

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 August 14, 2009:

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS - None

PUBLIC FORUM - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Tessler and seconded by Mr. Chiarella to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on June 10, 2009. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Faraone and seconded by Ms. Leonard to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on July 15, 2009. Motion Carried with Ms. Kolupanowich and Mr. Kaufman abstaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Hamilton expressed appreciation to Board Members for attending the Board Retreat this evening. He stated that the District's Goals, Mission Statement and Vision Statement will be distributed at a later date. Dr. Hamilton then introduced Mr. James Higgins as the individual being recommended to Board Members to be Vice Principal at Applegarth Middle School.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Personnel Items (A - Z) be approved by consent roll call. Mr. Braverman inquired as to the role of an after school cafeteria monitor and why if there is no teaching involved couldn't security staff monitor these students rather than certificated staff members whose remuneration is much higher. Dr. Hamilton stated it might be a legal matter/contractual obligation and he noted Mr. Braverman's suggestion to get a legal opinion and discuss this matter during negotiations. Roll Call - 10 - 0. Motion Carried with Mr. Leary recusing on Item X. 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 Ms. Kolupanowich that Board Action items (A – P) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 10 – 0. Motion Carried. 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. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Board Action Items (A – SS) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 10 – 0 - Motion Carried with Mr. Leary recusing on Item U. 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 Board Retreat and how productive it was culminating in developing Goals, a Mission Statement and a Vision Statement with input provided by Board Members and administrators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mr. Tessler, Vice-Chairperson of the Technology Committee, stated the Technology Committee met on August 13, 2009. Specifically, Mr. Tessler indicated that committee members and administrators discussed the following topics: Barclay Brook Elementary School conversion from the MAC platform to the PC platform, procurement of mobile laptop carts, and the High School television studio.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Leary, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee met on August 11, 2009. Mr. Leary indicated that committee members and administrators discussed the following topics: the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, lease purchase financing for school busses and vans, lease purchase financing for computer equipment, and the 2009/10 food service agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and Pomptonian Food

Service. Then, Mr. Leary indicated that the Type A lunch price will increase by 5 cents and that this is the first price increase in seventeen years. However, Mr. Leary stated milk prices will not increase.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chiarella, Chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee, stated that the committee met on August 12, 2009. Mr. Chiarella indicated that committee members and administrators discussed the following topics: the anticipated arrival of 2 new 54 passenger busses and 2 new 20 passenger vans, driver orientation meeting on August 19, 2009, existing High School roof project, Applegarth Middle School temporary classroom units, and Summer cleaning as related to the opening of schools.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

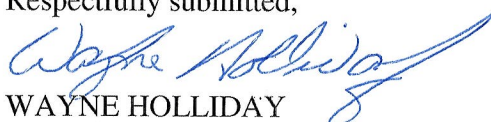
Ms. Antelis, Board President stated that the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee met the previous evening and discussed the Student Essay Contest. She stated student participation increased from 62 essays being submitted two years ago to over 125 essays submitted last year. Ms. Antelis indicated that due to the substantial increase in participation the committee will now have ten winners rather than six. Dr. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools stated that the policies that were on the agenda this evening are in preparation for NJQSAC, so as to meet the time requirements for reviewing all school policies.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Braverman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR