

Minutes of the Public Board of Education meeting held on March 31, 2010 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Amy Antelis at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Amy Antelis, Board President
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board Vice President
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Mr. Mark Klein
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Kathy Leonard
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Nidhi Bhatt
Ms. Reena Dholakia

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Jeff Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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 26, 2010:

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT - None

2010/2011 BUDGET PRESENTATION, PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ADOPTION

Dr. Hamilton welcomed everyone to the 2010/11 Budget Presentation and stated that all questions from the public would be answered at the end of the presentation. Then, Dr. Hamilton acknowledged members of the Board of Education and staff in attendance. Specifically, during the presentation, Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Holliday spoke about projected student enrollment, staffing, instructional programs, state aid, and the major components of 2010/11 projected revenues and appropriations. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Leonard to adopt the 2010/11 Budget Resolution. Ms. Antelis stated that Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein was in the audience and asked if she would like to address the Board and the public. Ms. Greenstein addressed the Board of Education and the public regarding State funding for education. Then, Ms. Antelis asked if any member of the public wanted to speak about the budget. Members of the public made statements and asked questions as related to the proposed 2010/11 budget. Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Holliday, and members of the Board of Education responded to questions asked by members of the public. Roll Call - Motion Carried Unanimously to adopt the 2010/11 Budget Resolution. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official set of minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on February 24, 2010. Motion Carried with Mr. Chiarella abstaining. Ms. Kolupanowich was not present for the vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Tessler to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Board of Education Meeting held on February 24, 2010. Motion Carried with Mr. Chiarella abstaining. Ms. Kolupanowich was not present for the vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Ms. Antelis left the room and Ms. Kolupanowich still had not returned. Mr. Braverman made a motion seconded by Ms. Leonard for Mr. Holliday to preside over the meeting until Ms. Antelis and Ms. Kolupanowich returned. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Braverman and seconded by Mr. Leary that Personnel Items (A - J) be approved by consent roll call with the effective date on Item F being changed to September 1, 2009. Roll Call – 9 – 0. Motion Carried with Ms. Antelis not present for the vote. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Leary that Board Action items (A – D) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 9 – 0. Motion carried with Mr. Tessler not present for the vote. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Kolupanowich and seconded by Ms. Leonard that Board Action Items (A – I) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 10 – 0. Motion Carried with Mr. Leary recusing on Item H. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Antelis spoke about the need to change the start time of the next Public Board Meeting in order to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. A motion was made by Ms. Kolupanowich and seconded by Mr. Chiarella to change the start time of the April 14, 2010 Public Board of Education Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chiarella, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Committee stated there had been a meeting on March 10, 2010 and that the following items had been discussed: the JCP&L Agreement for Oak Tree Sports Field Lighting, security at the field house, and a demonstration was given as related to a school visitor management system.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS - None

CLOSED SESSION - None

PUBLIC FORUM - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Kolupanowich that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR