12 seems like he must have just, you know, discovered
13 this somewhere and decided to work off of it. I
14 wouldn't want to work off somebody's survey that I
15 didn't know had any legitimacy to. I mean, this
16 just doesn't make any sense. I'm sorry if I'm
17 asking complicated questions, but I just something
18 that seemed to -- I would like to see a copy of that
19 survey so --

20 MR. BUSCH: I don't have it. I've never
21 seen it, and the township's handling it. Check with
22 Miss Schaffer.

23 MS. PROHASKA: Miss Schaffer may handle
24 it. Okay. My other question was, after reading the
25 Sentinel from the last meeting, I believe Miss

1 Ostrager had asked the Board to consider instead of
2 going for the 35 acres that Peg Schaffer had
3 originally wanted that maybe we should just go for
4 the 31.whatever acreage, and I believe this was a
5 lengthy discussion on trying to get the Board to go
6 just with the 31 acres, and Dr. Ferrie was quoted
7 not -- for not being a Wizard of Oz, he was just a
8 superintendent, that he wasn't sure if there would
9 be any delays. Now, Peg Schaffer quotes, saying,
10 well, there will be delays because this project, if
11 there's any changes, needs to go back to the DCA. I
12 just want to ask the Board one more time. Is this
13 project, with any of the changes that were made here
14 tonight regarding what Mr. Morton's doing, going
15 back to the DCA? Is that a yes or a no? DCA,
16 Department of Community Affairs.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Morton, do you
18 wish to respond?

19 MR. MORTON: Jim Morton again. I
20 indicated earlier, what I would do when we get the
21 final engineering done, we will contact the DCA and
22 we will amend our submission to include the revised
23 site plan. Their concern on site plan is barrier
24 free access, points -- pathways from parking to the
25 building, and we are not changing any of that. So

1 -- but we will submit an amended copy to the DCA for
2 their information.

3 MS. PROHASKA: Okay, and while you're
4 standing there, it's my last question and I'll let
5 you sit down. You just said the engineering --
6 whoever does the engineering work. Does the Board
7 know who's doing the engineering work for this
8 project?

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: For the -- for which
10 project?

11 MS. PROHASKA: For these changing -- the
12 changes that are being made. What engineering
13 company is going to be doing --

14 MR. MORTON: Our engineers, Feist
15 Engineering.

16 MS. PROHASKA: Oh, that's your
17 engineering.

18 MR. MORTON: They've always done.

19 MS. PROHASKA: Oh, okay.

20 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you very much
21 for your comments. Anyone else from the public
22 wishing to speak?

23 MS. CORNISH: Audrey Cornish,
24 Schoolhouse Road. I'd like to bring up another
25 little problem you might have. There is no policy

1 for subdividing land exchanges at the DEP right at
2 this point so asking for the 31 acres makes it very
3 different than asking for the 35 acres. There is --
4 are you asking for all 35? Are you asking for 31,
5 and, do you have any idea when you're going to have a
6 deed in hand because I've listened to Peg Schaffer
7 for the last 4 years telling deed in hand was just
8 about ready. You were going to have it in 2 weeks.
9 You were going to have it in 2 months. You were
10 going to have it in March. You were going to have
11 it in June. You were going to have it in September.
12 So far I haven't seen a deed, you know, anywhere,
13 and does the 31 acres pose a problem if that's all
14 you want with your land swap? That changes the land
15 swap entirely because it's written under 35 acres.
16 That's what your original swap was for. If you
17 change it to 31 acres, then your -- the whole
18 wording, the whole process changes. So, I mean, I
19 -- we would like to know as a public, are you asking
20 for the 35 acres and then just shoving off the other
21 3.6 for the historical part? Are you giving it
22 away? Are you asking them not to give it to you?
23 That's what I'm asking you. Are you asking them not
24 to give it to you, or, you know, like it changing
25 your request for 35-acre land exchange, or are you

1 just going to take the 35 acres and then give them
2 back the 3.6, which makes a difference in the
3 legality of all of this.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any comments? Mr.
5 Busch.

6 MR. BUSCH: Miss Cornish, the DEP has
7 requested a subdivision I believe contrary to what
8 you just said showing the larger piece separated
9 from the MI smaller piece, the historic site. The
10 -- specifically asked to show two separate lots.
11 They have that information. According to everything
12 I've been told, they have everything they've been
13 requested. As far as whether it has any impact upon
14 the exchange of properties, my understanding is
15 absolutely and categorically it does not. The
16 September 10 letter from Deputy Commissioner Amy
17 Cradic indicates that it will not affect any of the
18 exchange because originally it was going to be
19 77 acres of exchanged land, then it was 150, and it
20 wound up 170 plus from the township and a .061-acre
21 easement from the Board of Ed, and they specifically
22 addressed that letter, that issue, rather, in a
23 letter of September 10. It does not change the
24 equation.

25 MS. CORNISH: All right. No, I've also

1 spoken with people at the DEP, and that's not my
2 understanding.

3 MR. BUSCH: Take a look at the letter.

4 MS. CORNISH: I've read Peg Schaffer's
5 letter a million times.

6 MR. BUSCH: Amy Cradic's letter from DEP
7 says it.

8 MS. CORNISH: Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the
10 public?

11 MS. KAPOOR: Tracy Kapoor, Saddle Court,
12 and I'm going to be brief because this meeting's
13 lasted forever, but I come to all these meetings,
14 and I've heard for years and years that our Board is
15 reactive, it's reactive. Well, I want to applaud
16 you all in being proactive in taking this step
17 because our children need this high school, and
18 we're going to finally get it done.

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone
20 else from the public?

21 MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio, 9
22 Nathaniel Street. I believe Miss Kapoor -- and I
23 could be misinterpreting what you just said about
24 being proactive, and I suspect it's about being
25 proactive getting the 31 acres, and if that's the

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1 case -- I'm talking now on an emotional level, which
2 I normally don't do, but I find that this Board and
3 some members of the public or some people on the
4 Board and some members of the public absolutely
5 continually attack other members of this Board who
6 ask questions, legitimate questions, make
7 recommendations. They're made to -- they're almost
8 chastised for those recommendations, and then lo and
9 behold, because originally they were well thought
10 out and intellectual, those things happen to come
11 true, and that person is actually vindicated, I
12 think, and then other people who were actually nasty
13 take credit for it. So I would hope that we get a
14 little bit more civil on this Board and get things
15 done instead of making faces and being unprofessional and
16 taking things so personally that it doesn't serve
17 the community well at all. I would like to
18 compliment the members of the Board who have the
19 courage to ask pertinent, professional, and decent
20 technical questions, and I'm not sure how proactive
21 things have been at all. Thank you.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else?

23 MS. PROHASKA: I just have one last
24 comment to make before we leave tonight.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you please give

1 your name?

2 MS. PROHASKA: Nancy Prohaska, 1634
3 Perrineville Road. I just want to go back to the
4 land that continually is considered, you know,
5 donated by the township. Just for the record, I
6 want everyone to know that that land was achieved
7 through cluster zoning so, you know, to just say,
8 oh, it was donated out of the goodness of their
9 heart seems to kind of go in a different direction
10 in my opinion, but back then when that acreage was
11 given for the elementary school, a lot of people
12 were like, well, why can't we just build a high
13 school there. We can't build a high school there.
14 It's 30 acres. It's too small. It's impossible.
15 And here we are on 31 and a half acres in Thompson
16 Park. So I just want to remind the Board for all
17 the times that you made comments and opinions
18 regarding land size, please have your facts straight
19 before you embarrass yourselves when it comes back
20 to you somewhere down the line. Thank you.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the
22 public? Seeing no one, our next scheduled public
23 Board of Education --

24 MS. FARAONE: Mrs. Kolupanowich.

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I'm sorry, Patrice.

1 Public forum is closed.

2 MS. FARAONE: I just wanted to address
3 the comment before. If I'm not mistaken, the area
4 of flooding that was a concern in Jamesburg was
5 specific to the Costco building that's over on
6 Gatzmer on the other side of town. I don't believe
7 down Perrineville Road into Forsgate was an issue
8 specifically. I know that we had the flood 2 years
9 ago, which was an anomaly. It was a flood that
10 hadn't happened in a hundred years and so many
11 inches within 21 minutes, but if I'm not mistaken
12 the flooding issue is specific to the Costco area on
13 the other side of town on Gatzmer.

