

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Vision Statement

“The Monroe Township Board of Education commits itself to all children by preparing them to reach their full potential and to function in a global society through a preeminent education.”

Mission Statement

“The Monroe Public Schools, in collaboration with the members of the community, shall ensure that all children receive an exemplary education by well trained, committed staff in a safe and orderly environment.”

AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL

(PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS DURING THE MEETING)

(Recording Board Meetings)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS

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

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Jonathan Kim
Mr. Aneri S. Patel

4. STATEMENT (BOARD PRESIDENT)

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 September 16, 2011:

- a. At all Schools,
- b. Home News Tribune,
- c. Cranbury Press, and
- d. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

5. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS - moved here6. PUBLIC FORUM *7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**I. Personnel**

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Nanci Quarino**, as the Afterschool 3rd grade TAG Language Arts Teacher at Brookside School, effective September 21, 2011.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Kavita Taneja**, teacher of Special Education at Barclay Brook School, effective December 19, 2011 through December 23, 2011. Ms. Taneja will use three personal days towards this leave of absence.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Lisa Guiral**, teacher of grade 5 at Woodland for the period from October 20, 2011 through December 23, 2011 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Ms. Guiral's unpaid days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq., as appropriate.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Donna Plichta**, secretary at the High School effective September 16, 2011 through September 30, 2011. It is further recommended that this leave be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Plichta may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Christina Perrine**, teacher of Art at Mill Lake/Barclay Brook School, effective September 21, 2011 pending further action from the Board (approximately one to six weeks). It is further recommended that this leave be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Perrine may have available.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the date of the maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Shawanda Beale**, Guidance Counselor at the High School for the period from September 6, 2011 through January 16, 2012 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph

B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Ms. Beale's unpaid days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, UN.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq., as appropriate.

- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for curriculum writing at the Middle School at the MTEA negotiated rate (account no. 11-000-221-040-000-091):

6th Grade PBL Math

Maria Steffero (50%)

Laurie Pike (50%)

- H. It is recommended that the following teachers are approved for the Afterschool TAG Program:

Mark Antioquia

Beth Nagle

MTMS 8th grade Science

Brookside 3rd grade Language Arts

- I. It is recommended that the Board approve the following substitute teachers for the After School TAG program:

Judy Leonard	Woodland School
Mary Mancini	Middle School
Ben Howroyd	Oak Tree School
Kate (Capelli) Wood	Middle School
Kim Burroughs	Brookside School
Christine Doucette	Barclay Brook
Sherry Holmes	Oak Tree School
Dina Dale	Middle School
Patricia VanGorden	Middle School
Melissa Delrocco	Oak Tree
Jody Heyl	Middle School
Melissa Fletcher	Mill Lake
Lisa Papandrea	Mill Lake
Sandra Talbott	Mill Lake
Ashley Silvers	Mill Lake

- J. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the rate of pay for **Ms. Julianne LeBron**, secretary in the Extended School Year program for Summer 2009, 2010, and 2011 from the substitute secretarial rate of \$9.25 per hour to the Step 1 Ten Month Secretarial guide \$35,509 pro rated.

- K. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel as a personal aide to assist student in Fall Track for a total of 2 hours per day for practice and additional time for meets at Step 1 of the Special Ed para guide \$11.93 + \$1.00 (account no. 11-190-100-106):

Larissa Miller
Sean Fields
Shari Sigismondo

- L. It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff for the After School Basic Skills program for the 2011-2012 school year (account no. teachers 11-230-100-101-000-093, paraprofessional 11-230-100-106-000-093):

Barclay Brook School Teachers (\$77.56 per session)

Kristin Miller – LAL Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Bethany Duino – Math Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Stacy Blum
Stephanie Bergeron
Katie Rosso
Karen Wasdin
Kathy Pedersen
Adam Mertz
Amy Monaco
Marisa Leston – substitute
Ashley Pepe – substitute

Brookside School Teachers (\$77.56 per session)

Jackie Merlette – Basic Skills Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Jeannine Morse
Kimberly Burroughs
Sarah Levine
Danielle Cocuzza
Ann Ratcliffe
Theresa Anthony
Nanci Quarino
Diana Mazurek
Kristen Brown
Angel Decker
Gina Robinson
Carol DeVito
Carly Grob
Jennifer Murad – substitute
Jodi Rubenstein – substitute
Beth Nagle - substitute
Jessica McDermott – substitute (beginning 12/16/11)
Dale Harris – substitute
Jen Metroke – substitute

Mill Lake School Teachers (\$77.56 per session)

Melissa Fletcher – Math teacher and LAL Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Danielle Cipolla – LAL teacher and Math Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Karen Berecsky - Math and LAL teacher/substitute Lead Teacher
Danielle Cipolla
Sandy Cormey - Math and LAL teacher/substitute Lead Teacher
Melissa Fletcher
Tamar Lopez
Carole Murphy
Lisa Papandrea - Math and LAL teacher/substitute Lead Teacher
Cathy Puc'
Denise Quinn
Ashley Silvers

Oak Tree School Teachers (\$77.56 per session)

Nancy Poland – Math Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
John Gleason – LAL Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Todd Abrahams
Denise Casilli
Sonny De Marco
Melissa DelRocco
Magdalena Fidura
John Gleason
Dale Harris
Cindy Hills
Sherry Holmes
Ben Howroyd
Amanda Koekemoer
Kat Luberecki
Karen O'Connell
Carol Pignataro
Kim Synarski
Amanda Thaiss
Lauren Thaiss

Woodland School Teachers (\$77.56 per session)

Victoria Trent – Basic Skills Lead Teacher (\$86.54 per session)
Sarah Spilken – Math and LAL teacher/substitute Lead Teacher
Allison Brunotte
Audrey Mahler
Kathryn Lederman

Susan Green-Nowachek
 Maura Towne
 Scott Wall
 Jennifer DeLellis
 Michelle Ballard
 Abbe Lustgarten
 Natalie Michael
 Olimpia Ciccarella
 Erika Sommerhalter
 Trisha Stienes
 Nicholas Reinhold
 Tricia Rutherford
 Andrea Forlenza
 Matthew Gorham
 Deborah DeBoer
 Lisa Guiral
 Dale Harris – substitute
 Allison North – substitute

Paraprofessionals TAG/Basic Skills (at their hourly rate 1.0/hr day, 4 days per week)

Renee' Zappone – Woodland School
 Karen Chu – Brookside School
 Janet Garavente – Mondays/Wednesdays (substitute Tuesdays/Thursdays) – Mill Lake
 Susie Dorio – Tuesdays/Thursdays (substitute Mondays/Wednesdays) – Mill Lake
 Sue Finkelstein – Oak Tree School

M. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for salary guide changes retroactive to September 1, 2011:

Larissa Miller	Step 5 Bachelor +15	\$48,608
Misty Corbisiero	Step 11 Bachelor +15	\$78,359
Sharon DeMarco	Step 5 Bachelor +15	\$48,708
Stephanie Bergeron	Step 6 Masters	\$51,408
Kyleen Lauretta	Step 5 Masters	\$48,608
Antonio Pepe	Step 6 Masters	\$51,408
Deborah Deboer	Step 11 Masters	\$80,059
Thomas Donovan	Step 3Masters	\$49,808
Maria Colon-Torres	Step 11 Doctorate	\$82,359
Brian Latwis	Sep 8A Doctorate	\$73,350
Lynn Barberi	Doctorate	\$142,140
Dori Alvich	Doctorate	\$127,371

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

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Account No.	Reason for hire
Jennifer Sokoloski	Para – Resource	Brookside	Step 1 Spec. Ed.\$11.93+ \$1.00 3.75/hrs	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-213-100- 106-000-093	Modification in contract to reflect hours and step on guide
Francis Yoffredo	Para - Café	Oak Tree	Step 1 Reg. \$11.93 3.75 hrs	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-240- 105-000-030	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide
MaryAnn Loschiavo	Para - Café	Oak Tree	Step 1 Reg. \$11.93 3.75 hrs	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-240- 105-000-030	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide
Michelle Delaney	Para – Cafeteria/Kdg	Oak Tree	Step 1 Reg. \$11.93	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-240- 105-000-030	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide
Nancy Schaffer	Para	Transport.	Step 1 Spec. Ed. \$11.93+ \$1.00 3.75 hrs/day	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-270- 107-000-096	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide
Edward Salvador	Para	Transport.	Step 2 Spec. Ed. \$12.03 +\$1.00 guide 3.75 hrs/day	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-270- 107-000-096	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide
JoAnn Byrnes	Para	Transport.	Step 1 Spec. Ed. \$11.93 +\$1.00 guide 3.75 hrs	9/7/11- 6/21/12	11-000-270- 107-000-096	Modification in contract to reflect step on guide

