

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on March 16, 2009 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Lew Kaufman at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President  
Mr. Marvin I. Braverman  
Mr. Ken Chiarella  
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich  
Mr. John Leary  
Ms. Rita Ostrager  
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Amy Antelis, Board President  
Ms. Kathy Leonard

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Melissa Bonamici  
Ms. Nidhi Bhatt

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Dr. Veronica Geyer, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel  
Mr. Jeff Gorman, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 94

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 March 6, 2009:

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

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

Members of the Board of Education and the public were treated to a delightful performance of various musical compositions by members of the Brookside Elementary School Jazz Band under the guidance of instrumental music teachers Ms. Janet Kaufman and Mr. Alan Bosoy.

PUBLIC FORUM - Please refer to Transcript 1.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

ENROLLMENT

Elementary and secondary (within the district)

Out of district placements

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All schools

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Kolopanowich and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Personnel Items (A - P) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolopanowich and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Personnel Items (Q - T) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Kolopanowich and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Board Action items (A – I) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolopanowich and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Board Action item (J) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. 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. Chiarella and seconded by Mr. Leary that Board Action items (K and L) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolopanowich and seconded by Mr. Leary that Board Action item (M) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. 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. Leary and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Board Action item (N) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 7 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Please refer to attached Transcript 2.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Ms. Bonamici spoke about the following events at the High School: Womens' Heart Disease event and a seminar on how to best transition from high school to college. Ms. Bonamici then spoke about the following events at Barclay Brook Elementary School: PTA/PTO Ice Cream Bingo and the upcoming blood drive. Lastly, Ms. Bonamici spoke about Applegarth Middle School orientation for current 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the Applegarth play entitled: "Honk".

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – None.Committee ReportsFINANCE/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Leary, Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Committee, stated that at the last committee meeting presentations were made by Mr. Jerry Tague regarding the roof replacement project at the High School and the status of the construction of the new high school.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Kolupanowich, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, stated that there was a Policy Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> where Special Education Policies were discussed and that the Board approved tonight. She, also, stated that some regulations were abolished at tonight's meeting, but were replaced by either new regulations or incorporated into existing regulations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Kolupanowich, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, stated that there was a Personnel Committee meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> where personnel issues were discussed.

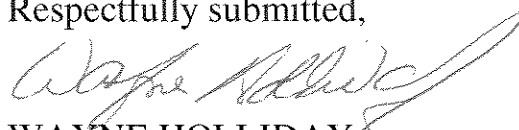
CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION – A Closed Session did not transpire.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to Transcript 3.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. The public meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
BOARD SECRETARY/  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

# TRANSCRIPT

## PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MARCH 16, 2009

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1 MR. KAUFMAN: Next item number 6, public  
2 forum. Anyone wishing to speak to the Board on any  
3 topic, please come to the mic, state your name and  
4 your address for the record. Going once. This is a  
5 shock. Come on up.

6 MR. KLEIN: My name is Mark Klein. I am  
7 running for the Board of Education, and I just --  
8 with everybody here, I just want you to know who I  
9 am. My belief is --

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Mark --

11 MR. KLEIN: I'm not allowed? I'm Mark  
12 Klein.

13 MR. KAUFMAN: -- cut you off.

14 MR. KLEIN: I'm running for the Board.  
15 I'll have stuff in the mail to you.

16 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you, Mark. Anyone  
17 else? Sure come on up.

18 MR. PREZIOSO: My name is Anthony  
19 Prezioso. I live at 8 Equestrian Way, and I'm  
20 running for the Board, also. I'm here every Board  
21 meeting.

22 MR. KAUFMAN: Yeah, that's it. I got to  
23 -- that's all I can do for you.

24 MR. PREZIOSO: I'm here every Board  
25 meeting. Thank you.

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1 MR. KAUFMAN: Nice to see you again.

2 MS. SEDWICH: My name is Marilyn

3 Sedwich, 113 Hoffman Road. I know that you guys are

4 voting on the budget tonight. I think the budget is

5 unconscionable. I think the fact that you're

6 keeping it to 4 percent is probably the way you're

7 going to sell it to the community, but you're

8 spending it all on teachers increases and you're

9 cutting drastically text books and supplies for the

10 students, and I think a 4 percent raise in this

11 economy is ridiculous for the taxpayers of this

12 community.

13 I have a child in this school system.

14 I've always supported the school system even before

15 I had children in the school system. I voted for

16 budgets, I voted for bond referendums, but in this

17 economy, with people losing their jobs and taking

18 pay cuts to keep their jobs, to guarantee 4 percent,

19 to go in with the mind set you're going to give

20 4 percent year in and year out onto the teachers and

21 cutting the school books and the text books and the

22 supplies 40 to 60 percent is ridiculous, and I think

23 it's a stab in the back to the taxpayers of this

24 community because that increase goes year in and

25 year out on top of it so it's 4 percent and then

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1 4 percent on top of that and then the pensions as  
2 they come down, and not to give students and new  
3 students coming to the district text books is a  
4 terrible thing to do. Thank you.

5 MR. GILBERT: Good evening. I'm not  
6 campaigning. Frank Gilbert, 59A Winthrop. I do  
7 want to invite everybody here in the community to a  
8 candidates night for members of the Board of  
9 Education in our facility. It will be at 7:30.  
10 Everybody is invited. All you have to do is go  
11 through the main gate and tell them you want to go  
12 to candidates night, and it's on Half Acre Road  
13 between Forsgate and Prospect Plains Road, 7:30,  
14 Monday, April 6. I hope you all come. We can put  
15 as many as 700 people there. I wish there were that  
16 many coming. Thank you.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Gilbert, there may be  
18 a few people that don't know where you live.

19 MR. GILBERT: Oh, 59 --

20 MR. KAUFMAN: I mean there might be.  
21 Development.

22 MR. GILBERT: 59A Winthrop.

23 MR. KAUFMAN: What's the development?

24 MR. GILBERT: Oh, Green Briar at  
25 Whittingham.

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1 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you, sir.

2 MR. GILBERT: Thank you.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: I see a lot of new faces  
4 so there's a chance that somebody didn't know where  
5 you were from. Anyone else? Last call. Okay.

6 (Transcript part 2)

7 MR. KAUFMAN: Next we go to the Business  
8 Administrator's report, some of our favorite topics  
9 for this evening presented by Mr. Holliday, our  
10 school board administrator.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Board Vice President  
12 and members of the Board of Education, it is  
13 recommended that Board action items A through M as  
14 in Michael be approved by consent roll call, except  
15 letter N, which will be taken as a separate roll  
16 call.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: Do I have a motion?

18 MR. BRAVERMAN: So moved.

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Braverman.

20 MR. LEARY: Second.

21 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Leary.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman, Mr. Leary,  
23 so noted.

24 MR. KAUFMAN: Discussion?

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: May I interrupt for one

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1 second --

2 MR. KAUFMAN: Sure.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: -- and read into the  
4 record item M. I think it's extremely important, a  
5 rather short resolution.

6 "Whereas there have been multiple date  
7 changes to the 2009 school election/budget calendar  
8 by the New Jersey legislature;

9 "And whereas in accordance with 18A:10-3  
10 all type 2 boards of education shall organize  
11 annually on any day of the first or second week  
12 following the annual school election;

13 "And whereas the organization meeting  
14 of the Monroe Township Board of Education was  
15 scheduled for April 22, 2009;

16 "And whereas the 2009 school  
17 election/budget calendar now requires the  
18 organization meeting to occur on any day from  
19 April 27, 2009, through May 8, 2009;

20 "And now therefore let it be resolved  
21 that the organization meeting of the Monroe Township  
22 Board of Education originally scheduled for April  
23 22, 2009, be cancelled and rescheduled for  
24 Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7 p.m., at Monroe Township  
25 High School, 1629 Perrineville Road, Monroe

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1 Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, United  
2 States."

3 That is part of the conclusive A through  
4 M except for N, which will be accepted as a -- or  
5 called as a separate roll call, Mr. Board Vice  
6 President.

7 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you --

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

9 MR. KAUFMAN: -- Mr. Holliday. So we're  
10 -- first we're going to do all except M.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: N as in -- no.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: N as in Nancy.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: N as in Nancy.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: We already have a motion  
15 and a second.

16 MR. BUSCH: Wayne, I don't see  
17 an N or --

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I think you mean L.

19 MR. KAUFMAN: No, he just read L.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: I mean L. L is the  
21 exception.

22 MR. KAUFMAN: L is the exception.

23 MS. OSTRAGER: No, L is the budget.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: That's correct.

25 MR. KAUFMAN: That's why it should be

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1 separate.

2 MS. OSTRAGER: We're not talking about

3 L. Regarding item K.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Regarding item K.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Item K.

6 MR. KAUFMAN: Is that the budget?

7 MS. OSTRAGER: No, that's L. Okay.

8 Just waiting for Mr. Holliday to get his stuff

9 together. Now, the Oak Tree Elementary School

10 construction is complete, but are all bills paid?

11 Are we expecting some more bills to come in? I

12 mean, we just had last meeting where we had the

13 expense and funds be met.

14 MR. HOLLIDAY: The balance that remains

15 is, as indicated in the resolution \$659,208.23. I

16 am asking the Board at this particular time to

17 release from fund 30 Oak Tree \$510,000 to be applied

18 towards the budget for tax relief. The residual is

19 in balance in the need for a reserve. I do not, to

20 answer your question directly, anticipate any bills

21 whatsoever outstanding at this particular time.

22 MS. OSTRAGER: And the reserve will keep

23 for how long until we decide that we're finished

24 with the construction and any other expenses or just

25 capital improvements or, you know, building

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1 maintenance, or at what point do you feel like

2 you're going to release that \$150,000?

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: The law indicates that

4 you cannot keep the residual in an account greater

5 than 6 years from the inception of the sale of the

6 bonds. I do not anticipate keeping it in the

7 account greater than through fiscal year 10/11.

8 MS. OSTRAGER: Going into the dark ages

9 here.

10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Actually, that's what I

11 meant.

12 MR. KAUFMAN: So you're still

13 technically around.

14 MR. HOLLIDAY: I've been around a while,

15 but not since 1011.

16 MS. OSTRAGER: But in the meantime,

17 we'll just keep that 150 in fund 35 I believe it

18 was. Okay, and at that point you would --

19 MR. LEARY: Next year we'll be talking

20 about it.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay. Just wanted to

22 see.

23 MR. KAUFMAN: Any other discussion?

24 Okay. Roll call, Mr. Holliday, for A through M,

25 excluding L.

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- 1 MR. HOLLIDAY: Correct, sir.
- 2 MR. KAUFMAN: No problem.
- 3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.
- 4 MR. LEARY: Yes.
- 5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.
- 6 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.
- 7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.
- 8 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.
- 9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Chiarella.
- 10 MR. CHIARELLA: Yes.
- 11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.
- 12 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.
- 13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.
- 14 MR. TESSLER: Yes.
- 15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.
- 16 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.
- 17 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Board Vice President,
- 18 the motion is passed, sir. Now moving on to letter
- 19 L. I will read it now into the record before a
- 20 motion is placed on the floor:
- 21 "It is recommended that members of the
- 22 Board of Education approve the following amounts in
- 23 resolution for the 2009/10 tentative budget. Be it
- 24 resolved by the Monroe Township Board of Education
- 25 that the 2009/10 tentative general fund budget be

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1 adopted in the amount of \$89,313,201, and a  
2 tentative general fund local tax levy in the amount  
3 of \$74,392,326, and a tentative special revenue fund  
4 in the amount of \$821,136, and a tentative debt  
5 service budget in the amount of \$10,293,639, and a  
6 tentative debt service local tax levy in the amount  
7 of \$5,303,802, whereby the tentative 2009/10 budget  
8 totals \$100,427,976;

9 "And whereas the Monroe Township Board  
10 of Education has been notified of state aid amounts  
11 and whereas such state aid amounts are for 2009/10,  
12 the categorical special education aid is \$2,226,642;  
13 and for 2009/10, the categorical security aid is  
14 398,375; and for 2009/10, the categorical  
15 transportation aid is \$2,043,966; and for 2009/10,  
16 the debt service aid is \$802,530;

17 "And whereas school district bylaw number  
18 0147, policy number 3440, policy number 4440, and  
19 N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the Board of  
20 Education shall establish in the annual school  
21 budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be  
22 allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement  
23 for 2009/10 school year;

24 "Now therefore be it resolved that the  
25 Monroe Township Board of Education hereby

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1 establishes the school district travel maximum for  
2 the 2009/10 school year at the tentative sum of  
3 \$170,346;  
4 "And be it further resolved that the  
5 school business administrator shall track and record  
6 these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not  
7 exceeded, and now therefore let it be resolved that  
8 the superintendent of schools and the Business  
9 Administrator/Board Secretary file the required  
10 documents with the executive county superintendent."

11 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Holliday.

12 Do I have a motion?

13 A BOARD MEMBER: So moved.

14 (End of tape)

15 MS. OSTRAGER: I have a couple items.

16 On the benefits item, which we have a 15.8 percent  
17 increase, could you explain where that increase,  
18 that \$2.2 million increase and how we came  
19 up with that number?

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: That particular line item  
21 is made up of a number of components. It's made up  
22 of predominantly health care services, which relates  
23 to medical, dental, and prescription. Currently, I  
24 am in aggressive negotiations -- I have been for the  
25 last 4 months -- to continue to have the premiums

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1 reduced. At this point in time, it would not be to  
2 the Board's benefit to disclose my negotiations with  
3 various brokers and carriers. I can tell you,  
4 however, though, originally, based upon loss ratios  
5 whereby claims have significantly this year exceeded  
6 premiums, the carriers are very, very reluctant to  
7 move any further than they have. It was at one time  
8 between 26 percent and 29 percent. I must emphasize  
9 we are claims related, and so far, since July 1,  
10 2008, claims have substantially exceeded premiums.

11 MS. OSTRAGER: Now, we have a number of  
12 different groups that we negotiate with the various  
13 benefits and such. Do any of our employees -- or to  
14 what degree do any of our employees or classes of  
15 employees currently pay for some of all of these  
16 benefits?

17 MR. HOLLIDAY: There is a class that  
18 does currently pay, those individuals that are hired  
19 currently and prior to receiving tenure or 3 years  
20 and 1 day. If they receive single coverage only,  
21 there is no contribution. If, however, they need  
22 full family coverage, they are responsible for the  
23 differential between single and family up to  
24 15 percent currently.

25 MS. OSTRAGER: And previous employees

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1 get family coverage, as well?

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Employees --

3 MS. OSTRAGER: Other classes of  
4 employees, will we pay for all of their insurance?

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: That is correct, all  
6 classes of employees follow under that same rule  
7 that I had just indicated to you.

8 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay. Now, if we look at  
9 -- I took this budget apart and regrouped it in  
10 different ways. We have a 3.5 percent increase in  
11 the budget over --

12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Three point five?

13 MS. OSTRAGER: Three point -- you're  
14 going from 97 million to 104 million.

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Okay. I'm calculating  
16 3.48.

17 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay, fine, 3.48, okay.  
18 Now, when I look at the budget, the only things that  
19 I'm seeing an increase in are there's an across the  
20 Board 4 percent raise that's built into the budget,  
21 and then there's another \$2.2 million increase in  
22 what we're expecting to pay for benefits, which  
23 according to the way the budget is put out, we're  
24 expecting to pick up the entire increase it looks  
25 like. So when you combine that, you're adding

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1 \$4.2 million of the \$3.4 million increase is all  
2 going into what we are paying to maintain our staff  
3 so it's really an 8 percent increase in the cost of  
4 staff after you separate out the changes in staff  
5 because we hired a new person or we've eliminated a  
6 position. The way we're paying for that is we're  
7 reducing student activities, we're reducing library,  
8 we're reducing text books, we're reducing  
9 classrooms. What we're asking the taxpayers to do  
10 is approve a 3.48 percent increase in their taxes  
11 and then have less materials in the classrooms when  
12 their kids go there, to have fewer books in the  
13 library that we're buying when they come to the  
14 library, to have less money going into everything  
15 that they need to conduct an education, to conduct a  
16 classroom. The only new program that I see in this  
17 budget for the students is to add lacrosse. So  
18 we're going to spend \$50,000 to add lacrosse,  
19 \$4.2 million to give teachers and administrators and  
20 bus drivers and everybody else an across-the-board  
21 raise and increase in benefits, and the cost of that  
22 is we're going to have less money spent in the  
23 classroom. We already have kids that aren't allowed  
24 to write in consumable work books because we can't  
25 afford to buy them each year.

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1 I have a letter -- I have a piece, a  
2 page from the budget book from 2 years ago. I  
3 haven't gotten the budget book each year. It's been  
4 kind of tight on the schedule I understand, but I'd  
5 like to read this one page. This came from the  
6 library budget for the high school. The average  
7 price of a book in 2005 -- this is a few years old  
8 -- was 35 to \$50. For a population of a high school  
9 of 1,400 students at that time, a standard school  
10 collection would have 12 to 15 books per student.  
11 Currently, the collection has 7.8 books per student.  
12 The average age of the collection in this room is  
13 1985, more than a decade older than the kids who  
14 attend the school. And we are -- with that  
15 situation, we are cutting over a third of our  
16 library budget because for some reason to put more  
17 money in the employees' pockets is some sacred cow  
18 that we will take that money away from the  
19 classroom. I find this unconscionable.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: In regard to one  
21 particular question that you asked in relationship  
22 to library, in terms of library supplies and  
23 materials, if you look at the amount that it's going  
24 down from the prior year, the rationale for that is  
25 that last year we had to fully outfit the Oak Tree

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1 Elementary School. This year we do not.

2 MS. OSTRAGER: To be able to bring the  
3 library just in this building up to par of what is  
4 considered a standard for a high school, we would  
5 need to spend about \$700,000. Now, I'm not  
6 proposing that we try and do that in 1 year, okay,  
7 but to cut the library budget when you take away the  
8 salaries and you look at the materials and equipment  
9 that's going into the library for all seven schools,  
10 you're talking \$111,000 for the libraries in the  
11 entire school system.

12 Now, when I look at where we're cutting,  
13 there always needs to be a solution for where we get  
14 the money from. So I would like to put on the table  
15 a motion to amend for the following item, and I have  
16 two to try and figure out where we come the money.  
17 Right now we have about 5,500 students in our school  
18 system. The state average -- and that includes even  
19 districts that have a lot more discipline problems  
20 than average, and I think that we would have about  
21 average or maybe slightly better, we would hope --  
22 is to have about one principal or assistant  
23 principal per 500 students, which if you applied  
24 that to our district, we would have seven principals  
25 and four vice principals. I believe this budget is

1 calling for seven principals and nine vice  
2 principals, correct? Now, to try -- and I realize  
3 that many of these people are tenured and this is  
4 not a time to be cutting people who have jobs, but  
5 right now we have a vacancy. We have a vacancy for  
6 principal in Applegarth School, which your intent  
7 according to this budget is we would fill that  
8 vacancy from someone on the outside, or if we filled  
9 it with somebody on the inside, we would then  
10 replace that position.

11 I would like to make a motion to amend,  
12 that we reduce the number of vice principals -- of  
13 the budget for the vice principal and the  
14 accompanying change in the benefits, which I would  
15 guess would be about \$25,000 and about a hundred  
16 thousand dollars give or take on the salaries, so  
17 that we would replace the Applegarth principal from  
18 somebody from within the district and that we do not  
19 then replace an assistant superintendent but rather  
20 reassign assistant superintendent -- sorry --  
21 assistant principal. We had in the past, for the  
22 size schools we have, there are a few schools that  
23 could probably deal with just the principal, or you  
24 could possibly share an assistant principal between  
25 two adjoining schools, which we have done in the

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1 past. That would save us about 120, \$150,000,  
2 depending on which person you're dealing with. Do I  
3 have a second for my motion to amend?

4 My second motion, since that's obviously  
5 not going to go anywhere, is that we reduce either  
6 the area of the 4 percent increase across the board  
7 or we reduce the amount that we're planning to  
8 contribute in the increase in the benefits, one or  
9 the other, by at least a million dollars in order to  
10 bring the programs related to the students at least  
11 back up to where they were last year. Do I have a  
12 second on that motion? Thank you.

13 MR. LEARY: May I make a comment?

14 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Leary.

15 MR. LEARY: I'm chairman of the Finance  
16 Committee, and suggestions like this should have  
17 gone before the Finance Committee to staff it out,  
18 explore, and fully understand all the ramifications.  
19 I think this is pure grandstanding.

20 MR. KAUFMAN: Miss Ostrager.

21 MS. OSTRAGER: We did not get a copy of  
22 this until Friday night, and it was impossible for  
23 Mr. Holliday to provide us with a copy for all of  
24 this -- well, you gave us a tentative one a little  
25 bit earlier, but only about a week or so earlier,

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1 okay. We did not have that because we didn't have a  
2 picture of what this was going to look like until  
3 this -- less than a week ago.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Chiarella.

5 MR. CHIARELLA: Mr. Holliday explained  
6 that the difference in the budget has to do with the  
7 money that we -- that was in the budget last year to  
8 fund the building of an entire library at Oak Tree,  
9 okay. I don't think that going after the teachers  
10 and a 4 percent raise for people who deserve  
11 everything they get is the right way to go, first of  
12 all, and I think if you want to call something  
13 unconscionable, I would believe that what you said  
14 about the teachers and the administration, the Board  
15 needing to cut their salaries and that that was  
16 somehow impacting the children is not only wrong but  
17 also unconscionable.

18 MS. OSTRAGER: Mr. Chiarella, I wasn't  
19 recommending that we cut anybody's salary, but we  
20 might not give them a raise that's way higher than  
21 inflation. Do you know of anybody else that's  
22 getting a 4 percent raise in this environment?

23 MR. KAUFMAN: Miss Kolupanowich.

24 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: I just want to say  
25 that since August we have been having -- and you can

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1 ask Mr. Leary because he does this every week, has  
2 budget meetings, especially the facilities meeting.  
3 We have spent sometimes 5 and 6 hours an evening  
4 going over this budget. The meetings have been open  
5 to the public. I can't remember one meeting that  
6 we've had where we've had anybody outside of the  
7 committee attend any of our budget meetings. We  
8 have gone over everything with a fine tooth comb.  
9 Mr. Leary is Mr. Budget after Mr. Holliday. He's  
10 the assistant budget person in our district. We  
11 have spent hours and hours and hours going over the  
12 budget. We've gone over the budget through the  
13 Technology Committee. We've gone over the budget  
14 through the Personnel Committee. We've gone over  
15 the budget through the Curriculum Committee. So  
16 these are things that I believe should have come  
17 before us way before tonight.

18 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Chiarella.

19 MR. CHIARELLA: Can I just say one more  
20 thing? If you really want to impact morale and you  
21 really want to hurt children, the best thing to do  
22 is to slash raises for teachers and to have our  
23 teachers flee to other districts so that our  
24 children are impacted. That's the way we're going  
25 to impact our children negatively.

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1 MR. KAUFMAN: Miss Ostrager.

2 MS. OSTRAGER: We have a 5 percent  
3 increase in students we're expecting. We're running  
4 about 4 to 5 percent increase in students. You're  
5 going to cut classroom supplies by \$400,000, okay.  
6 You're talking about morale. How about giving the  
7 teacher the supplies they need to conduct their  
8 classrooms?

9 MR. KAUFMAN: I'm just going to throw my  
10 two cents in because I got this thing and I'm  
11 sitting over here. Just to let the audience know  
12 what the process is, we actually have been going  
13 through the budget for a really long time. The fact  
14 that there are X number of books in this library is  
15 the same as it was now as it was 6 months ago as it  
16 was a year ago. That's nothing new. Nobody on this  
17 Board wants to cut anything related to students,  
18 staff, employees. It's a very, very difficult  
19 position, but we have to address the district as a  
20 whole, not student by student or building by  
21 building. These dollars that were reflected here  
22 tonight reflect the operation of this district  
23 across the board in all schools for all cases. So  
24 as was mentioned earlier, we go through the budget  
25 in every committee meeting.

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1           By the way, these committee meetings are  
2 now open to the public, just so you know. We don't  
3 see anybody from the public, but you can come down  
4 any time. So -- they're actually posted on the web  
5 site so you have to check the time. The reason why  
6 they change is because we try and block off times.  
7 In order to get the committee meetings together on  
8 the same night as Board meetings, sometimes we'll  
9 have a committee meeting in the 6 o'clock block  
10 before the Board meeting, and that might run for an  
11 hour, or the 5 o'clock block and then the 6 -- so in  
12 other words, it staggers so that we can accommodate  
13 as many people as we possibly can and also make it  
14 convenient for Board members that have to come here  
15 and spend a very long period of time. Mr. Leary's  
16 Finance/Buildings and Grounds meeting, they're  
17 lovely. They run about 4 hours.

18           MR. LEARY: That's why we go before the  
19 Board meeting because we want to give the attention  
20 to the specific details, and if a person makes a  
21 proposal, it's given a fair hearing. We research  
22 it. If it needs to be some work done, we go to the  
23 next meeting to find out what are the facts and  
24 what's the appropriate course of action to take.

25           MR. KAUFMAN: So just so that you know,

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1 these line items that we're talking about here were  
2 a case in point for a long period of time. As was  
3 mentioned earlier, this is probably not the point or  
4 the place to bring up these points. If there are  
5 questions, quandaries, or queries about certain line  
6 items relative to the budget, they can be brought up  
7 prior to this meeting or at any one of the committee  
8 meetings across the board.

9 MS. OSTRAGER: This is a public meeting.

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Miss Ostrager.

11 MS. OSTRAGER: Okay, and for the record,  
12 this is not the first time I've brought this up,  
13 okay. I've met with Mr. Holliday for a long time.  
14 I have been to some of the Buildings/Grounds/Finance  
15 and Transportation Committee meetings even though  
16 I'm not on that committee. I met with our interim  
17 superintendent about these concerns in the past. I  
18 have spoken to a few Board members about some of  
19 these concerns. Some of these things like the  
20 library, this is 3 years I've brought this up.  
21 People laughed at me with all of my sticky notes and  
22 why did I want to meet with everyone and go through  
23 item by item 2 years ago, okay, so, no, this is not  
24 the first time, okay. I have -- was hoping that  
25 somebody else would sit here and look and think that

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1 maybe we should be putting some more money into what  
2 we actually have to run the classrooms.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Anyone else? Mr.  
4 Holliday.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Point of clarification.

6 In terms of instructional supplies, the amount went  
7 up 1.05 percent. The -- there are many anomalies  
8 with percentages. When last year we opened a brand  
9 new elementary school, Oak Tree Elementary School,  
10 that school was fully provided with all general  
11 supplies, all text books, all media supplies was  
12 built into the budget. So if this year it looks  
13 like there's a decrease or only a slight increase,  
14 it is because of the amount of monies that was  
15 placed in for Oak Tree. This same anomaly will  
16 occur when the 11/12 budget is built for the high  
17 school. There are going to be many one-time costs  
18 that I will have to build into the 11/12 budget for  
19 the opening of the new high school September 2011.  
20 When I develop the 12/13 budget, those one-time  
21 costs will be dissipated. They won't be needed any  
22 longer because they would have been built into the  
23 11/12. So in the year 12/13, you'll likewise see  
24 smaller increases or decreases because we will not  
25 have to incorporate it again into there. That is

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1 exactly what has happened in terms of some of these  
2 line item accounts.

3 This budget was not developed  
4 exclusively by me. In fact, I am a minority party.  
5 It was predominantly developed by the teachers, the  
6 principals, the vice principals, department  
7 coordinators, K through 12 district supervisors,  
8 directors, Interim Superintendent Mr. King,  
9 Superintendent Dr. Hamilton, and myself, truly a  
10 collaborative effort. I was given by the Board of  
11 Education parameters in terms of what was made  
12 reference to in terms of salary. It's not a number  
13 that I established. Thank you.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: Any further discussion?

15 Roll call, Mr. Holliday.

16 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

17 MR. LEARY: What is the motion on the  
18 floor?

19 MR. KAUFMAN: The motion is to accept  
20 item L, the adoption of --

21 MR. LEARY: Yes.

22 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you.

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary has noted yes.  
24 Mr. Tessler.

25 MR. TESSLER: Yes.

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1 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

2 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

4 MS. OSTRAGER: No.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Chiarella.

6 MR. CHIARELLA: Yes.

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

10 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Board Vice President,

12 the motion has been approved for the adoption of the

13 tentative budget.

14 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you.

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Board Vice President,

16 that concludes the Business Administrator's report.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. KAUFMAN: Outstanding report, Mr.

19 Holliday.

20 (Transcript part 3)

21 MR. KAUFMAN: Item 14, public forum.

22 Anyone wishing to speak again to the Board on a

23 topic, please come to the mic.

24 MR. KLEIN: I do.

25 MR. KAUFMAN: Please state your name and

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1 address for the record.

2 MR. KLEIN: My name is Mark Klein, 53  
3 Turnberry. That's in the Regency community. Ladies  
4 and gentlemen, this is my first budget meeting here,  
5 but I've been at budget meetings in East Brunswick.  
6 I'm also aware of what goes on with the Abbott  
7 School District decision. I want you to understand  
8 that our budget is roughly \$100 million, of which  
9 we're getting back from the state -- they're doing  
10 us a favor -- \$5.4 million. You want to know where  
11 the other money goes, 23 Abbott school districts.  
12 They receive 55 percent of the state total budget  
13 for education. Roughly 600 school districts get the  
14 remaining 45 percent. How's that for numbers? If  
15 you take a look at New Brunswick, they spend roughly  
16 \$19,000 or more per student. The students are still  
17 failing. Eighty-five percent of the total budget in  
18 New Brunswick comes from the state; 15 percent comes  
19 from local taxation.

20 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Klein, you're actually  
21 talking to us, not to them.

22 MR. KLEIN: Anyway, my point is this,  
23 I've written many articles in the 6 years that I'm  
24 in Monroe and the 30 years that I've been in East  
25 Brunswick. A lot of it has been about this issue

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1 since the Abbott decision was made. The reason for  
2 my letters were to attempt to light a match under  
3 the taxpayers, the hard working taxpayers of our  
4 state. We've done absolutely nothing but allowed  
5 the state and the state Supreme Court to stick it to  
6 us. The federal Supreme Court, the state Supreme  
7 Court -- and Mr. Busch I hope will agree with me --  
8 their job is to interpret the constitution, not to  
9 write laws. The Abbott decision they wrote with no  
10 consideration as to you, the taxpayers, how it was  
11 going to affect your funding in the schools, how it  
12 was going to affect the education for your children.

13 What I want -- yes, I'm running for the  
14 Board. I want to light a match under all of you and  
15 everybody in this town to start to go after the  
16 state Supreme Court to overturn the Abbott decision.  
17 Go to your politicians and get them to vote in your  
18 favor. We wouldn't have to go and cut teachers'  
19 salaries, not to have books.

20 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Klein, you're going to  
21 have --

22 MR. KLEIN: I want for the students --

23 MR. KAUFMAN: Mr. Klein, we got to cut  
24 you off.

25 MR. KLEIN: I thought it sounded very

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1 good. Anyway, I thank you -- I mean this from the  
2 bottom of my heart. I thank you very much for your  
3 time, and please get angry and do something.

4 MR. KAUFMAN: Anyone else care to follow  
5 Mr. Klein?

6 MS. GIANCOLA: Good evening, ladies and  
7 gentlemen, my name is MaryJo Caputo Giancola. I  
8 live at 224 Old Forge Road, and I promised myself I  
9 wouldn't say anything tonight, but after this little  
10 tete a tete it behooved me to say something. I live  
11 in this district and I work in this district. I've  
12 lived in Monroe Township for 24 years. I give you  
13 kudos for standing your ground, but I will not leave  
14 this room with anyone here who has not lived here  
15 this long and has experienced the school district  
16 both as I have from the inside and the outside  
17 thinking that in any way, shape, or form this Board  
18 of Education, be it the faces that are before me  
19 tonight or the faces that have come before them, cut  
20 children short in this district. No way, no how,  
21 and I have a big enough mouth to put my job on the  
22 line if I thought that to be true. So you go do  
23 what you think your conscience needs to do here, but  
24 I know that my two girls who went through this  
25 district, my niece, my nephew, all of my neighbors'

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1 children, have always been put first in Monroe,  
2 always. I teach in this district. I have never had  
3 to go and ask for materials. The materials are  
4 there. And I don't think that this budget right now  
5 as it presents now makes a world of difference as  
6 you have presented it. So I -- again, I respect  
7 your opinion, I respect your chutzpah for saying  
8 what you mean, but I am telling you from my heart of  
9 hearts and as an intelligent person that this budget  
10 is not cutting our children short, and the reason is  
11 because we have teachers that want to stay in this  
12 district. We have teachers that are knocking on our  
13 door. There are gentlemen and ladies here who have  
14 worked their way up in this district who are now our  
15 administrators, and I would put my grandchildren in  
16 their hands. So that's all. I said my piece.

17 MR. KAUFMAN: Anyone else? Mr.  
18 Gunkelman. You still have to state your name.

19 MR. GUNKELMAN: George Gunkelman, 5  
20 Kelly Court in Monroe. I'd like someone to explain  
21 to me a little bit of this roof project that was  
22 mentioned in the report, what facility, what's going  
23 to happen --

24 MR. KAUFMAN: It's --

25 MR. GUNKELMAN: -- and what kind of

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1 numbers are we talking about?

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: I think Mr. Leary is  
3 going to speak first. The only reason I wanted it  
4 on the record is so we can get it on the tape. Mr.  
5 Leary.

6 MR. LEARY: It's for this building, and  
7 we have some charts over there, and if you want,  
8 we'd be more than happy to sit down with you and go  
9 through the details. I know you're a construction  
10 man, you would understand it, but probably wind up  
11 being gobbledy gook to most of the people in this  
12 room.

13 MR. GUNKELMAN: Give me the short  
14 version, how much money?

15 MR. LEARY: About \$750,000.

16 MR. KAUFMAN: Excuse me. Wayne really  
17 likes to do money.

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne actually doesn't  
19 like to do money in this particular case. Very  
20 often I encourage Board members never to mention  
21 when the resolution is asking the Business  
22 Administrator/Board Secretary/qualified purchasing  
23 agent, namely Wayne Holliday, to go out to bid. We  
24 have some press in the audience, and it is an open  
25 bid, and therefore it is then exposing the amount of

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1 monies that have been allocated, and potentially  
2 those bidders are going to bid up to the maximum  
3 amount.

4 MR. LEARY: I say again, mea culpa.

5 MR. GUNKELMAN: Duly noted. I won't  
6 tell anybody. This money would come from where?  
7 Have resources been set aside for roof replacement?

8 MR. LEARY: There's a reserve for that.

9 MR. GUNKELMAN: There's a reserve.

10 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes. I'd like to join in  
11 the conversation with John. John is absolutely  
12 correct. There is a capital project reserve that  
13 has been set up by this Board last June, and the  
14 money from that reserve will be used once the lowest  
15 responsive qualified bidder has submitted a bid.

16 MR. GUNKELMAN: Okay, so it does not  
17 appear as a new item in the budget.

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: That is correct, Mr.  
19 Gunkelman, it is not in the 09/10 budget. It is  
20 coming out of a capital projects reserve for  
21 something of this magnitude.

22 MR. GUNKELMAN: Thank you. That's all I  
23 had.

24 MR. KAUFMAN: Anyone else?

25 MRS. RAGUCCI: Joyce Ragucci, 121

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1 Hoffman Road. Nice to see you all again. Couple of  
2 things I just wanted to comment on. I'm wondering  
3 if we'll go paperless in the future as far as you  
4 have a wonderful grade reporting system at the high  
5 school where I can go on and I can check my child's  
6 progress. We send out a heck of a lot of paper in  
7 this district, and I'd like to see the Board and the  
8 administration think about going paperless so that  
9 if we're going to talk about saving money, there's  
10 all little ways to do it.

11 I also like the idea, because I have  
12 stated this to this Board before, that I think we  
13 are a little bit heavy on the administrators. I've  
14 spoken on previous occasions asking to you take a  
15 look at the administrative breakdown because I would  
16 like to see supervisors, subject supervisors,  
17 truthfully 9 through 12, where I know high school  
18 principals tend to take care of curriculum. Up at  
19 the -- elementary school principals. Up at the high  
20 school, I think it's a big job, and I think that  
21 there's lot going on at the high school curriculum  
22 wise, getting kids ready for the future, the last  
23 step before they take off, and I think it should be  
24 looked at. Maybe we should move things around a  
25 little bit.

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1 My final statement, and I really have  
2 been debating this in my head for such a long time.  
3 For those of you who know me, I've been around at  
4 Board meetings on occasion. What you don't know  
5 about me, some of you, I've taught for 30 years in  
6 New York and New Jersey, 15 years as a student  
7 advocate, as a guidance counselor in one of the top  
8 school districts in New Jersey, West  
9 Windsor-Plainsboro. Having my 15-year tenure as a  
10 guidance counselor there, I recently met with Mr.  
11 Gorman, Mr. Goodall, Miss Critelli, and a few  
12 others, and was very pleasantly -- I left the  
13 meeting pleasantly surprised because I've been  
14 speaking with Mr. Goodall year in and year out --  
15 God bless him, he always manages to listen to me  
16 patiently -- about why we publicly rank our students  
17 at the high school, and he and Mr. Gorman, Miss  
18 Critelli spoke with me about it, and I felt that  
19 they really listened, and for those of you on the  
20 Board, you may not know what I'm talking about. You  
21 may know nothing about what we do with rank and high  
22 school students, but I will say this to you. I  
23 strongly believe that as we publicly rank our high  
24 school students, a large percentage of them may be  
25 overlooked by some top universities. Ninety-four

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1 point five weighted average was not in the top 10  
2 percent of the class last year. Whether or not this  
3 is true, I've heard that 88 percent -- I'm not sure  
4 if that's weighted or unweighted -- was not in the  
5 top 50 percent. If that's true, and I'm not -- I  
6 don't know if that's accurate -- that really blew my  
7 mind. So Mr. Gorman listened to me, Mr. Goodall,  
8 Miss Critelli, the three key people I think in this  
9 area, and they're willing to look at this, but I  
10 think as Board members you ought to look at it,  
11 also, because if you represent the kids here in  
12 Monroe, it's not just the kids moving to the new  
13 high school. It's the kids you have here presently.  
14 You seriously need to consider why you publicly rank  
15 the high school students, and as my daughter chooses  
16 her classes for next year when she will be a senior,  
17 you can ask her counselor. I called him today. How  
18 much is this weighted and how much will it count,  
19 because for the first time in my life I'm looking at  
20 courses because I'm worried about where she will be  
21 ranked more than anything else. Her grades and the  
22 teacher who's going to give her the better grade to  
23 get her up there higher is what I'm looking at, not  
24 for the love of learning, not where her interests  
25 lie, but how I can get her rank higher. How does

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1 that sit with you? Doesn't sit well with me.

2 This is my third and last child. I've  
3 never been so serious about this issue as I am  
4 tonight, and I challenge those of you who are on  
5 curriculum or have an interest in children to take a  
6 look at this.

7 West Windsor-Plainsboro High School  
8 stopped ranking in 1996. We were not the top 10  
9 high school then, we weren't. We grew to that.  
10 Guess how.

11 Ranking only hurts the kids. You can do  
12 an unpublished rank for scholarship purposes. You  
13 can do that. So I ask you all to take a look at  
14 that, and again, I in public thank Mr. Goodall, Miss  
15 Critelli, and Mr. Gorman because I really had a  
16 wonderful meeting with them, and I appreciate the  
17 time and the interest. Thank you.

18 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you. Anyone else.  
19 Miss Arminio.

20 MS. ARMINIO: Michelle Arminio, 9  
21 Nathaniel Street. I have few questions. First on  
22 the global networking, Dr. Hamilton mentioned that  
23 information would be sent through that. Is that  
24 only for parents with children in the school system?

25 DR. HAMILTON: We're actually looking at

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1 that because I have received a few e-mails from  
2 parents, who either have children placed outside of  
3 the district, as well as members of the community  
4 who don't have kids in there so we are looking at a  
5 way that we can beef that system up to accommodate  
6 that.

7 MS. ARMINIO: I would like to say that I  
8 would -- I don't have children in the school system  
9 at this time -- well, I don't have children in the  
10 school system, but I'm very interested. I come to  
11 the meetings. I am very interested in what goes on.  
12 I think that it would be a service to anybody who  
13 asks, just like I get agendas from the township by  
14 request. If you can publicize that, I would be very  
15 interested in receiving that information.

16 DR. HAMILTON: We're looking into how we  
17 can expand it to do that.

18 MS. ARMINIO: Okay. My next thing, time  
19 of committee meetings. I also have tried to, just  
20 as a member of the concerned public and trying to be  
21 an informed person and taxpayer, I have tried to go  
22 to the committee meetings, and they're at very  
23 difficult times. I don't believe the public is able  
24 to speak; am I correct in that? The public is not  
25 able to speak. So some of the statements tonight

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1 about bringing up information during these meetings  
2 is really -- it was wrong information because if the  
3 public can't speak and if a Board member who goes  
4 there as a member of the public, they can't speak  
5 and bring up any concerns. So that's a problem, you  
6 know, with those committee meetings and saying that  
7 people should have brought them up prior to this.

8           Also, this is a public meeting. This is  
9 where the public comes, sometimes the only time they  
10 can come to get public information. So I would like  
11 to make it really clear that we deserve to hear  
12 things and we deserve to here dissenting opinions  
13 because we're all intelligent people. We would like  
14 to make our own decisions. It is very difficult to  
15 stand up to the majority, especially when the  
16 majority is what I from my own opinion perceive as  
17 disrespectful. You may not agree with somebody's  
18 position, but if you want to disagree, let's  
19 disagree on the facts, not disagree on their ability  
20 to say something that really is here to benefit the  
21 children.

22           And lastly, I see back here, and this is  
23 getting, you know, I'm sorry to have to do this, but  
24 I see back here it says character based on respect  
25 and responsibility. We expect that of our children.

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1 I would like to expect it of the parents and the  
2 citizens and the grown ups and the people sitting on  
3 this Board, respect and responsibility. I think we  
4 should respect someone's position. If you disagree  
5 with the facts, let's have that discussion, but to  
6 go after somebody, and obviously you don't -- you  
7 want to make a face, Mr. Chiarella, that's fine, but  
8 this is not a mature thing to do. We have a right  
9 as the public to hear things, to have someone who  
10 goes through the documents and reads things and  
11 brings things up for us to hear. I just think that  
12 this is a committee, I mean, this is a community of  
13 people. We have a community of parents. We have a  
14 community of taxpayers. We have a community of  
15 children. We have a community of Board members and  
16 teachers. And one might say that if the teachers  
17 disagree with some of the things that Miss Ostrager  
18 said -- I heard a lot of clapping -- that's fine, I  
19 respect that, but one can say that that's a NIMBY  
20 issue on their part, that it's purely self-interest.  
21 Let's talk about the interest of the children, and  
22 that really is the community of us all. The  
23 taxpayers want what's best for the children and  
24 what's good for the taxpayers. If someone brings up  
25 an issue, let's talk about it on its merit and not

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1 try to have the majority bully someone in a  
2 minority. So thank you very much for your time.

3 MR. KAUFMAN: Thank you. Anyone else?

4 MR. PREZIOSO: My name is Anthony  
5 Prezioso, 8 Equestrian Way. Miss Ostrager mentioned  
6 about doing away with lacrosse and to lose a vice  
7 principal. I feel that her opinion was very well  
8 thought out. We could pay for the books that are  
9 outdated in our library by getting rid of those two  
10 programs right there and the vice principal. You  
11 all know me that I was the one that pushed forward  
12 the summer program for our kids, and that's another  
13 program that could use money, and this Board needs  
14 to be -- to discuss these things. If somebody comes  
15 out with something and says, hey, we can save this  
16 money, why don't we talk about it? Please don't say  
17 I did it in committee, I did this. Somebody brought  
18 it before the Board, and the Board seems like they  
19 all gang up on an opinion, and that's terrible.  
20 People spoke tonight. They spoke great. Joyce had  
21 a great plan, and I read her memo, and she's right  
22 on target. Michelle is right on target.

23 This Board needs to be more responsive  
24 to the public. This Board needs to start listening  
25 to the people. I mentioned to somebody on the phone

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1 yesterday that the Board should go line by line to  
2 check out the budget to try to save some money just  
3 the way I would do with my family. There's always  
4 some money I find in my house. No matter what, I  
5 could cut out something and save money. The Board  
6 could do that. But she told me that I'm micro  
7 managing, that you are not supposed to micro manage,  
8 the administration, but I feel in these times now we  
9 need, all of us, to ask these questions of the  
10 administration. Can we do something to save money.  
11 Perfect example was the books. We need new books.  
12 The technology department, I remember we were  
13 talking about getting monitors. Right now we don't  
14 need those monitors. We can take that money and put  
15 it into a program that's losing the funding.

16 And I just want to say good luck in your  
17 endeavors, you're going to need it, and God bless  
18 you. Thank you.

19 MR. KAUFMAN: Anyone else? Before we go  
20 to the last item, I'll be remiss not to at least  
21 publicly recognize the contingent of teachers from  
22 Mill Lake School. Thanks for coming to a Board  
23 meeting. We're fun, really. You should come more  
24 often.

25 Let's see, item number 15, the next

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1 Board of Ed meeting will be on April 2 at 7 o'clock

2 here at the high school. Do I have a motion to

3 adjourn?

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS - MARCH 16, 2009

	<u>2/28/09</u>	<u>1/31/09</u>	<u>Decrease-</u>	<u>2/28/08</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	807	803	+4	764	+43
Barclay Brook School	519	513	+6	717	-198
Brookside School	685	687	-2	966	-281
Mill Lake School	665	661	+4	671	- 6
Oak Tree	676	676	0	0	+676
Woodland School	507	506	+1	486	+21
Monroe High School	<u>1549</u>	<u>1550</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>1530</u>	<u>+19</u>
<b>Total Elementary &amp; Secondary</b>	<b>5408</b>	<b>5396</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>5134</b>	<b>+274</b>

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

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b>Monroe</b>			<b>Jamesburg</b>		
	<b><u>Jan</u></b>	<b><u>Feb</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>Jan</u></b>	<b><u>Feb</u></b>	<b><u>Difference</u></b>
Academy Learning Center	13	13				
Bridge Academy	2	2				
Bright Beginnings	1	1				
Cambridge	1	1				
Center School	3	2	Less 1			
Childrens Center of Monm.	0	1	Plus 1			
Collier	0	1	Plus 1			
CPC Lower	1	1				
CPC Upper	4	4		2	2	
East Mountain	1	0	Less 1			
Eden	2	2				
Harbor School	2	2				
KIVA	1	0	Less 1	0	1	Plus 1
New Roads Parlin	5	5		1	1	
Kidspeach	1	1				
Mercer Elementary	2	2				
Mercer Cty Jr./Sr.	1	1				
Mercer Cty Reg. Day	2	2				
Midland	4	4		1	1	
Millstone WW/Plainsboro	1	1				
New Brunswick				1	0	Less 1
NuView	0	1	Plus 1			
Palisades Learning Center				1	1	
Princeton Child Dev Instit	1	1				
Piscataway Reg. Day	1	1				
Raritan Valley Academy				1	1	
Rugby	1	1				
Schroth School	1	1				
Spotswood High School				1	1	
UMDNJ	1	1		1	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	