14 And my other comment is I've been on
15 this Board for 12 years, and in the past year and a
16 half, I have been nothing but insulted and put down,
17 and I sit here and listen and take it because as a
18 Board member I listen and you're entitled to your
19 opinions, but I don't appreciate being told that I
20 or anyone I associate with on the Board is
21 condescending or rude or -- we're all entitled to
22 our opinions. We're all allowed to give them
23 whether they're pro or con.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else ? Seeing
25 no one, our next scheduled public Board of Education

1 meeting will be Wednesday November 14, 2007,
2 7 o'clock p.m. at the high school. Motion to
3 adjourn.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2007

	<u>9/30/07</u>	<u>6/30/07</u>	Increase+ <u>Decrease-</u>	<u>9/30/06</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	772	676	+96	668	+104
Barclay Brook School	708	703	+ 5	688	+ 20
Brookside School	963	938	+25	923	+ 40
Mill Lake School	666	691	-25	680	- 14
Woodland School	486	492	- 6	486	0
Monroe High School	<u>1528</u>	<u>1457</u>	<u>+71</u>	<u>1467</u>	<u>+ 61</u>
Total Elementary & Secondary	5123	4957	166	4912	+211

Enrollment Continued

	<u>9-28-07</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	
Bancroft	1	
Bridge Academy	1	
Center for Voc Reh	1	
Center School, Highland Park	2	
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	
Collier School, Wickatunk	2	
CPC High Point	3	
Jamesburg Student	2	
Eden Institute	2	
Hampton Academy		
Jamesburg Student	1	
Harbor School	2	
High Roads	5	
Jamesburg Student	2	
Joseph Cappello	2	
Kidspace	1	
Kiva High School		
Jamesburg Student	1	
Mary A Dobbins	1	
Mercer Elementary	1	
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	4	
Jamesburg Student	1	
Mercer County Reg Day	4	

Midland School, North Branch		4	
Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro		1	
New Brunswick High School			
Jamesburg Student		1	
Pine Ridge		1	
Piscataway Reg Day		1	
Rugby School		2	
Jamesburg Student			
Schoth School		1	
Somerset Academy Jamesburg Student		1	
Somerset Hills Residential		1	
Spotswood High School			
Jamesburg Student		1	
State Fac/DCF		1	
Summit Speech		1	
UMDNJ			
Jamesburg Student		1	
TOTAL Monroe Students		60	
TOTAL Jamesburg Students		11	

I. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/ wk
1	Med	UG	Fletcher	OD	9-5-07		5
2	Med	UG	Oskierko	OD	9-5-07		10
3	CST	10	Ballard, Basile, Kelley, Deboer, Ongaro	HS	9-5-07		10
4	Med	12	Butler, Appel	HS	9-20-07		10

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----September 24 and 27, 2007
 Barclay Brook School -----September 7 and 18, 2007
 Brookside School -----September 17 and 25, 2007
 Mill Lake School -----September 20 and 27, 2007
 Woodland School -----September 17 and 25, 2007
 Monroe High School -----September 21 and 27, 2007

IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. George Packard**, as head coach for the Boys and Girls Varsity Bowling team for the 2007-2008 school year.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Elizabeth Penner** from the After School TAG program for Grade 5 and 6 Math and Grade 6 Science, effective October 15, 2007.
- C. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Candy Kury**, paraprofessional at Barclay Brook School, retroactive to September 28, 2007.
- D. It is recommended that the Board rescind **Mr. Michael O'Connor** as the Club Advisor/Before School Sports, at Brookside School for the 2007-2008 school year.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA to **Mr. Scott Wall**, Special Education teacher at the High School, effective October 22, 2007 through November 1, 2007.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Susan Abatemarco**, LDTC, effective November 19, 2007 through May 1, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any remaining contractual sick days Ms. Abatemarco may have available.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Jena Rose**, Special Education teacher at the High School, effective February 5, 2008 through June 30, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any remaining contractual sick days Ms. Rose may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Pamela Valvano**, Family Consumer Science teacher at the High School, retroactive to October 8, 2007 through June 30, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any remaining contractual sick days Ms. Valvano may have available.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Dawn Krempecki**, bus driver in Transportation, effective October 17, 2007 through October 19, 2007.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Natasha Carannante**, Spanish teacher at the High School, effective October 11, 2007 through February 14, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any remaining contractual sick days Ms. Carannante may have available.

- K. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Mr. Jerry Stark**, custodian at the High School, retroactive to October 1, 2007.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Ms. Philippa Sessa**, driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to October 1, 2007.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the start date of **Ms. Wendy Roth**, Basic Skills teacher at Mill Lake School, from September 11, 2007 to September 1, 2007.
- N. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in the contract of **Ms. Christa Cleary**, keyboarding teacher at Brookside/Woodland from 60% to 63% retroactive to September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This reflects an increase in enrollment.
- O. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Danielle Kutcher**, for summer curriculum writing (Music Across the Curriculum) for a total of 32 hours for the Summer of 2007.
- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the After School Talented and Gifted Program for the 2007-2008 school year:
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| Benjamin Howroyd | grade 6 Math | replaces Betsy Penner |
| Jeanne Czapkowski | grade 6 Science | replaces Betsy Penner |
| Anju Chawla | grade 5 Math | replaces Betsy Penner |
- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for After School Basic Skills at Mill Lake for the 2007-2008 school year:
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|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Teachers | | |
| Karen Berecsky | - | two days |
| Jennifer Day | - | four days |
| Kristie Deluca | - | four days |
| Sarah Ginter | - | four days |
| Susan Nowachek | - | four days |
| Lisa Papandrea | - | four days |
| Sarah Spilken | - | two days |
| MaryAnn Berberian | - | substitute paraprofessional |
- R. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the September 26, 2007 Superintendent's report to reflect the following:
- Mr. Nathan Cogdill**, to read Athletic Trainer/Fall 2007
Irena Stankiewicz, Custodian Brookside to reflect +night premium
Gail Maretz, paraprofessional 3.75 hrs/day to read effective October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

- S. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contracts of the following custodians to Lead Custodians retroactive to October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Eric Petterson	Woodland School
David Rupinski	Mill Lake School
Maria Ledbetter	Barclay Brook School
Waclawa Gierlachowska	Brookside School
Kevin Fadden	Applegarth School

- T. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contracts of the following transportation paraprofessionals to reflect the special education rate (\$1.00 per hour):

Barbara LaRue	retroactive to September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Nancy DeBella	retroactive to September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Gloria Piatek	retroactive to September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Karen Zambor	retroactive to July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Concetta Anzaldi	retroactive to September 13, 2007 to June 30, 2008
Margaret Nesby	retroactive to September 17, 2007 to June 30, 2008

- U. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in the hours of the following personnel in the Transportation retroactive to October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Drivers

Janet Horn	from 6.0 hrs to 7.0 hrs/day
Susan Lohman	from 7.0 hrs to 8.0 hrs/day
Philippa Sessa	from 6.0 hrs to 6.5 hrs/day
Sandra Chong	from 6.0 hrs to 6.5 hrs/day
Sam DeLuzio	from 6.0 hrs to 6.25 hrs/day
Dolores Irato	from 6.0 hrs to 6.5 hrs/day
John Karczewski	from 6.0 hrs to 8.0 hrs/day midday adj.
Kathe Pietz	from 6.0 hrs to 7.5 hrs/day midday adj.
Shannon Wilson	from 6.0 hrs to 6.25 hrs/day
Sue Zelickovics	from 6.0 hrs to 6.25 hrs/day

Paraprofessional

Gloria Piatek	from 2.0 hrs to 2.5 hrs/day
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- V. It is recommended that the Board approve the following coaching positions at Applegarth School for the 2007-2008 School year:

Winter Cheerleading	Natalie Burd (50%) and Dawn Fowler (50%)
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W. It is recommended that the Board approve the following advisory positions at Applegarth School for Fall 2007:

ART CLUB	Maria Naumik
ASP (ALPHA I)	Frances Cundari
ASP (ALPHA II)	Kimberly Lowden
ASP (INNOVATION I)	Tomm Kowalczyk
ASP (INNOVATION II)	Tomm Kowalczyk
ASP (PRIDE I)	Jan Marshak
ASP (PRIDE II)	Jan Marshak
ASP (VEGA I)	Patricia Van Gorden
ASP (VEGA II)	Sharon Rusnak
ASP (SENATORS I)	Kerri Kirchner
ASP (SENATORS II)	Kerri Kirchner
ASP (SPECTRUM I)	Dawn Fowler
ASP (SPECTRUM II)	Joan Venslavsky
BUILDER'S CLUB	Erin O'Brien
BUILDER'S CLUB	Kerri Kirchner
CHEERLEADING CLUB	Katy Elias
COLOR GUARD CLUB	Dawn Fowler
COMPUTER CLUB	Donna Montgomery
CRAFT CLUB	Mona LeClaire
DANCE CLUB	Erin Muschla
DETENTION	Jan Marshak
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	Erica Blumetti
DIRECTOR'S CHAIR CLUB	Joan Venslavsky
FITNESS CLUB	Erica Blumetti
FLAG FOOTBALL 7th Gr. CLUB	Chip Booher
FLAG FOOTBALL 8th Gr. CLUB	John Devine
FRENCH CLUB	Catherine Chang
HISTORY CLUB	Christie Vizoki
JAZZ IMPROVISATION CLUB	Robert Howatt
MOVIE-MAKER CLUB	Donna Montgomery
PEER MEDIATION	Dorothea Zeier
PEER MEDIATION	Donna Montgomery
RUNNING CLUB	William Jacoutot
SEWING CLUB	Michelle Murphy
SOCCER 7th GRADE CLUB	Katy Elias
SOCCER 8TH GRADE CLUB	Gary Snyder
SPANISH CLUB	Jessica Consiglia
SPANISH CLUB	Cybele Posner

- X. 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
Kathleen Majewski	LDTC	High School	Transfer of position	11/20/07-6/30/07	Transfer of position
Lisa Mazzetta	Physical Education	Applegarth	Step 1 BA \$42,535	10/18/07-3/4/08	Maternity leave
Joseph Romano	Advisor – Model UN	High School	Stipend	2007-2008 school year	Advisor position
Jennifer Carollo	Student Council	Woodland	Stipend 50%	2007-2008 school year	Advisor position
Patricia Clark	Student Council	Woodland	Stipend 50%	2007-2008 school year	Advisor position
Michael Collins	Before School Sports Program	Brookside	Stipend	45 minutes per day 11/5/07-6/30/08	Advisory position
Peter Saleh	Band Camp	High School	\$550.00	Summer 2007	
Christopher Gow	Band Camp	High School	\$550.00	Summer 2007	
Rodney Farrar	Band Camp	High School	\$550.00	Summer 2007	
Sharon Maher	Band Camp	High School	\$550.00	Summer 2007	
Michael Kelly	Band Camp	High School	\$550.00	Summer 2007	

- Y. 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
Linda Sue McGuinness	Driver	Transportation	Step 2 \$19.24	10/1/07-6/30/08	6 hrs/day	Replacement position
Phillipa Sessa	Secretary	Transportation	\$34,000 prorated	11/1/07-6/30/08		Replacement position
Lucille Hussey	Spec. Ed. Para	High School			6.75 hrs/day	Increase in hours
Chris Narsavage	Spec. Ed. Para	Barclay Brook		10/18/07-6/30/08	6.75 hrs/day	Increase in hours – bus duty
Shari Sigismondo	Para	Brookside		9/5/07-6/30/08	3.5 hrs/day	Correction in contract
Karen Herkert	Para	Mill Lake	Step 1 \$11.29	10/17/07-6/30/08	2.25 hrs/day	Replacement position
Angela Paoluccio	Para	Mill Lake	Step 1 \$11.29	10/17/07-6/30/08	3.75 hrs/day	Replacement position
Carmella Valeriano	Para – Special Ed	Mill Lake		10/17/07-6/30/08	2.5 hrs/day	Transfer position
Mary Vena	Para – Special Education	Mill Lake		10/17/07-6/30/08	1.0 hrs/day	Increase hour for Spec. Ed.

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

Certificated

Jessica Baer	Substitute teacher
Kraig Burroughs	Substitute teacher
Douglas Bennet	Substitute teacher
Gloria Fine	Substitute teacher
Daniel Gualtieri	Substitute teacher
Gloria Linder	Substitute teacher
Lois Mandell	Substitute teacher
Norman Oshrin	Substitute teacher
Jessica Piccillo	Substitute teacher
Bruce Schor	Substitute teacher
Lois Stein	Substitute teacher
Cori Villegas	Substitute teacher
Ray Ruiz	Substitute teacher

Non Certificated

Holly Daly	Substitute Secretarial/Paraprofessional
Maritza McCarthy	Substitute Secretarial/Paraprofessional
Shannon Wilson	Substitute Secretarial/Paraprofessional

V. Board Action

- A. **Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-46, the Annual District Report and the Incident Listing for Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse is being presented for public review.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- C. **Residency Contract**
In accordance with Policy #5111 regarding residency contracts, it is recommended that the Board approve the enrollment of the children noted on the attached Residency Contract whose family is under contract for future residency in Monroe Township.
- D. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of September 2007.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve to extend the suspension of Student No. 80272 and Student No. 82551.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the following high school students to participate in the Senior Option School Based program for the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$7.15 per hour.
- Student No. 40074
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions of the following Policies and Regulations:
- Policy 5330 Administration of Medication
Regulation 5330 Administration of Medication
Policy 5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
Policy 5530 Substance Abuse
Regulation 5530 Substance Abuse
Policy 8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, and Alcohol, and other Drug Abuse
Regulation Reporting Violence, Vandalism, and Alcohol, and other Drug Abuse
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policy for a first reading:
- Policy 8601 Pupil Supervision after School Dismissal

I. **2006-2007 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/07 through 10/15/07

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
9-16-07	Mill Lake	profanity written On windows	n/a
10-5-07	High School	fight	n/a

J. **RESOLUTION**

That members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education is aware that employee S.S. is suffering from a serious health condition; and

WHEREAS, S.S. will exhaust all of her accrued leave as of November 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, other Board employees have expressed a willingness to donate paid personal leave or vacation days to S.S.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. In this one instance, the Board will allow employees to donate paid personal leave or vacation days to create a bank of days for S.S. to use in connection with this illness;
2. This accrued leave bank will be administered by Wayne Holliday, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, on behalf of the Board;
3. The Board retains the authority to approve the days that are contributed to the bank and to approve or to deny each request to use these days;
4. This proposal will be submitted to all Associations and individuals not affiliated with an association.

K. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **Ms. Dori Alvich** as principal of Brookside Elementary School, at a salary of \$106,000 prorated effective January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2007I. BOARD ACTIONA. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$24,477,767.31 for September 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 \$610.92 for September 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 \$1,637,479.35 for September 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 September 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the September 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. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. It is recommend that members of the Board of Education appoint Deborah Masterson, Certified Shorthand Reporter for fiscal year 2007/2008.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Cross County Clinical & Educational Services to provide a bilingual psychological evaluation in the language of Urdu for a fee of \$770.00.
3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual to provide a bilingual speech and language evaluation in the language of Urdu for a fee of \$700.00.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Rutgers Douglas Developmental Disabilities Center to provide a Functional Behavioral Assessment from October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for a fee of \$2,500.00.
5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Barnickel Engineering Corporation to provide engineering services for fiscal year 2007/2008. Please refer to the attached fee schedule for information.
6. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education appoint Wilson Language to provide two days of training for up to thirty staff members for a fee of \$2,600.00 plus mileage reimbursement for the trainers at the rate of \$.485 cents per mile. This appointment is related to the Wilson Reading Methodology.

F. AGREEMENT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and approve the enclosed agreement between Wall Sports Arena (Lessor) and Monroe Township Board of Education (Lessee) which covers use of the Wall Sports Arena as related to activities regarding the High School Ice Hockey Team.

G. QAAR SUBMISSION ON CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT MAXIMUM AMOUNT

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

The Monroe Township Board of Education School District has 125 projects identified in its Five Year Long Range Facility Plan that have not yet been initiated or advanced. The 125 projects have an estimated total cost over the five-year period of \$8,392,698.

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

The Local share amount of \$6,346,164 represents the maximum amount the Monroe Township Board of Education School District may deposit in its capital reserve fund for the 2008/09 school year.

CERTIFICATION:

Dr. Ralph Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator

H. SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN (CMP) AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET (M1)

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

Whereas, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities (CMP), and the Annual Maintenance Budget (M1); and

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

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

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) and the Annual Maintenance Budget (M1) for the Monroe Township School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

I. PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education award Contracted Pupil Transportation Route# M056 Mill Lake School to Irvin Raphael Inc. Please refer to the enclosed bid analysis and related document for supplemental information.

J. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education is required pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational program sponsored by New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of board members' duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational program sponsored by NJSBA and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of the listed job title's current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational program requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to NJSBA programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the Federal Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational program is in compliance with the District policy on travel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of school board members and district employees at the listed NJSBA training and informational program, and the costs of attendance including all

registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Monroe Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the following NJSBA training program and informational event:

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS 2007 WORKSHOP & EXHIBITION:

OCTOBER 24 – 26, 2007 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Staff/Board Member Title/Initials	Date(s) of Travel	Lodging Nights	Lodging Costs	Meals and Incidental Expenses	Workshop Fee	Total Expenses
Board Members						
Amy Antelis	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27
Marvin Braverman	10/23, 10/26	3	\$405.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$748.27
Joseph Homoki	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27
Lew Kaufman	10/23, 10/25	2	\$356.00	\$162.00	\$127.27	\$645.27
Kathy Kolupanowich	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27
John Leary	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27

Kathy Leonard	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27
Rita Ostrager	10/24, 10/26	2	\$270.00	\$162.00	\$127.27	\$559.27
Administrators						
Dr. Ralph Ferrie	10/23, 10/26	3	\$534.00	\$216.00	\$127.27	\$877.27
Dr. Christopher Tienken	10/23, 10/25	2	\$356.00	\$162.00	\$127.27	\$645.27
Wayne Holliday	10/24,10/26	2	\$356.00	\$162.00	\$127.27	\$645.27

K. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF SYNTHETIC TURF AND FIELD EQUIPMENT FOR THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING THEREOF

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42 authorizes the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe (the "Board") to enter into a contract exceeding the fiscal year for the leasing of equipment of every nature and kind; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a need to acquire synthetic turf and field equipment (collectively, the "Equipment") for the Monroe Township High School Athletic Field for school purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to acquire the Equipment through State Contract and/or competitive bidding from vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to obtain financing for the acquisition of the Equipment through competitive bidding.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Board Secretary and McCarter & English, LLP, the Board's Bond Counsel, to proceed to draft documents and conduct such other activities as are necessary to accomplish (a) the acquisition of the Equipment through State Contract and/or by the receipt of bids from vendors and (b) the receipt of bids for financing the acquisition of the Equipment.

Section 2. Upon receipt of bids and the approval of the successful bidder in the event that the Equipment is acquired through competitive bidding from vendors or at any time after the adoption of this Resolution in the event that the Equipment is acquired through State Contract, the Board hereby directs the Board Secretary to process the necessary purchase orders to acquire the Equipment in advance of the receipt of bids for financing the acquisition of the Equipment. Such purchase orders shall be expressly subject to the condition that the Board receives and accepts one or more bids for the financing of such Equipment.

Section 3. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the acquisition and financing of the

Equipment not determined by this or subsequent resolution of the Board, as permitted by law.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.

Section 5. The making of and submission to the County Superintendent of the application as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:26-10.1(d) is hereby authorized and approved, and the Board's Bond Counsel, along with other representatives of the Board, are hereby authorized and approved to prepare and submit such application and to represent the Board in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the
Resolution adopted by the Monroe Township
Board of Education on October 17, 2007.

Wayne Holliday
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

L TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and approve RFP Solutions, Inc. (State Contract#A42293) as related to the new telecommunication systems for Monroe Township High School and Applegarth Middle School.

M. COPIERS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and approve Atlantic Business Products (State Contract#A51464) as related to the procurement of copiers for the district.

N. COMPUTERS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and approve Gateway Computers (State Contract#A81239) as related to the procurement of computers for the district.

O. PRINTERS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and approve Laser Supply, Inc. (State Contract#A81191) as related to the procurement of printers for the district.

P. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) provides that a board of education may award a contract for unspecifiable services without competitive bidding, provided that the board shall in each instance state supporting reasons for its action in the resolution awarding the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education requires the services of a public relations firm to articulate and communicate to residents of Monroe Township; and

WHEREAS, the need for expertise, extensive training and proven reputation is essential and the performance of the services could not be reasonably described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, Zander Consulting, LLC, agreed to work with school staff to provide media relations assistance, technical assistance and publication of information at costs more particularly set forth in their proposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby awards a Contract to Zander Consulting, LLC, which requires qualitative services to be rendered, in accordance with its written proposal, a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein for fiscal year 2007/08; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the Contract shall be printed once in an official newspaper circulating in the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution and Contract proposal are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award of Contract is subject to receipt of a Political Contribution Disclosure Form.

Q. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH REGARD TO BOND REFERENDUM OF DECEMBER 11, 2007

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education (“Monroe”) authorized a bond referendum to be held on December 11, 2007, seeking authorization to undertake as a capital project the additional costs necessary for the construction of a new Monroe Township high school as previously approved by the voters of the Township of Monroe on December 9, 2003, including any necessary improvements, upgrades, appurtenances, equipment, furniture and site work; and to expend the sum not exceeding \$41,900,000.00 and to issue bonds of the School District for said additional costs;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) provides that a board of education may award a contract for unspecifiable services without competitive bidding, provided that the board shall in each instance state supporting reasons for its action in the resolution awarding the contract; and

WHEREAS, Monroe requires the services of a public relations firm to articulate and communicate the facts most effectively to the voters with regard to the bond referendum; and

WHEREAS, the need for expertise, extensive training and proven reputation is critical and essential for such communication and the performance of the services cannot be reasonably described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, Zander Consulting, LLC, made a presentation to Monroe on September 26, 2007, and submitted a proposal on October 1, 2007, regarding articulation meetings and consultations, a plan for media relations, a proposal for fact sheets, newsletters and open house tours relating to the bond referendum of December 11, 2007, at a cost of \$25,550.00, payable in four (4) equal installments of \$6,387.50 and at an additional cost of \$175.00 per hour for time expended for services not identified in the proposal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby awards a Contract to Zander Consulting, LLC, in connection with the December 11, 2007 bond referendum as set forth above, which requires qualitative services to be rendered by Zander Consulting, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the Contract shall be printed once in an official newspaper circulating in the Township of Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution and Contract proposal are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award of Contract is subject to receipt of a Political Contribution Disclosure Form.

R. TRANSACTIONS

It is recommended that Members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael C. Gorski, Assistant Business Administrator and Joseph Muszel, Bookkeeper, to view and initiate transactions for all bank and investment accounts.

S. RESOLUTION: J.H. AND N.H. ON BEHALF OF D.H. v. THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION.

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize: (1) the Board President to execute and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute as the attesting witness, the Settlement Agreement, previously submitted and on a retroactive basis as provided therein, in the matter entitled J.H. and N.H. on behalf of D.H. v. the Monroe Township Board of Education, New Jersey Department of Education, Agency Reference Number 2007-12460, and (2) the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Board Attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, to take all steps necessary to implement the Settlement Agreement.

T. RESOLUTION: J.T. AND K.T. ON BEHALF OF D.T. v. THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize: (1) the Board President to execute and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute as the attesting witness, the Settlement Agreement, previously submitted and on a retroactive basis as provided therein, in the matter entitled J.T. and K.T. on behalf of D.T. v. the Monroe Township Board of Education, New Jersey Department of Education, Agency Reference Number 2008-12722, and Office of Administrative Law, OAL Docket No. EDS-8105-2007S, and (2) the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Board Attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, to take all steps necessary to implement the Settlement Agreement.

U. RESOLUTION: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AND S.G. on behalf of M.G.

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize: (1) the Board President to execute and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute as the attesting witness, the Agreement Between the Monroe Township Board of Education and S.G. on behalf of M.G., previously submitted and on a retroactive basis and as provided therein; and (2) the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Board Attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, to take all steps necessary to implement the Agreement.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

OCTOBER 17, 2007
Meeting Date