Donna Ryfkogel	Accounts Payable Clerk	District	\$36,000 +1,000 base+10 yr longevity \$1,000	9/12/11- 6/21/12	11-000-291- 100-000-095	Change in start date
Irene Stankiewicz	Custodian	Brookside School	\$18.74/hr. + 2 nd shift \$.51 premium 8.0/hr day	9/12/11- 6/21/12	11-000-262- 100-000-020	Transfer
Philip Piccolo	Custodian	MTMS School	\$18.74/hr. + 2 nd shift \$.51 + BS premium 8.0/hr day	9/12/11- 6/21/12	11-000-262- 100-000-080	Transfer
Michael Cousins	Special Ed Para	MTMS	Step 1 Spec. Ed \$11.93 +\$1.00 Spec. Ed. + \$1.00 degree 6.5 hrs/day	9/22/11- 6/21/12	11214100106 000000	Resignation replacement
Maryann Morelli	Resource Para Cafeteria Para	Oak Tree	Step 3 Spec. Ed. \$12.13 + \$1.00 1.5 hours Café 2.25	9/1/11- 6/21/12	11-213-100- 106-000-093 11-000-240- 105-000-010	Change in assignment
Kimberly Barbuto	Resource Para Cafeteria	Oak Tree	Step 1 Spec. Ed. \$11.93+ \$1.00 3.0 Café .75/hr	9/1/11- 6/21/12	11-213-100- 106-000-093 11-000-240- 105-000-010	Change in assignment
Frances Ondayko	Para Cafeteria	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Reg. \$11.93 2.5 hrs/day	9/22/11- 6/21/12	11-000-240- 105-000-010	Transfer replacement

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

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Account No.	Dates	Reason for hire
Bethanne Augsbach	Science Resource Assistant	District	\$1182 stipend	11-401-100-100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	Stipend position
Bernadette Gorman	School Psychologist	HS	Step 1 MA +30 \$46,003+ \$4350	11-000-219-104-000-093	9/26/11-3/19/12	Change in start date – leave of absence replacement
Amanda Thaiss	Student Council Advisor	Oak Tree	\$1335 (50%)	11-401-100-100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	Change in percentage to shared position
Katherine Doll	Student Council Advisor	Oak Tree	\$1335 (50%)	11-401-100-100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	shared position
Trish Stienes	Student Council Advisor	Woodland	\$1335 (50%)	11-401-100-100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	shared position
Abbe Fleming	Student Council Advisor	Woodland	\$1335 (50%)	11-401-100-100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	shared position
Dan Lombardi	Teacher of Technology	HS	\$85 day pending receipt of certification 117%	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/6/11-6/30/12	Change in guide pending receipt of certification
Sandra Burstyn	Spanish Teacher	HS		11-140-100-101-000-070	9/19/11-6/30/12	Change in Start Date
Susan Brodsky	Media Specialist	BS		11-000-222-100-000-098	9/8/11-6/30/12	Change in Start Date
Stephanie Haring	Special Education	MTMS		11-213-100-101-000-093	9/16/11-6/30/12	Change in start date
Misty Corbisiero	Physical Education	MTMS	Step 11 BA 100%	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/11-6/30/12	Modification in contract
Mark Wetzel	Ice Hockey Asst. Coach	HS	Volunteer		2011-2012 school year	Volunteer coach

Sean Field	Boys Basketball Asst. Coach	HS	Volunteer		2011-2012	Volunteer coach
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- P. It is recommended that the Board approve the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year:

Certificated

Susan Cosentino Substitute Teacher
William Weeks Substitute Teacher

AVID TUTORS (11-190-100-106-000-098) \$11.50 per hour

Rich Nelson
Melissa Marash
Carolynn Hayward
William Weeks

II. Board Action

- A. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Regulations for a second and final reading:

Regulation 2361.1 Acceptable Use of Computer - iPads

Regulation 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries

- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of request for Field Trips.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher Placements.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in amount of the previously approved agreement between the Monroe Township School District and Smarter Education Solutions for Assessment Related platform and related services, in the amount of \$34,700.00 effective October 1, 2011.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the following curriculum documents for the 2011-2012 school year:

Math Grade K

Math Grade 1
 Math Grade 2
 Math Grade 6
 Math Grade 7
 Math Grade 8
 Math: Project Based Learning
 Computer Programming Grades 9-12
 Fundamentals of Math Grade 11
 Fundamentals of Math Grade 12
 Probability & Statistics Grade 12
 Science Grade 1
 Science Grade 2
 Science Grade 3
 Science Grade 6
 Science Grade 7

G. It is recommended that the Board approve the following student and placement:

Student No.	School	Tuition	Start Date
70105	Middlesex County Academy	29,340 per year	9/2/11
50399	Kiva High School	\$17,200 per year	9/7/11
85157	The Childrens Home	\$304.60 per diem	8/8/11

8. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$5,128,797.05 for July 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

B. BILL LIST – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$373,984.04 for July 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$108,801.36 for July 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

D. SECRETARY’S FINANCIAL & CASH REPORT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4, Be It Resolved that the Board of Education hereby certifies that it is in receipt of the Financial Reports for July 2011, which indicates that no major accounts or funds have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the July 2011 Secretary’s Report indicates that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a).

E. TRANSFER #1

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #1 as presented for fiscal year 2011/12. A copy is attached hereto.

F. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$3,830,904.80 for August 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

G. BILL LIST – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,007,282.18 for August 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$119,560.27for August 2011 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

I. 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 August 2011, which indicates that no major accounts or funds have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the August 2011 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).

J. TRANSFER #2

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #2 as presented for fiscal year 2011/12. A copy is attached hereto.

K. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide home instruction to students hospitalized at the Children's Specialized Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ at a rate of \$60.00 per hour.

L. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE DIESEL FUEL UNDER STATE CONTRACT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Michael Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to purchase diesel fuel from Taylor Oil Company, Inc. in accordance with specifications of State Contract Notice of Award T-1844 and Contract 70977. Please refer to the attached document for supplemental information.

M. 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 programs and informational events:

NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS 2011 WORKSHOP & EXHIBITION:

OCTOBER 24 – 26, 2011 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Staff/Board Member	Date(s) of Travel	Tolls & Mileage Reimbursement	Hotel**	Meals	Workshop Fee*(a) \$750.
Board Members					
Kathy Kolupanowich	10/24, 10/26	\$40	\$280	\$165	
Marvin Braverman	10/24, 10/25	\$40	\$140	\$99	
Mark Klein	10/24, 10/26	\$40	\$280	\$165	
John Leary	10/24, 10/26	\$40	\$280	\$165	
Administrators					
Dr. Kenneth Hamilton	10/24, 10/26	\$40	\$280	\$165	
Mr. Michael Gorski	10/24, 10/26	\$40	\$280	\$165	

*(a) Workshop fee of \$750. includes up to 11 attendees. Additionally, the service credit can be applied for a net cost to District of \$0.

**Hotel \$140/night plus taxes. Board members to reimburse \$40/night.

N. 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 programs and informational events:

Staff/Board Member	Date(s) of Program	Date	Tolls & Mileage Reimbursement (Estimated)
Board Members			
Kathy Kolupanowich	Governance IV - Legal Update	10/26	No cost
Mark Klein	Governance III-Student Achievement	10/25	No cost

O. IDEA BASIC ARRA - REVISED

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the enclosed revised 2009-2011 IDEA ARRA BASIC budget and IDEA BASIC ARRA staff for 2011-2012.

P. IMPACT GRANT – REVISED

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the enclosed revised 2010-2011 Impact Grant budget and staff.

Q. NEW HIGH SCHOOL POWER & DATA WIRING CHANGES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Change Order No. E-5 to the contract between the Monroe Township Board of Education and Tru-Val Electric Corporation in the amount of \$83,077.00 for Tru-Val Electric to furnish, deliver and install new/supplemental electrical power wiring for added food service equipment and technology components as well as adds and deducts for lighting and power changes.

R. BID AWARD

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the vendors as per the attached bid District Summary as related to Family/Consumer Science Supplemental equipment and supplies. Please refer to attached for supplemental information.