## II. Home Instruction

Stu. #	Rea.	Gr	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/ wk
1.	Med	11	Drust, Goulding	HS	9-4-08		4
2.	Med	9	Hommer, Butler, Gonzalez, Olszewski	HS	9-9-08		10
3.	CST	12	Valendo, Fletcher	OD	9-9-08		10
4.	504	K	Kravit	ML	9-9-08		5
5.	504	6	Previtera	OT	9-9-08		5
6.	SUS	9	Lynch, Wall, Quindes	HS	10-23-08		10
7.	Med	8	Weiner, Firestine, Chang	A	10-6-08		10
8.	Med	11	UMDNJ	OD	10-25-08		10
9.	CST	11	Abruzzee, Riggi, Weinstein	HS	11-5-08		10
10.	Med	10	Roche, Romano, Marmorak, Rosenberg, Goldstein, Quest, Rose	HS	11-5-08		10
11.	Med	10	Papanestor, Quest, Fiore	HS	11-5-08		10
12.	504	11	Drust, Cleary	HS	9-5-08		10
13.	504	11	Donovan, Goldstein	HS	12-2-08		10
14.	CST	12	Friedman, Weiner	OD	11-1-08		10
15.	Med	7	Dansin, Consiglio, Crocket, Viszoki	A	11-18-08		5
16.	CST	12	Valendo	OD	11-11-08		10
17.	Med	11	New Hope Foundation	HS	12-4-08		10
18.	CST	9	Ongaro, Quindes	HS	11-12-08		10
19.	Med	6	Gorham	WD	1-8-09		5
20.	Med	8	Chang	A	1-12-08		
21.	Med	10	Princeton House	HS	1-16-09	1-27-09	10
22.	Med	11	Fennessy, Ogin, Abruzzee, Armstrong	HS	1-29-09		10
23.	SUS	10	Roche, Chase, Quest	HS	2-3-09		6
24.	Med	12	UMDNJ	HS	1-30-09	2-6-09	10
25.	IEP	7	Burd, Rusnak	A	2-6-09		10
26.	Med	K	Robert Wood Hosp	ML	2-4-09		5
27.	SUS	10	Roche, Chase, Quest	HS	2-9-09	2-18-09	10
28.	Med	8	Elias, Weiner, Tromba	A	2-18-09		5

### III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----	February 2 and 9, 2009
Barclay Brook School-----	February 2 and 9, 2009
Brookside School -----	February 11 and 23, 2009
Mill Lake School -----	February 11 and 26, 2009
Monroe Twp. H.S.-----	February 4 and 17, 2009
Oak Tree School -----	February 2 and 11, 2009
Woodland School -----	February 2 and 25, 2009

### IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement, of **Ms. Autumn Schauer**, kindergarten teacher at Mill Lake School, effective July 1, 2009.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement, of **Mr. George Packard**, Physical Education teacher at the High School, effective July 1, 2009.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Brigitte Cheer**, grade 1 teacher at Oak Tree School, effective March 30, 2009 pending further action of the Board (for a period of approximately 12 weeks). It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Cheer may have available.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Sandra Talbott**, Special Education teacher at Mill lake School, effective March 16, 2009 through April 3, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Talbott may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Patricia Sherman**, workstation specialist at Brookside School, effective February 24, 2009 through April 26, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Sherman may have available.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Danielle Kennedy**, Physical Education teacher at the High School, effective May 1, 2009 through November 2009 (start of second semester). It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Kennedy is entitled to utilize.

- G. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Desiray Sobel**, Special Education teacher at Brookside, effective April 20, 2009 through June 30, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Sobel is entitled to utilize.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Silvia Rego**, Spanish teacher at the High School, effective April 15, 2009 through June 30, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Rego is entitled to utilize.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Cheryl Whinna**, Physical Education teacher at Applegarth, effective March 16, 2009 through March 31, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Whinna is entitled to utilize.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Deborah Preston**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to March 9, 2009 through April 6, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Preston may have available.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the medical leave of absence to **Ms. Alice Hansen**, secretary in the Personnel Department, effective January 29, 2009 through May 1, 2009. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Hansen may have available.
- L. It is recommended that the Board of Education (1) rescind the Board's approval, on February 25, 2009, of the resolution suspending bus driver Sean O'Brien with pay, retroactive to January 29, 2009 and terminating the employment of Mr. O'Brien effective February 26, 2009; (2) approve the suspension of Mr. O'Brien with pay, retroactively, from January 29, 2009 to February 25, 2009; (3) place Mr. O'Brien on a paid leave of absence with health care benefits, retroactively, from February 26, 2009 through March 27, 2009; and (4) terminate the employment of Mr. O'Brien effective March 28, 2009. The Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Board Attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this action of the Board of Education.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Mr. John Lizzio**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, effective March 5, 2009.
- N. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Ms. Michele Britt**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, effective March 16, 2009.

- O. It is recommended that the Board of Education eliminate the position of Coordinator /Technology effective at the close of business on June 30, 2009 for reasons of economy.
- P. It is recommended that the Board of Education eliminate a secretarial position in the Superintendent's Office effective at the close of business on June 30, 2009 for reasons of economy.
- Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for the Spring Clubs at Applegarth School for the 2008-2009 school year at a corrected stipend of \$747.75 (account no. 11-401-100-100-000-098):

ART CLUB	Maria Naumik
ASP (Pride)	Natalie Burd
ASP (Alpha)	Frances Cundari
ASP (Senators)	Kerri Kirchner
ASP (Vega)	Jeannine Morse
ASP (Innovation)	Adele Hughes
ASP (Spectrum)	Dawn Fowler
APPLEGARTH AMBASSADORS	Dorothea Zeier
BOOK CLUB	Irene Curran
BUSINESS CLUB	Erin Muschla 33.3%
BUSINESS CLUB	Shirley Siniscalchi 33.3%
BUSINESS CLUB	Jennifer Campbell 33.3%
COLOR GUARD CLUB	Dawn Fowler
COMPUTER CLUB	Donna Montgomery
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC CLUB	David Rattner
COOKING CLUB	Sharon Rusnak
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	Erica Blumetti
DIRECTOR'S CHAIR CLUB	Joan Venslavsky
FITNESS CLUB	Erica Blumetti
HISTORICAL CELEBRATIONS CLUB	Rhonna Guglielmetti
JEWELRY CLUB	Barbara Shapiro
KNITTING CLUB	Mona LeClaire
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Alpha)	Kimberly Lowden
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Innovation)	Adele Hughes
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Pride)	Natalie Burd
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Senators)	Kerri Kirchner
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Spectrum)	Joan Venslavsky
MAKING THE GRADE CLUB (Vega)	Kyleen Oates
MATHEMATICAL MARVELS CLUB	Chip Booher

MODEL CONGRESS CLUB  
 PUZZLE CLUB  
 SEWING CLUB  
 WALKING CLUB  
 WRESTLING CLUB

Christine Viszoki  
 Sherri Fatovic  
 Michelle Murphy  
 Dorothea Zeier  
 John Devine

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

Employee	Position	School	Teacher's Salary Guide	Account No.	Dates	Reason for hire
Kristen Hummel	ICS/Resource	Woodland School	15 year longevity	11-213-100-101-000-093	4/1/09-6/30/09	Adjustment for longevity
Patricia Van Gorden	Special Education teacher	Applegarth School	From 117% to 100% Step 11MA	11-213-100-101-000-093	2/15/09-6/30/09	No longer teaching additional class
Melinda Malavasi	Physical Education teacher	Applegarth	Step 1 BA \$44,000	11-130-100-101-000-050	3/13/09-3/31/09	Extension of contract
Donna Montgomery	Multimedia Club	Applegarth	\$747.75	11-401-100-100-000-098	Spring 2009	Club stipend
Claire Rascoe	Making the Grade Club Alpha	Applegarth	\$747.75	11-401-100-100-000-098	Spring 2009	Club stipend

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

Employee	Position	School	Salary	Account No.	Dates	Reason for Hire
Eleanor Walker	Driver	Transportation	6 to 6.5 hours/day	11-000-270-160-000-096	3/15/09-6/30/09	Additional time needed to do run
Fred Stricker	Driver	Transportation	6 to 6.5 hours/day	11-000-270-160-000-096	3/15/09-6/30/09	Additional time needed to do run
Pauline Fusco	Special Ed Para/Supv. Para	Mill Lake	2.0/hrs special ed 1.75 Reg. ed	11-213-100-106-093	9/1/08-6/30/09	Correction on guide

Eliot Feldman	Workstation Specialist	MTHS	BA+15 \$1500	11-000-252-100-000-070	2/15/09-6/30/09	Salary adjustment
Anna Cabanski	Custodian	MTHS	Boiler License \$750 stipend	11-000-262-100-000-040	1/24/09-6/30/09	Salary adjustment
Leslaw Lenczyk	Custodian	MTHS	Boiler License \$750 stipend	11-000-262-100-000-040	1/24/09-6/30/09	Salary adjustment
Michael Evans	Workstation Specialist	Woodland	Tuition Reimbursement \$1,620	11-000-252-100-000-030	2/27/09	Tuition Reimbursement

T. It is recommended that the Board approve the following appointments to be added to our 2008-2009 list of approved substitutes:

***Certificated***

Julie Aseltta	Substitute teacher
Jason Axelrod	Substitute teacher
Leonard Becker	Substitute teacher
Kimberly Chervenjak	Substitute teacher
Richard Garcia	Substitute teacher
Maegan Pane	Substitute teacher
Rosa Pucci	Substitute teacher
Andrew Rodriguez	Substitute teacher
Laura Salimbene	Substitute teacher
Arlene Weber	Substitute teacher

***Non certificated***

Kathleen D'Onofrio	Substitute paraprofessional
Frances Ondayko	Substitute paraprofessional
Catherine Lobo	Substitute paraprofessional

**V. Board Action**

A. **2008-2009 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/08 through 3/13/09: .....\$0

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to</u>
<u>District</u> 2-17-09	MTHS	suspected use/not confirmed	
2-19-09	MTHS	fight	
2-24-09	Barclay Brook	weapon-pocket knife	

2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use not confirmed
2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use not confirmed
2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use confirmed
2-26-09	MTHS	fight
3-4-09	MTHS	suspected use confirmed
3-5-09	MTHS	fight
3-5-09	MTHS	fight
3-6-09	MTHS	fight

- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the New Jersey High School Consortium professional development at Monroe Township High School at the cost of \$9,000. This will include workshops, regional conferences, online courses, materials on high school reform, access to extensive curriculum framing software program, action research data, and consulting services provided by Grant Wiggins and his colleagues at Authentic Education.
- C. It recommended that the Board approve the Middlesex County Superintendent's Office approval of the District Professional Development Plan for 2009-2010.
- D. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of February 2009.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached 2009-2010 School Calendar.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Field Trips.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher placements.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached 2009-2010 Course of Study.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Regulation for a first reading:

**Regulation**

2460.16 Special Education – Instructional Material to Blind or Disabled Pupils

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- K. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policy and Regulation for a second and final reading:

**Policy**  
2428.1 Standards-Based Instructional Priorities

**Regulation**  
8420.7 Lockdown Procedures

- L. It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following Policies and Regulations:

**Policies**  
2460 Special Education  
2467 Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents

**Regulation**  
2460 Special Education  
2460.1 Special Education – Location, Identification, and Referral  
2460.8 Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education  
2460.9 Special Education – Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Pre School Programs

- M. It is recommended that the Board approve the abolishment of the following Regulations:

**Regulation**  
2460.5 Special Education – Participation in State-Wide Testing  
2460.10 Special Education – Maintenance, Access to and Confidentiality of Pupil Records  
2460.14 Special Education – In-Service Training

- N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following students to attend out of district programs:

Student No.	School	Dates of Attendance	Cost
81863	Collier	2/19/09	\$246.27 per diem
82617	Children's Center of Monmouth	3/2/09	\$110.00 per diem includes one on one aide

MONROE TOWNSHIP  
Board of Education

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$9,289,823.08 for January 2009 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 \$1,825,825.26 for January 2009 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 \$100,712.64 for January 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

D. BILL LIST – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2008)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,049,287.01 for January 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

E. SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL & CASH REPORT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby certifies that it is in receipt of the Financial Reports for January 2009, 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), Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the January 2009 Secretary's Report indicates that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

F. BID AUTHORIZATION – CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for and solicit bids for custodial supplies. This bid when awarded by members of the Board of Education will be encumbered against the 2009/10 budget.

G. BID AUTHORIZATION – HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for and solicit bids for the replacement of sections of the original building roof at Monroe Township High School. Please refer to the attached document for supplemental information.

H. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Four Winds Hospital to provide home instruction for a hospitalized student at the rate of \$42.50 per hour for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

I. GRANT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and accept the New Jersey Department of Education Fiscal Year 2009 Grant Acceptance Certification (GAC) as related to the IDEIA Consolidated Grant. Please refer to the attached document for supplemental information.

J. GROUNDS CARE MAINTENANCE BID AWARD

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education renew Contract #1 Turf Maintenance to Above the Mark. It is further recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the Time & Material Unit Rates for grounds care maintenance. Please refer to the attached bid analysis for supplemental information. There is no increase in costs.

K. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS TO FUND 40, DEBT SERVICE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled: “RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS TO FUND 40, DEBT SERVICE”

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2006, the Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey issued its \$26,800,000 School District Bonds, Series 2006 (the “2006 Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Bonds were issued to finance (a) the construction of a new elementary school upon approximately 30 acres of land located on Applegarth Road (Lot

10.69, Block 14); (b) any necessary improvements, upgrades, appurtenances, equipment, furniture and site work required in connection therewith; and (c) certain incidental expenses (collectively, the "2006 Project"), and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds were deposited in the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund to be used for the 2006 Project; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Project has been completed and \$659,208.23 of the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds remain on deposit in the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund (the "Unexpended Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education hereby desires to designate the transfer of \$510,000. of the Unexpended Proceeds from the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund to Fund 40, Debt Service.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to transfer \$510,000. of the Unexpended Proceeds to Fund 40, Debt Service to offset the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 16, 2009

L. ADOPTION OF THE 2009/10 TENTATIVE BUDGET

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following amounts and resolution for the 2009/10 Tentative Budget:

Be It Resolved, by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the 2009/10 Tentative General Fund Budget be adopted in the amount of \$89,313,201. and a Tentative General Fund Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$74,392,326. and a Tentative Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$821,136. and a Tentative Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$10,293,639. and a Tentative Debt Service Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,303,802. Whereby, the Tentative 2009/10 Budget totals \$100,427,976.; and

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

Whereas, such state aid amounts are:

For 2009/10 the Categorical Special Education Aid is \$2,226,642.; and

For 2009/10 the Categorical Security Aid is \$398,375.; and

For 2009/10 the Categorical Transportation Aid is \$2,043,966.; and

For 2009/10 the Debt Service Aid is \$802,530.; and

Whereas, school district Bylaw #0147, Policy #3440, Policy #4440 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2009/10 school year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2009/10 school year at the tentative sum of \$170,346., and

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

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

M. MEETING DATE CHANGE

Whereas, there have been multiple date changes to the 2009 School Election/Budget Calendar by the New Jersey Legislature; and

Whereas, in accordance with 18A:10-3 all Type II boards of education shall organize annually on any day of the first or second week following the annual school election; and

Whereas, the organization meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education was scheduled for April 22, 2009; and

Whereas, the 2009 School Election/Budget Calendar now requires the organization meeting to occur on any day from April 27, 2009 through May 8, 2009; and

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the organization meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education originally scheduled for April 22, 2009 be cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Monroe Township High School, 1629 Perrineville Road, Monroe Township.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY  
Prepared by

March 16, 2009  
Date