

Minutes of the Public Board of Education meeting held on October 14, 2009 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 ABSENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/STAFF – 151

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 9, 2009:

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

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION

Ms. Kolupanowich moved, seconded by Mr. Tessler to adopt 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:

Personnel Matter: MTEA Level 3 Grievance Employee No. 001942.

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

Motion Carried.

Members of the Board of Education convened to Closed Session at 6:14 p.m.

Members of the Board of Education reconvened to the Public Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Ms. Dholakia spoke about the Applegarth Middle School upcoming Halloween Dances for 7th and 8th graders. Next, Ms. Dholakia spoke about the Mill Lake Elementary School Fire Prevention & Anti-Bullying Assemblies. Then, she spoke about the following events at Brookside Elementary School: school trip to Etsch Farm and Red Ribbon Week.

Ms. Bhatt spoke about the following events at Barclay Brook Elementary School: PTA Book Fair, Fire Safety Assembly, 1st and 2nd grade book swap, and the upcoming Halloween Parade in Thompson Park. Next, Ms. Bhatt spoke about the Oak Tree Elementary School clothing and toy drive. Then, Ms. Bhatt spoke about the following events at the High School: National Honor Society tutoring, FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, Student Council Spirit Week, Homecoming, Peer Leadership, and the Gay-Straight Alliance trip to the AIDS Walk.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2008/09 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, 2009 and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. He explained both reports and stated that there were no recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Braverman 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, 2009 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously. Mr. Stankiewicz 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. Mr. Holliday expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for their support and expressed appreciation to associates affiliated with Samuel Klein and Company for their professionalism. Mr. Holliday, also, acknowledged and thanked the financial and accounting staff. The public was invited to ask questions or make comments as related to the aforementioned reports. There were no questions or comments from the public.

PRE K-12 SUPERVISORS PRESENTATION: PROGRESS OF ALL STUDENTS AT KEY GRADE LEVELS IN MASTERING THE NEW JERSEY CORE CURRICULUM CONTENT STANDARDS

Dr. Hamilton introduced the PreK-12 Supervisors who gave a presentation as related to the progress of all students at key grade levels in mastering the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards as related to the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the official set of minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to the attached transcript.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Leary to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 9, 2009. Motion Carried with Mr. Chiarella and Mr. Braverman abstaining.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Chiarella to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 23, 2009. Motion Carried with Mr. Braverman abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve the Closed Session minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 23, 2009. Motion Carried with Ms. Antelis, Ms. Leonard and Mr. Kaufman abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Hamilton stated the following: that he was a guest speaker earlier in the day at the New Jersey PTA Fall Legislative Advocacy Day, that district staff are finalizing the emergency management influenza pandemic plan, and thanked the PreK-12 Supervisors for their presentation.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Personnel Items (A - S) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 9 – 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. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Board Action items (A – K) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 9 – 0. Motion Carried. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

ITEM L - 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 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 Members of the Board of Education or the public had any comments or questions.

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Leary 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.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Braverman that Board Action Items (A – L) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 9 – 0. Motion Carried with Mr. Leary recusing on Items C and D-5. 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 stated the following: that she felt it would be necessary to move the start time of the November Public Board of Education Meeting to 6:00 p.m., that Mr. Glassmacher a teacher at Applegarth Middle School has invited the Board to attend a Salute to Veteran's Assembly on November 9th and that Mr. Bertram Busch will be honored for his thirty-seven years of providing legal services to the District at the November 11, 2009 Public Board of Education Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Leonard to move the start time of the November 11, 2009 Public Board of Education Meeting to 6:00 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTSMIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Mr. Leary, Monroe Township Board of Education's Representative to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, invited the Board to attend the opening of the Center for Lifelong Learning, a new state of the art facility, on October 23rd in the Borough of Sayreville.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mr. Kaufman, Chairperson of the Technology Committee, stated that the committee met on Thursday, October 8th and that the following items were discussed: status of technology equipment installation in Applegarth Middle School temporary classroom units, pandemic flu emergency assignment preparation, NJSMART data submission, School Technology Plan revisions, and the renovated High School TV Studio as related to community outreach.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chiarella, Chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee, stated that the committee met on Wednesday, October 14th and that construction of the new high school is on schedule, and bus drivers had a staff development day.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Mr. Klein stated he had contact telephone numbers for State Department of Transportation personnel for any interested parent. Mr. Kaufman stated that Monroe Township High School will be hosting a Marching Band Competition on Saturday.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Kolupanowich that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

TRANSCRIPT

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2009

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1 MS. ANTELIS: Moving on, we will now
2 open it up to the public. Anyone wishing to speak,
3 please stand and state your name.

4 MS. CASTALDO: Good evening, Caren
5 Castaldo. As president of the MTEA, I would like to
6 confirm what our supervisors said this evening about
7 the great work that our teachers and ESP staff are
8 doing. Nice job, supervisors, and lets hear it for
9 our staff. Applaud yourselves. I look forward, as
10 my negotiating team does, and our members do not
11 know this, in meeting again with the Board of
12 Education on October 22 to hopefully reach a
13 settlement that will recognize the hard work that
14 all of us saw that each and everyone of our members
15 do. Thank you.

16 MS. ANTELIS: Thank you.

17 MR. KLEIN: Is it something I said?

18 MS. ANTELIS: Anyone else from the
19 public wishing to stand and speak? Okay. Seeing no
20 one, we will move on to -- oh, I'm sorry. Please
21 state your name and address for the record.

22 MS. DIPIERRO: Gina DiPierro, 36 Lower
23 Matchaponix Road in Monroe. There's an incident
24 that occurred --

25 MS. ANTELIS: You know, it's hard to

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1 hear you. Get close to it, please. If you move a
2 little closer, you should be fine.

3 MS. DEPIERRO: There was an issue that
4 occurred in September 29 at the high school. Some
5 of you know about it, some of you may not. It was
6 an incident where the girls' freshman hockey team
7 was leaving the park field that they have, which is
8 next to the new high school, and they had played on
9 the field. They were carrying equipment and were
10 walking at the foot of a berm that was developed
11 during the construction, and they were walking at
12 the foot of the berm until they could get to the
13 sidewalk of the new high school. At this point,
14 they would cross Schoolhouse Road, which is a very
15 busy highway at that particular time. It's commuter
16 time -- excuse me -- by the time the girls end their
17 match.

18 As the girls reached the foot of the
19 berm, a black truck slowed down, seeing them. The
20 girl behind them in the red car, she mustn't have
21 been paying attention, slammed on her brakes so hard
22 that her antilock brake system kicked in, and it
23 skids the car, which it's supposed to do. She must
24 have been a young driver, didn't know this, thought
25 that the brakes were not working, panicked, swerved,

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1 hit the gas, and almost crashed through the gates of
2 the new driveway of the new high school.

3 I have a drawing. Unfortunately, my
4 copier wasn't working. You want to look at it? You
5 can see that the girls being at the foot of the
6 berm, the driveway is here, and then the sidewalk
7 picks up where the spectators and the parents,
8 siblings, and the like were over here. To say it
9 was a close call isn't even close to describing what
10 happened. If the girls, which had gotten separated
11 from the spectators, had quickened their step just a
12 little bit to catch up to the spectators, or the
13 spectators that were in the back, myself included,
14 had slowed down a little to let the girls catch up,
15 the calamity that would have occurred is just beyond
16 anything that's happened in Monroe Township because
17 it wouldn't have taken out one child or one parent.
18 It would have been like the equivalent of taking a
19 bowling ball and throwing it down a bowling lane.
20 It would have taken out a lot of people because her
21 speed was so great. And the coach wasn't there.
22 The coach was in her office because she drives while
23 the girls walk. This thanks to Mr. Kirk has been
24 taken care of. She now drives to the tennis court,
25 gets out of her car, crosses them, gets back in her

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1 car, and drives up to the field, but at least there
2 is some kind of crossing, but when we really looked
3 at this and we talked to Mr. Kirk the following
4 day -- and he did address this immediately -- there
5 is a 45-mile zone bright as day. So you're coming
6 off of a 40 mile Perrineville Road. You have a new
7 turning lane now, which they blow through the red
8 light anyway, and then they pick up speed because
9 now it's 45. We might as well just put a bull's eye
10 on our kids.

11 It's very, very dangerous, and it's not
12 going to be -- if this happens again, this is going
13 to be when this happens again because when the new
14 high school opens up, you're going to have a
15 switching. Instead of one or two teams going over
16 by the park, you're going to have band and football,
17 which are two programs that have more equipment than
18 any other group, carrying all their equipment across
19 Schoolhouse Road to get to their turf fields where
20 they play or where they practice their band.

21 It is a matter of when, and when it
22 happens, it's going to be just calamitous. So
23 beyond the phone calls, which unfortunately were not
24 returned by some, but there are very low cost things
25 that can be done, like take out the 45 mile zone

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1 sign and replace it with -- and I know the road
2 department has it -- the 25 mile zone, and they even
3 have the little caption that says like school zone.

4 MS. ANTELIS: Okay. I don't mean to
5 interrupt you. We don't have the jurisdiction to do
6 that. That would have to fall through the police
7 department. We cannot change the --

8 MR. LEARY: Department of Transportation
9 controls all signage on all roads.

10 MS. ANTELIS: The school district -- we
11 can ask for it, but we cannot change it.

12 DR. HAMILTON: If I can just interject,
13 you gestured, you implied I think that you called my
14 office and that call was not returned. I thought
15 you and I spoke about this.

16 MS. DEPIERRO: No, not me.

17 FROM THE FLOOR: Actually, I called
18 your office. I didn't get a call back. I talked to
19 Cathy, your secretary. Her name is Cathy?

20 DR. HAMILTON: Yes.

21 FROM THE FLOOR: And she told me that
22 she was going to tell you what happened. I told her
23 complete detail of what happened because of my
24 daughter stepping off the curb at that time, and I
25 know I was very upset the day that I called your

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1 office, and she said that she would tell you right
2 away what happened, and I haven't heard.

3 DR. HAMILTON: I received two calls, and
4 I don't have my call log here, but I returned both
5 of them. I don't know if you were one of them or
6 not, honestly, but I did speak with two parents
7 about this so I don't -- I want to go on the record
8 because, like I said, you gestured like you were
9 expecting a call from me that you didn't get, and if
10 I got a message, I returned the call, I assure you.

11 MS. DIPIERRO: The problem is that when
12 we started making these phone calls, not one person
13 wanted to actually take -- except for Dave Kirk, I
14 mean, he went out there. He saw that the berm had
15 been muddied. He understood why the girls couldn't
16 walk on top of the berm and where they actually
17 walked. He saw the 45-mile zone. He -- he told me
18 that a call was made to the chief of police, who
19 said, well, use the crosswalk that is at
20 Perrineville. Well, that's like playing chicken.
21 Have you ever tried that, because you can't do it.
22 With the new turn lane and the light, you cannot --
23 it's very hard to get through there, and the team
24 sports and events end at commuter time. That is not
25 a safe place for the kids to cross. We can build a

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1 multimillion dollar -- and I'm in construction so I
2 know what I'm asking for. It's not that much money.
3 If we can build a high school, we can build a
4 crosswalk with a blinking light eventually, but for
5 right now, there is like these little -- they're
6 like reflectors, and you can put them in the road
7 temporarily until an actual crossway -- I understand
8 there's engineering that needs to be done to
9 actually do the semantics, but nobody wants to take
10 responsibility.

11 You all asked us to support the high
12 school, and we did. You have to call whoever you
13 have to call to help us get a safe haven for our
14 kids to cross back and forth. It's not just the
15 kids because don't forget there is going to be
16 spectators, and if it's somebody from outside the
17 township and nothing is done, you're opening up
18 yourselves to a humongous lawsuit. If something
19 happens to somebody or when something happens to
20 somebody, the fur is going to fly, and it's going to
21 be horrible. Now -- yes.

22 MS. ANTELIS: Mr. Leary.

23 MR. LEARY: I would suggest that we'll
24 work with you, but the appropriate place to go is
25 Trenton. The State Department of Transportation

1 controls all signage and all control signals. We'll
2 be more than happy to put a resolution forward, but
3 that's the place you got to go.

4 MS. DIPIERRO: Well, that would have
5 been great information 2 weeks ago. It really would
6 have. We didn't know that.

7 MS. ANTELIS: Mr. Klein.

8 MR. KLEIN: Having experience in this,
9 the place to go, Town Council meeting, where the
10 Mayor is --

11 MS. DIPIERRO: I've already talked to
12 Mayor Pucci, and he said no, it has to come back
13 here. That's what I'm saying. That's what we all
14 got calls on. No, he called; no, you have to call.

15 MR. KLEIN: I agree with you
16 100 percent, and I can see the problem once the new
17 school is open. It's going to be a major problem.
18 What's needed there is common sense. Fifteen miles
19 an hour when students are present, lights, blinking
20 lights that will blink to make sure the people slow
21 down, absolutely, but having experience on this both
22 on the Zoning Board level, because I'm on the Zoning
23 Board, and going to Planning Board meetings and
24 Council meetings, is you lay the groundwork there,
25 not just the Mayor. You lay it there. Ernie Feist

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1 is there. He's the township engineer.

2 MS. DIPIERRO: Yes, I know him well.

3 MR. KLEIN: He has to come out. No, I
4 don't want to see an accident there, but I would
5 start there first, see what they tell you. There's
6 somebody that's going to be on the Council -- I'm
7 not going to go into that, but do that first. I
8 will try to do what I can on the connections that I
9 have there, but in the interim, I don't know who the
10 coach is, I don't know who the assistant coach is.
11 Having been involved in sports, the coaches did the
12 same thing that the players did. If it was taking a
13 subway -- I was in New York -- subway, they went
14 with us, they didn't drive. Here where you got to
15 go from here to here, there's no reason for her to
16 take a car.

17 MS. DIPIERRO: And especially after it
18 happened.

19 MS. ANTELIS: You know what, I don't
20 think we should get into personnel issues right now,
21 Mr. Klein.

22 MR. KLEIN: Okay. See, I'm new. I tell
23 it like it is. The point is that there has to be
24 people at the crosswalks, adults on both sides to
25 make sure it's safe, whether you make a sign, a big

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1 red sign that they hold out, you know, 20 feet,
2 30 feet, 40 feet away to get people coming to slow
3 down. For this point, you know, at this point,
4 that's what you have to do, but please don't just go
5 to the Mayor, don't just go to Wayne Hamilton. At a
6 Council meeting, and come in with people to support
7 you. You'll see how fast it's taken care of.

8 MS. ANTELIS: Mr. Braverman.

9 MR. KLEIN: (Inaudible) a county road,
10 and it still has to go through the county, but they
11 can do something in the interim.

12 MS. ANTELIS: Can we just have -- Mr.
13 Leary, please, we can't recognize people on the tape
14 if everybody starts talking.

15 MR. KLEIN: But there are certain things
16 that they should be able to do until they get final
17 approval. In this case it's a state road, it would
18 have to be done from the state, but I'm sure if you
19 get some people in, not just yourself. Get people
20 there, bring it up. They're more than happy to
21 listen. Let me know, I will follow up on it at my
22 end.

23 MS. ANTELIS: Mr. Braverman.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: Well, I've been called
25 an obstructionist because I didn't want the high

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1 school there because I saw all this coming, but it's
2 going to get worse before it gets better.

3 I think you're asking for some help now,
4 not some direction of where you can go. I would
5 suggest that we put a security guard out there for
6 practice sessions to direct traffic, and in the mean
7 -- while that's going on, contact those agencies
8 that have jurisdiction over that road, because
9 you're right, things will get worse. They're not
10 going to get bettered.

11 MS. ANTELIS: Miss Leonard.

12 MS. LEONARD: Actually, sort of heeding
13 back on Marvin's idea is let the Board -- I put a
14 motion out that the Board write a resolution
15 supporting either a policeman there at -- when the
16 sports are changing both ways, when they're going to
17 their games, when they're coming there. That would
18 be through the township that we support some sort of
19 presence there now as an interim solution until a
20 permanent solution can be found.

21 DR. HAMILTON: I have -- when I got the
22 call, I did call the chief of police, and I did
23 request a crossing guard during those particular
24 periods so -- and he hasn't gotten back to me yet so
25 that doesn't mean that it won't happen.

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1 MS. LEONARD: Right. I know they used
2 to put somebody there at high traffic times before
3 the light was at Perrineville and Schoolhouse.
4 Perhaps they could put a presence there when our
5 teams are crossing and then send that resolution on
6 to county or state, wherever it goes, to get
7 engineers to look into a permanent solution for that
8 because this is just the beginning of our problems
9 there.

10 MS. ANTELIS: Mr. Leary.

11 MR. LEARY: I recommend to get the
12 immediate problem, do what they do in the army, get
13 a crossing guard from the students, equip them with
14 the appropriate signage, and say halt, until the
15 people have crossed the road, and then and only then
16 can the people go forward, and if they -- if the
17 crazy people hurt the guard, it's only one rather
18 than dozens.

19 MS. DIPIERRO: And let me -- something
20 that came up that was said to us is that kids won't
21 -- kids are going to be kids and they're just going
22 to kind of go. No. I don't know if you know Coach
23 Beagan of the football teams, but if he told those
24 kids to put their nose on that carpet and not move
25 for 5 hours, they'd do it, and every coach that I

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1 know, including the one that drives, when she says
2 or he says do this or you're not going to
3 participate, they will. So if you have some kind of
4 crossing protection, whatever that rule is, they
5 will follow it because they don't not want to
6 participate. They don't not want to play.

7 It's not anybody's fault what happened
8 this time. The next time it will be somebody's
9 fault, and it's going to be horrible. Thank you.

10 MS. ANTELIS: Thank you. Just state
11 your name and address for the record.

12 MS. GOETZ: Lara Goetz, 5 Scott Drive,
13 Monroe Township. Just to I guess piggyback on what
14 Gina said. Five seconds either way I was hit in
15 this incident. This is not really about the coach,
16 and it's really not -- we need something immediate
17 so I thought your suggestion was excellent. You
18 know, we have money for a lot of things in this
19 town. One of them needs to be to have these kids
20 crossed. Now, the season's almost over. We have
21 one game left, but there should be a sidewalk. I
22 mean, I think we need to just kind of visualize
23 where this driveway is. There is no sidewalk so
24 that's where my concern is. If we have all this
25 money for the new high school, then the sidewalk

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1 should have continued to the field. That is on the
2 planning of the high school.

3 So, you know, yes, the coach crosses
4 them, and we thank her back there for crossing them,
5 but these girls are walking on the side of the road
6 at 45 miles an hour, and, yes, we do need to
7 commission somebody to change that speed limit, but
8 you also have to visualize, this is going up that
9 hill, so you're getting to a hill, and then you're
10 going down, and these girls are walking, and that
11 day it was rainy, and it was muddy, and they were
12 sinking so they walked on the sidewalk, and we were
13 with them, but there is no -- not on the sidewalk --
14 I'm sorry -- I guess right on the line on the main
15 street. There is no -- there is not even -- I mean,
16 you're literally on that line next to you. This is
17 the cars going 45 miles an hour. It's just not
18 acceptable, and you know what, we didn't realize it
19 as it what is happening, and like I said, 5 seconds
20 either way.

21 So, you know, my suggestion also would
22 be spend the money and put sidewalks in and get
23 someone to cross -- you know, there's even something
24 I don't know that everyone is even thinking, and I
25 thought about this. My daughter went to CMAC

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1 after school, and then she went to meet her -- she
2 got excused from the first hour, and then she walked
3 from here, there. I would like to know if any of
4 you have done that walk by yourself. It's a nice
5 little walk. So even that concerned me, that she
6 was walking by herself, crossing the -- you know,
7 the coach crosses the whole team, but what about the
8 students that stay for extra help. It's another
9 thought. So these are all the different things that
10 are going to go into play. This is a far walk. I
11 walked from the softball fields, and it's a nice
12 little walk, and you had grandparents complaining
13 that they had to walk and they couldn't come watch
14 their children. So, I mean, I guess I'm speaking on
15 their behalf, as well. So that's basically like I
16 said, I don't know what the suggestion is. You
17 know, they're going to be JV next year. They're not
18 going to play on those fields, but there are going
19 to be freshman next year, and it's not going to go
20 away.

21 MR. LEARY: Clear and present danger.

22 MS. GOETZ: It is absolutely a clear
23 present danger, and to me that should be the most
24 important thing is the safety of our children first.

25 MS. ANTELIS: Thank you. Anyone else

1 from the public wish to speak?

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS – OCTOBER 14, 2009 PUBLIC MEETING

I. Enrollment

| | <u>9/30/09</u> | <u>6/30/09</u> | Increase+ <u>Decrease-</u> | <u>9/30/08</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Applegarth School | 798 | 812 | -14 | 804 | -6 |
| Barclay Brook School | 532 | 524 | + 8 | 512 | +20 |
| Brookside School | 671 | 686 | -15 | 691 | -20 |
| Mill Lake School | 677 | 664 | +13 | 657 | +20 |
| Oak Tree | 749 | 685 | +64 | 661 | +88 |
| Woodland School | 512 | 506 | + 6 | 504 | + 8 |
| Monroe High School | <u>1606</u> | <u>1544</u> | <u>+62</u> | <u>1580</u> | <u>+26</u> |
| Total Elementary & Secondary | 5545 | 5421 | +124 | 5409 | +136 |

I. Enrollment Continued

| <i>School</i> | Monroe | | | Jamesburg | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | <i>June</i> | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Difference</i> | <i>June</i> | <i>Sept.</i> | <i>Difference</i> |
| Academy Learning Center | 12 | 13 | Plus 1 | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| Bright Beginnings | 1 | 0 | Minus 1 | | | |
| Cambridge | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Center School | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| Childrens Center of Monm. | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| Collier | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| CPC Lower | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| CPC Upper | 4 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | |
| East Mountain | 1 | 2 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Eden | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| Harbor School | 1 | 2 | Plus 1 | | | |
| KIVA | 1 | 0 | Minus 1 | 1 | 2 | Plus 1 |
| New Roads Parlin | 5 | 5 | | 1 | 1 | |
| New Roads Somerset | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Kidspace | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Lamberts Mills Academy | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Mercer Elementary | 2 | 1 | Minus 1 | | | |
| Mercer Cty Jr./Sr. | 1 | 2 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Mercer Cty Reg. Day | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| Midland | 4 | 2 | Minus 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Millstone WW/Plainsboro | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Morris Union Jointure DCL | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Princeton Child Dev Instit | 1 | 0 | Minus 1 | | | |
| Raritan Valley Academy | | | | 0 | 1 | Plus 1 |
| Rugby | 1 | 2 | Plus 1 | | | |
| Schroth School | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Spotswood High School | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| UMDNJ | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total | 49 | 51 | | 7 | 14 | |

II. Home Instruction

| Student # | reason | Grade | Teachers | School | Start date | End date | Hour per week |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | Med | 12 | Fletcher | MTHS | 9/8/2009 | | 10 |
| 2 | 504 | 2 | Beresky | ML | 9/8/2009 | | 5 |
| 3 | Med | 12 | Simmons, Rose Butler | HS | 9/8/2009 | | 10 |
| 4 | UMDNJ | 11 | UMDNJ | HS | 9/17/2009 | | 10 |
| 5 | IEP | 3 | Mertz | HS | 9/8/2009 | | 10 |
| 6 | Sus | 10 | Lyons | HS | 9/17/2009 | 9/17/2009 | 2 |
| 7 | Med | 11 | Cardone, Latwis | HS | 9/8/2009 | | 10 |
| 8 | Med | 6 | Heefner | BS | 9/21/2009 | | 5 |

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----September 15 and 21, 2009
 Barclay Brook School-----September 10 and 17, 2009
 Brookside School -----September 14 and 18, 2009
 Mill Lake School -----September 15 and 21, 2009
 Oak Tree School -----September 14 and 23, 2009
 Woodland School -----September 15 and 29, 2009
 Monroe High School -----September 18 and 22, 2009

IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Robert Donohue**, custodian at the High School, effective October 7, 2009.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Katy Elias**, Builder's Club Advisory (50%), effective October 9, 2009.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Mr. Joseph King**, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, effective October 12, 2009 through October 11, 2010. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any unused vacation days and sick days Mr. King may have available.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Kimberly Oade**, Language Arts teacher at the High School, effective November 12, through November 16, 2009.

- E. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Linda Sue McGuinness**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, effective November 11, 2009 through November 16, 2009.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Donna Poko**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, effective November 10, 2009 through November 13, 2009.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Matthew Poko**, bus driver in the Transportation Department, effective November 10, 2009 through November 13, 2009.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid medical leave of absence to **Mr. Robert Learn**, Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to September 14, 2009 pending further action of the Board.
- I. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA to **Mr. David Jensen**, custodian at Oak Tree, effective October 9, 2009 pending further action of the Board (for a period of approximately six weeks).
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a revised maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Erinn Mahoney**, Vice Principal at Mill Lake School, effective October 26, 2009 through February 12, 2010. It is further recommended that from October 26, 2009 through November 30, 2009 Ms. Mahoney will utilize 22 sick days; from December 1, 2009 through January 6, 2010 she will utilize 20 vacation days; and effective January 7, 2010 through February 12, 2010 will be a leave of absence under the FMLA and NJFLA.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve the suspension, without pay, of employee no. 001864, for the period of October 5, 2009 through October 7, 2009.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve the suspension, without pay, of employee no. 001789, for the period of October 12, 2009 through October 14, 2009.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve **Ms. Maria Naumik**, as Director of Adult Education for the 2009-2010 school year at the following amounts (account no. 13-602-200-100-000-098):

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| July, August, September | \$4828 |
| October, November, December | \$4828 |
| January, February, March | \$4828 |
| April, May, June | \$4828 |

- N. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in the hours of the following bus drivers and paraprofessionals retroactive to September 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Bus Drivers (Account No. 11-000-270-160-000-096)

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Melanie Joyce | from 6 to 6.25hr. /day | extended run time |
| Linda Sue McGuinness | from 6.5 to 6.75 hrs/day | extended run time |
| Christine Russell | from 6 to 6.25 hrs/day | extended run time |
| Christine Tuminello | from 6 to 6.25 hrs/day | extended run time |

- O. It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of the following custodial staff:

| | Old School | New School | Hours | Account No. |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Tom McCauley | High School | Applegarth | 12:00-8:00 | 11-000-262-100-000-070 |
| Warren Lay | High School | Barclay Brook | 3:30-11:30 | 11-000-262-100-000-070 |
| Dave Jensen | Applegarth | Oak Tree | 3:30-11:30 | 11-000-262-100-000-050 |
| Fusco, Anthony | Oak Tree | High School | 3:00-11:00 | 11-000-262-100-000-060 |
| Ian Stevenson | Barclay Brook | Applegarth | 3:00-11:00 | 11-000-262-100-000-010 |

- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following coaching and advisory positions at the High School for the 2009-2010 school year:

Account No. 11-402-100-100-000-098

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Traci Rickert | Head Boys Winter Track | Step 3 |
| Antonio Pepe | Assistant Wrestling Coach | Step 3 |
| Sal Profaci | Assistant Wrestling Coach | Step 3 |
| James Kushner | Assistant Wrestling Coach | Step 3 |
| Sinead McGrath | Head Winter Cheerleading | Step 1 |
| Nicole Butler | Assistant Winter Cheerleading | Step 1 |
| James Kushner | Head Boys Tennis Coach | Step 3 |
| Matthew Olszewski | Assistant Boys Tennis | Step 3 |
| Joseph Yannone | Head Boys Lacrosse | Step 3 |
| Ross Schultz | Assistant Boys Lacrosse | Step 3 |
| Joe Bengois | Volunteer Assistant Football Coach | Volunteer |
| Ashley Pepe | Head Girls Lacrosse | Step 3 |
| Sarah Soden | Assistant Girls Lacrosse | Step 2 |
| Lindsay Specht | Assistant Girls Lacrosse | Step 1 |
| Dennis Kelleher | Head Golf | Step 3 |
| Traci Rickert | Head Boys Spring Track | Step 3 |
| Chris Jessop | Assistant Winter Track | Step 1 |
| Gregor Beyer | Head Baseball Coach | Step 3 |
| Antonio Pepe | Assistant Baseball Coach | Step 3 |
| Ron Herrick | Assistant Baseball Coach | Step 3 |
| Rachel Van Horn | Head Girls Spring Track | Step 2 |

Account No. 11-401-100-100-000-098

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Sara Cox | Volunteer Italian Club | Volunteer |
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Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated personnel (salary pending contract negotiations):

| Employee | Position | School | Teacher's Salary Guide | Account No. | Dates | Reason for hire |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Christina Rushing | Visual Arts | Woodland | From 80% to 83% | 11-130-100-101-000-030 | 9/1/09-6/30/10 | Increase due to extra session |
| Donna Colossi | Student Council Advisor | Brookside | Stipend pending contract negotiations | 11-401-100-100-000-098 | 2009-2010 school year | Stipend position |
| Nicole Marzouk | Staff Developer | District | 50% of Step 6 MA | 11-000-223-102-000-098 | 12/1/09-6/30/10 prorated | Maternity leave replacement |
| Brian Kraus | Physical Education | Brookside | 103% of Step 1 BA+15 | 11-120-100-101-000-020 | 11/6/09-12/23/09 prorated | Maternity leave replacement |
| Amanda Williams | Grade 4 | Brookside | Step 1 BA pending negotiations | 11-120-100-101-000-020 | 11/2/09-6/30/10 prorated | Maternity leave replacement |
| Kirti Vyas | Occupational Therapist | Oak Tree Barclay Brook Applegarth | 90% of 120% minus 20 days Step 8 MA+30 | 11-000-216-100-000-098 | 11/12/09-6/30/10 prorated | New position |
| Robin Silverman | Acting Assistant Principal | Mill Lake | \$83,000 prorated | 11-000-240-103-000-098 | 10/26/09-2/12/10 | Maternity leave replacement |
| Robert Howatt | Teacher of Music | Oak Tree | Increase contract from 100% to 106.6% | 11-120-100-101-000-060 | Retroactive 9/1/09-6/30/10 | Due to enrollment increase |
| Carol Lange | Media Specialist | Oak Tree | Increase contract from 100% to 103.3% | 11-000-222-100-000-098 | Retroactive 9/1/09-6/30/10 | Due to enrollment increase |
| Victoria Trent | Student Council | Woodland | Stipend pending contract negotiations | 11-401-100-100-000-098 | 2009-2010 | Advisory position |
| Courtney Emanuelli | After School Basic Skills teacher/ substitute teacher | Woodland | MTEA negotiated salary | 11-230-100-101-000-093 | 10/15/09-6/30/10 | After School Basic Skills |
| Donna Montgomery | Builder's Club Advisor (50%) | Applegarth | Stipend Position | 11-401-100-100-000-098 | 10/9/09-6/30/10 | Resignation position |

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|----------|---|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Marietta Ruela | Acting Director of Pupil Personnel Services | District | Adjustment to base salary by \$10,647.90 prorated | 11-000-219-100-000-090 | 10/15/09 pending further action of the Board | Leave replacement |
|----------------|---|----------|---|------------------------|--|-------------------|

R. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel:

| Name | Position | School | Salary | Account No. | Date | Reason for Hire |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Joseph Muszel | Child Nutrition Program | District | Stipend pending contract negotiations | FUND 60 | 2009-2010 school year | Stipend position |
| Fran Wilden | Spec. Ed Para MD | Brookside | Transfer to new position 6.75hrs/day | 11-212-100-106-000-093 | 9/24/09-6/30/10 | New position |
| Beverly Mazza | Spec Ed Para Autism | Brookside | Transfer to new position 6.75hrs/day | 11-214-100-106-000-093 | 9/24/09-6/30/10 | New position |
| Denise Jimenez | Principal's Secretary | Mill Lake School | Step 1 + principal secretary stipend pending negotiations | 11-000-240-105-000-040 | 12/1/09-6/30/09 | Retirement replacement |
| Stephanie Salvador | Spec. Ed Para | Transportation | Step 1 pending negotiations 1.0 hr/day | 11-000-270-107-000-096 | 11/2/09-6/30/10 | New Position |

S. It is recommended that the Board approve the following appointments to be added to our 2009-2010 list of approved substitutes:

Certificated

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Lillian Brammer | Substitute Teacher |
| Michelle McCorkle | Substitute Teacher |
| Ronald Dittman | Substitute Teacher |
| Daniel Krainski | Substitute Teacher |
| Joan Ferrero | Substitute Teacher |
| Colleen Cassazza-Gallagher | Substitute Teacher |
| Jodi Kroll | Substitute Teacher |
| Jennifer Leighton | Substitute Teacher |
| Lea Raymond | Substitute Teacher |
| Sarah Soden | Substitute Teacher |
| Karen Tavel | Substitute Teacher |
| Kerri Speiser | Substitute Teacher |

Non-Certificated

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Eileen Janas | Substitute Paraprofessional |
| Sheryl Schulmann | Substitute Paraprofessional |

V. Board Action

A. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policy for a first reading:

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|-------------|--|
| Policy 3159 | Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities |
|-------------|--|

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

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Regulation 2330 | Homework |
| Policy 2340 | Field Trips |
| Regulation 2340 | Field Trips |
| Policy 2360 | Use of Technology |
| Regulation 2411 | Guidance Counseling |
| Regulation 2423 | Bilingual and ESL Education |
| Policy 2432 | School Sponsored Publications |
| Regulation 2432 | School Sponsored Publications |

C. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policies and Regulations for re adoption:

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Policy 2310 | Pupil Grouping |
| Policy 2330 | Homework |
| Policy 2411 | Guidance Counseling |
| Policy 2414 | Programs for Pupils at Risk |
| Regulation 2414 | Programs for Pupils at Risk |
| Policy 2415 | Title I Services |
| Regulation 2415 | Title I Services |
| Policy 2416 | Programs for Pregnant Pupils |
| Policy 2417 | Pupil Intervention and Referral Services |
| Regulation 2417 | Pupil Intervention and Referral Services |
| Policy 2422 | Health Education |
| Policy 2423 | Bilingual and ESL Education |
| Policy 2425 | Physical Education |

D. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher placements.

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

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 Suspensions for the month of September 2009.

- H. It is recommended that the Board approve Amendment A to the Destiny Resource Management Agreement with the Follett Software Company dated June 1, 2009. This Agreement was Board approved on June 10, 2009.
- I. It is recommended that the Monroe Township Board of Education recognize that the district will serve as a Vaccine Provider for the H1N1 vaccination to help protect staff and students against the H1N1 Influenza.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve the following curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year:

Curriculum Documents:

- Messages in Media
- Sculpture II
- Spanish I
- American Studies II – Language Arts
- Language Arts Literacy TAG, Gr. 3
- Language Arts Literacy TAG, Gr. 7
- Italian IV
- United States History I Honors
- Science Grade K
- AP American Governments & Politics
- American Studies II – Social Studies
- Social Studies Grade 6

- K. **2009-2010 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/09 through 10/12/09:\$0

| <u>Date</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Incident</u> | <u>Cost to District</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 10/5/09 | MTHS | assault | |

- L. **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.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Please be advised that the following staff plan to attend the Writing Project Saturday Reunion at Columbia University on October 24, 2009:

Bethanne Augsbach
Natalie Michael
Andrea Forlenza
Katie Lederman
Jeannine Morse
Cynthia Levy
Diane Ostroski
Lindsay Ostroski
Carol Pignataro

Selime Kaufman
Kathy Majewski
Samantha Stecchini
Cindy Hills
Denise Quinn
Kathy Czizk
Susan Falk
Lara Gallelo
Elizabeth Woodring

*No cost to Board will be incurred

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2009

BOARD ACTION

A. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT MAXIMUM AMOUNT

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

The Monroe Township Board of Education School District has 124 projects identified in its Five Year Long Range Facility Plan that have not yet been initiated or advanced. The 124 projects have an estimated total cost over the five-year period of \$7,997,358.

It is estimated that the district may be eligible for state debt service or EDA grant funds for these projects in the amount of \$1,950,132. Accordingly, the estimated local share of these projects is \$6,047,226.

The Local share amount of \$6,047,226 represents the maximum amount the Monroe Township Board of Education School District may deposit in its capital reserve fund for the 2010/11 school year.

CERTIFICATION:

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator

B. 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.

C. TRAVEL EXPENDITURE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Board Member John Leary, Human Relations Commission Board Representative to attend the “100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People” to be held on October 16, 2009 at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset County at the cost of \$75 plus parking, mileage and tolls.

D. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve UMDNJ to provide home instruction for students who are hospitalized for fiscal year 2009/2010 for a fee of \$55.00 per hour.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Professional Educational Services to provide home instruction for students who are hospitalized for fiscal year 2009/2010 for a fee of \$49.85 per hour.

3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Education Incorporated to provide home instruction for students who are hospitalized for fiscal year 2009/2010 for a fee of \$36.00 per hour.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Embrace Kids Learning Center to provide home instruction for students who are hospitalized for fiscal year 2009/2010 for a fee of \$39.00 per hour.
5. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Middlesex County Regional Educational Services Commission to provide various services for students for fiscal year 2009/2010. Please refer to attached “Collaborative Service Rates Public/Non-Public School – Member Rate” sheets for supplemental information as related to services and rates.
6. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education appoint Deborah Masterton, Certified Shorthand Reporter for fiscal year 2009/2010. The fee is \$250. plus \$5.25 per page.

E. TRANSACTIONS

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

F. GRANT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept a check in the amount of \$12,484 from New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group as related to the 2009 Safety Grant Program awarded by Educational Risk Insurance Consortium-North, a sub-fund of the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group.

G. CHECK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept a check in the amount of \$250. from the Jewish Congregation of Concordia/Monroe Township.

H. BOARD ACTION – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH STATE AGENCY

WHEREAS, Title 18A: 18A-10 provides that, a board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education desires to authorize Wayne Holliday, Qualified Purchasing Agent for 2009/10 to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby authorizes Wayne Holliday, Qualified Purchasing Agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors as listed:

| <u>Commodity/Services</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>State Contract#</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Savin Copy Machine | Atlantic, Tomorrow's Office | A-51464 |
| Cleaning Equipment | Bio Shine | A-74163 |
| Light Bulbs & Supplies | Cooper Electric | A-73139 |
| School Furniture | Garden State School Furniture | A-67806 |
| | Garden State School Furniture | A-67809 |
| | Garden State School Furniture | A-67811 |
| | Garden State School Furniture | A-67818 |
| Playground Equipment | General Recreation | A-59057 |
| School Furniture | Global Industries | A-69980 |
| Technology Equipment | RFP Solutions | A-42293 |
| Light Bulbs & Supplies | Samson Electrical Supply | A-73137 |
| Ford Truck | Warnock Fleet | A-73961 |
| Tires & Miscellaneous Automotive Supplies | Perth Amboy Tire Service | A-71687 |

I. TRAVEL EXPENDITURE RESOLUTION

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 programs sponsored by New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of board members' and employees duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs 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 programs 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 State of New Jersey mileage reimbursement rate is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational programs are 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 programs, 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:

1. Ira Tessler to attend Governance II: Finance on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Mountain Lakes High School. This was previously approved for Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Wyndham Princeton Forrester Hotel & Conference Center, but must be rescheduled due to a conflict.

J. RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS SERVICES

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled: “A RESOLUTION BINDING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) BID COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM ID#E8801-ACESCPS.

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township School District, County of Middlesex, is a Participating Member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES

Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Monroe Township School District, County of Middlesex, at its public board meeting on October 14, 2009.

BY: _____
Amy Antelis, Board President

ATTESTED BY: _____
Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

On Behalf of: Monroe Township School District
County of Middlesex County, State of New Jersey

K. RESOLUTION – PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled: “A RESOLUTION BINDING THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association

(hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township School District, County of Middlesex, is a Participating Member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

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L. GRANT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept a check in the amount of \$1,498.17 from New Jersey Agricultural Society representing 75% payment as related to Brookside Elementary School's Garden Grant.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

OCTOBER 14, 2009
Meeting Date