S. BID AWARD

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve Freehold Music Center to supply 1 Yamaha baby grand, 1 Yamaha grand and 4 Yamaha upright pianos. Please refer to attached for supplemental information.

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

MICHAEL C . GORSKI
Prepared by

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
Meeting Date

9. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT10. COMMITTEE REPORTS11. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS12 CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975(N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

Personnel: Substitute Bus Driver

Student Matters: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Incidents

File No.	Date	School	Student No.
1	9/8/2011	MTMS	79163
2	9/9/2011	Oak Tree	82486
3	9/9/2011	Woodland	83144
4	9/12/2011	Brookside	82955
5	9/15/2011	Barclay Brook	85995
6	9/16/2011	Barclay Brook	85995

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

12. PUBLIC FORUM *

13. NEXT SCHEDULED PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011 – 7:00 PM - AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

14. ADJOURNMENT

* Public discussion is confined to this portion of the agenda unless permission is granted by the Board President prior to the start of the meeting or when the Board is considering a special agenda item that the Board deems appropriate for public participation. Anyone wishing to address the Board is requested to stand and state his/her name and address.

** Any member of the public may record the proceedings of a public meeting of the Board in a manner that does not interrupt the proceedings, inhibit the conduct of the meeting, or distract Board members or other observers present at the meeting.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

TO: Monroe Township Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Michael C. Gorski, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
RE: Addendum to Agenda For September 21, 2011
DATE: September 21, 2011

7. Superintendent’s Report/Recommendations

I. Personnel (cont’d)

Q. It is recommended that the Board approve the rehiring of the following drivers in the Transportation Department, effective September 22, 2011 through June 30, 2012:

Agnes Carney	6 hours/day	Step 3
Suzanne Giglio	6 hours/day	Step 2

II. Board Action

H. It is recommended that the Board authorize the application and approve the grant award from the State of New Jersey for the Excellent Educators for New Jersey Pilot Program in the amount of \$176,100 to implement a new framework for evaluating teachers based on multiple measures of teacher practice and student performance.

8. Business Administrator’s Report/Recommendations

T. LEARNING SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attached quotation, terms & conditions of Learning Sciences International to provide various materials and observations in the amount of \$126,625 which will be paid for by a grant from the State of New Jersey entitled: Excellent Educators for New Jersey Pilot Program, in the amount of \$176,100. Please refer to attached for supplemental information. The above action authorizes the Business Administrator to sign and administrator contracts and/or purchase orders.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Chiarella, Vice President
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Mr. John Leary
Mr. Lou Masters
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President
Ms. Amy Antelis
Mr. Mark Klein

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jonathan Kim
Mr. Eneri S. Patel

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF

Dr. Kenneth R. Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Jeff Gorman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 81

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 September 16, 2011:

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

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Jonathan Kim stated on behalf of both he and Aneri Patel that they are thankful to be in the new High School.

Based on previous meeting there was a request that the Finance Committee address the Pay to Participate issue, Mr. Chiarella asked that Committee Reports be given at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Leary, Chairperson of the Finance Committee stated the committee met on Wednesday 9/14 and Pay to Participate was discussed. It was determined that Pay to Participate was discussed during the initial budget process, budget hearing and defeated budget hearing. Additionally, information related to Pay to Participate was mentioned in the School Story Budget edition which was sent to all homes in Monroe and an Alert Now message was sent out inviting parents to offer input on Pay to Participate policy & regulations before formally being adopted and there was no resistance. Mr. Leary further stated that the Committee decided unanimously to not submit this item for reconsideration before the full Board.

Mr. Chiarella asked whether funds are available to repeal Pay to Participate and would this cause irreparable harm to the District if it was repealed and Mr. Gorski responded appropriately that \$165,000 in projected revenue was included in the approved 2011/12 budget. Refinancing of bonds saved money in debt service and a purchasing consortium through a coop with the county has shown \$215,000 in savings to date. These funds could be transferred from the savings to cover the \$165,000 in projected revenue should a decision be made to repeal Pay to Participate without causing any harm.

Mr. Tessler made a motion seconded by Mr. Leary that Pay to Participate be eliminated from the 2011/12 budget and to transfer monies from purchasing savings to cover the lost \$165,000 in revenue. Motion was amended by Mr. Braverman to rescind policy and refund monies already paid within thirty days along with the \$3.80 if paid through PayPal. Roll Call 7 – 0. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kaufman stated that the support of the public is needed to pass budgets and stated public should come to Board meetings where \$100 million budget is discussed.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Masters, Vice Chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee stated the committee met on September 13th and the following items were discussed: bus parking at the High School, construction updates, phone systems, competition cheerleading request for mats, transportation request by Eagle River Day Camp, and the issue of resurfacing the tennis courts.

Patrice Faraone stated that October 9th there will be a 5K run with proceeds going to Matt Collura, son of a Monroe Township teacher who suffered a severe injury.

PUBLIC FORUM

Anthony Prezioso – 8 Equestrian Way raised his concern as related to fencing on Schoolhouse Road and Perrineville Road and Mr. Gorski responded appropriately.

The following members of the public spoke to the issue of Pay to Participate and expressed their thanks for rescinding Pay to Participate as well as expressing concerns and asking questions as related to I-Pads. Dr. Gorman responded to questions related to I-Pads.

Jacqueline Burke – 11 Carlton Avenue

Doug Poye – 4 Tamarack Road

Tom Nothstein – 15 Nathaniel Street

Kathleen Collins – 27 Avenue E

Sherry Smith – 46 McFarland Circle

Holly Chigirovich – 12 Third Ave.

Gary Friedman – 9 Elizabeth Ave.

Gary Clayton – 6 Scenic Court

Elizabeth Ep – 11 Fourth Ave.

Robert Roche – 6 Yorkfield Blvd.

Sandy Sussman – 124 Buckelew

Kim Chaves – 2 Horseshoe Court – spoke to the Board relating to an ongoing transportation issue

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Enrollment

Out of District Placements

Home Instruction

Fire Drills – All Schools

Lockdowns – All Schools

Dr. Hamilton stated that Anderson Cooper has requested of the Administration to use our High School to do a three part segment on bullying for CNN on 9/26, 27 and 30th. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Leary that the Board not allow access to CNN for a segment on bullying. Roll Call 4 – 2. Motion Carried to deny access to CNN. Mr. Braverman was not in attendance for the vote.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Masters that Personnel Items (A - Q) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 6 – 0. Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. Mr. Braverman was not in attendance for the vote. 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 Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Masters that Board Action items (A – H) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 6 – 0. Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. Mr. Braverman was not in attendance for the vote. 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 Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Board Action Items (A – T) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 6 – 0 - Motion Carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Board Member Representative where appropriate. Mr. Braverman was not in attendance for the vote. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Chiarella, Board Vice President thanked those members of the public who attended the meeting.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Mr. Leary stated that the president of the Linden school board with 22,000 students has been arrested and charged with official misconduct by putting her students in the free/reduced lunch program.

CLOSED SESSION

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975(N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

Personnel: Substitute Bus Driver - Employee No. 002416
Student Matters – Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Incidents:
File#1 – 9/8/11 – Monroe Township Middle School – Student No.79163
File#2 – 9/9/11 – Oak Tree Elementary School – Student No. 82486
File#3 – 9/9/11 – Woodland Elementary School – Student No. 83144
File#4 – 9/12/11 - Brookside Elementary School - Student No.82955
File#5 - 9/15/11 – Barclay Brook Elementary School – Student No. 85995
File#6 – 9/16/11 – Barclay Brook Elementary School – Student No. 85995
File#7 – 9/16/11 – Woodland Elementary School – Student No. 83435
File#8 - 9/20/11 - Monroe Township High School – Student No. 80955
File#9 – 9/20/11 – Woodland Elementary School – Student No. 83326

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

Mr. Kaufman made a motion seconded by Mr. Tessler to go into closed session.

To Closed Session: 8:40 p.m.

Return from Closed Session: 8:53 p.m.

Following closed session a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Tessler that substitute bus driver Employee No. 002416 be suspended with pay retroactive to September 20, 2011 through September 21st, 2011 and further that same Employee No. 002416 without pay effective September 22, 2011 pending further review by the Board Roll Call. 6 – 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Krissy Skurbe – 8 Seminole Court – asked for an update on the renovations on Applegarth School and what is the plan for next year. Dr. Hamilton responded that the items were not addressed during the summer due to all the moves and that the current plan is that Applegarth School will become a grade 4-5 building and Oak Tree Elementary School will become a K-3 building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL C. GORSKI, CPA
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY