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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 7, 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. Eneri 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 2, 2011:

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

5. PUBLIC FORUM *

6. CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION AWARD – Jerry Tague

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

I. **Personnel**

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Alisa Turner**, paraprofessional at Brookside School, effective August 31, 2011.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Melissa Fletcher**, as an After School TAG teacher of Language Arts at Woodland School effective September 1, 2011.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Mary Jo Caputo-Giancola**, Special Language Specialist at MTMS and Brookside, effective October 6, 2011 through October 14, 2011 (three personal days will be paid).
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Dori Alvich**, Principal at Brookside School, retroactive to August 18, 2011 through August 26, 2011. It is further recommended this leave be without pay except for any sick days Ms. Alvich may have available.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Mr. John Lizzio**, Bus Driver in the Transportation Department, effective August 25, 2011.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for Student Orientation at MTMS retroactive to August 31, 2011 at the non-instructional rate, pending contract negotiations, for one hour (account. no. 11-130-100-101-000-080):

Jessica Johner
Maria Steffero
John Devine
Laura Farnkfurt

- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the modification in hours of the following bus drivers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Joseph Capodanno	6 hours
Delores Irato	6 hours
Julie Magid	7.5 hours
Carol Majewski	6 hours
Maria Salvador	8 hours
David Schnitzer	6 hours
Cheryl Walus	7 hours
Susan Zelikovics	7 hours

H. It is recommended that the Board approve the changes in assignment of the following paraprofessionals for the 2011-2012 school year:

Barbara LaRue	BS Café Reg. Ed 2.5 hrs to	Transportation Spec. Ed. 1.5 hrs
Gloria Piatek	OT Café Reg. Ed 3.5 hrs to	Transportation Spec. Ed. 3.0 hrs
Robin Freedman	WL Café Reg. Ed. 3.5 hrs.	WL Café Reg. Ed. 3.0 hrs
Mary Lucas	OT Café. Reg. 2.5 hrs	OT Café Reg. 3.75 hrs.

I. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel for Department Coordinators at the High School for the 2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$7582 (correction in stipend amount) (account no. 11-140-100-101-000-070):

Diana Basmajian	Science
Eugene Snook	Language Arts
Matthew DeFillipis	Social Studies
Susan Gasko	Mathematics
Rosemarie Armstrong	World Language
Brian Latwis	Special Education
Eric Platt	Arts & Career
Kathy Dillon	Heath/PE

J. 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
Francis Yoffredo	Para - Café	Oak Tree	Step 2 Reg. 3.75 hrs	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-240-105-000-030	Rehire
Kimberly Barbuto	Para - Café	Oak Tree	Step 2 Reg. 3.75 hrs	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-240-105-000-030	Rehire
MaryAnn Loschiavo	Para - Café	Oak Tree	Step 2 Reg. 3.75 hrs	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-240-105-000-030	Rehire
Nancy Schaffer	Para	Transportation	Step 2 Spec. Ed. Para guide 3.75 hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-270-107-000-096	Rehire
Edward Salvador	Para	Transportation	Step 3 Spec. Ed. Para guide 3.75 hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-270-107-000-096	Rehire

JoAnn Byrnes	Para	Transportation	Step 2 Spec. Ed. Para guide 3.75 hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-270-107-000-096	Rehire
Jennifer Sokoloski	Para – Resource	Brookside	Step 2 Spec. Ed.	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-213-100-106-000-093	Rehire
Debbie Scott	Para	Oak Tree	Spec. Ed. 6.75 hrs + toileting	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-214-100-106-000-093	Modification in contract
Susan Romano	Payroll/A.P. Coordinator	Central office	\$44,929 plus \$1,000 base	9/7/11-6/30/12 prorated	11-000-251-100-000-095	Retirement replacement
Raymond Durski	Security	Middle School	Step 2 \$21.13/hr 8hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-266-100-000-080	New position
Rachel Speizer	Para	PPS	Step 3 Spec. Ed. \$12.13 hr/ 6.75 hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-213-100-106-000-093	Transfer
Francine Sorrento	Para – Kindergarten	Barclay Brook	Step 6 Reg. \$13.536.75/ day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-190-100-106-000-010	Transfer – resignation position
John Mazzola	Work Station specialist	MTMS	\$36,000 pro rated	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-252-100-000-080	New position
Donna Ryfkogel	Accounts Payable Clerk	District	\$36,000 +1,000 base	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-000-291-100-000-095	Transfer – replacement position
Sudebi Choudhury	Para Special Ed	Barclay Brook	Step 1 Spec. Ed. \$11.93 + \$1.00 6.75 hrs/day	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-215-100-106-000-093	New position
Michelle Delaney	Para –Kdg. Cafeteria	Oak Tree	Step 2 Reg. Ed. \$12.03 6.5/hrs	9/7/11-6/30/12	11-190-100-106-000-060	New position

Jaime Costanzo	10 month secretary	MTMS	Step 1 10 month secretary guide \$35509 pro rated	11-000-240-105-000-080	9/8/11-6/30/12	New position
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K. 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
Sandra Burstyn	Spanish	MTMS	Step 5 BA+15 \$46,858 +\$1750 pending criminal history approval	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/6/11-6/30/12	New position
Daniel Lombardi	Teacher of Industrial Arts	MTHS	Step 5 MA 117% \$46,858 +\$3450	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/6/11-6/30/12	Retirement Replacement – teaching an additional section AVID elective
Stephen Geller	Teacher of TV Production	MTHS	Step 5 BA \$46,858 pending criminal history approval	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/6/11-6/30/12	Replacement position
Lisa Savino	Grade 2	Barclay Brook	\$85 day	11-140-100-101-000-020	9/6/11-11/18/11	Leave replacement
Amandalee Bryant	Grade 1	Barclay Brook	\$85 day	11-140-100-101-000-020	9/6/11-11/1/11	Leave replacement
James Tatum	Teacher of PE	Woodland School	\$85 day	11-120-100-101-000-030	9/6/11-9/30/11	Leave replacement
Bernadette Gorman	Psychologist	MTHS	Step 1 MA+30 \$46,003+ \$4350 prorated	11-000-219-104-000-093	9/24/11-3/19/12	Leave replacement

Kyleen Laretta	LDTTC	MTMS	Step 5MA 120% minus 20 days	11-213-100-101- 000-093	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Modification in contract
Courtney Pepe	Teacher of the handicapped	HS	117% Step 2MA	11-213-100-101- 000-093	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Additional section
Mark Snow	Teacher of Industrial Arts	MTHS	117% 3MA	11-140-100-101- 000-070	9/6/11- 6/30/11	Additional section AVID elective
Jessica Johner	Psychologist	MTMS	Step 3 MA 120% minus 20 days)	11-000-219-104- 000-093	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Modification in contract
Margaret Delmonico	Basic Skills	Barclay Brook	80% of contract	11-230-100-101- 000-093	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Correction in account no.
Olga DiGrazio	Basic Skills	Barclay Brook	80% of contract	11-230-100-101- 000-093	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Correction in account no.
Susan Brodsky	Media Specialist	Brookside	Step 5 MA30 \$46,858 +\$4350 pending criminal history approval	11-000-222-100- 000-098	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Correction in salary
Colin Temple	Visual Arts	Oak Tree	Step 3 BA 93%	11-140-100- 101-000-060	9/6/11- 6/30/12	Decrease in contract
Patrick Geroni	Head Boys Baseball	MTHS	Step 1 pending contract negotiations	11-402-100- 100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	Replacement position
Jocelyn Ritter	Asst. Girls Soccer	MTHS	Step 1 pending contract negotiations	11-402-100- 100-000-098	2011-2012 school year	Replacement position
Manjit Sran	Math Lead Teacher	MTHS	MTEA hourly rate \$53.87 up to 12 hours per month for 12 months	11-140-100- 101-000-070	2011-2012 school year	Ongoing position
Kristin Miller	Math Lead Teacher	PreK-6	MTEA hourly rate \$53.87 up to 12 hours per month for 12	11-110-100- 101-000-010 (50%)	2011-2012 school year	Ongoing position

			months	11-120-100-101-000-010 (50%)		
Laurie Pike	Math Lead Teacher	PreK-6	MTEA hourly rate \$53.87 up to 12 hours per month for 12 months	11-120-100-101-000-020 (75%) 11-130-100-101-000-030 (25%)	2011-2012 school year	Ongoing position
Maria Steffero	Math Lead Teacher	MTMS	MTEA hourly rate \$53.87 up to 12 hours per month for 12 months	11-130-100-101-000-050	2011-2012 school year	Ongoing position
Bethanne Augsbach	Grade 3 Language Arts TAG	Woodland School	\$77.56 per session	11-120-100-101-000-040	2011-2012 school year	Resignation replacement
Kristina Peterson	Teacher of Spanish	MTMS	117% Step 8 BA	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/6/11-6/30/12	Additional section
Marie Claire Louisius	Teacher of French	MTMS	117% Step 5 BA	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/6/11-6/30/12	Additional section
Mari Celeste Massaro	Teacher of Italian	MTMS	117% Step 4 MA	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/6/11-6/30/12	Additional section
Sean Field	Teacher of PE/HE	MTHS	Step 1 BA \$46,003	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/8/11-6/30/12	Replacement position
Stephanie Haring	Teacher of Special education	MTMS	Step 3 \$46,358	11-213-100-101-000-093	9/6/11-6/30/12	Replacement position

L. It is recommended that the Board approve the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year:

Certificated

Pamela Becker

Substitute Teacher

Non Certificated

Gladys Apuzzo

Substitute Transportation Para

Robert Lawrence

Substitute Bus Driver

II. Board Action

- A. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of request for Field Trips.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher Placements.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached job description for Transportation Secretary.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached agreement between the Monroe Township School District and Smarter Education Solutions for Assessment Related platform and related services, in the amount of \$26,300.00 effective October 1, 2011.

F. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Regulation for a first reading:

Regulation 2361.1 Acceptable Use of Computer - iPads

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

G. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions of the following Policies and Bylaw:

Bylaw 0142 Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited acts and Code of Ethics

Policy 2361 Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources

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

Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

H. Residency Contract

In accordance with Policy #5111 regarding residency contracts, it is recommended that the Board approve the enrollment of the children noted on the attached Residency Contract whose family is under contract for future residency in Monroe Township.

I. It is recommended that the Board approve Samantha Passo to provide a Writing Workshop Training on September 27, 2011 and October 6, 2011 in the amount of \$2200.

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

Student No.	School	Per Diem Rate	Dates
85157	The Children's Home	\$304.60 per diem	8/8/11

8. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION

A. MONROE TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize and approve Michael C. Gorski, Qualified Purchasing Agent to procure new way finding directional signage from M & S Signs, Inc. in the amount of \$33,944, to be permanently affixed at the Monroe Township Middle School to promote consistency, uniformity, safety and cost savings by integrating into an already established campus network of way finding directional signs at the new Monroe Township High School and whereas M & S Signs, Inc. has been determined to be the lowest of three quotes and whereas public bidding would be impractical and less cost effective.

B. B.A.S.C. – RESOLUTION 2011-2012

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE B.A.S.C. NETWORK, INC., AS MONROE B.A.S.C.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) authorizes the award of a contract by the adoption of a resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, if the subject matter thereof consists of extraordinary unspecifiable services which cannot reasonably be described by written specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has the need to provide quality before-and-after school care for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, have stated that it is to the advantage of the Monroe Township Board of Education to enter into a contract with the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., to provide before-and-after school care; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23-7.1(e).1 provides that changes to the contract shall be within the scope of activities of the original contract, and not for the purpose of undertaking new or different work or projects; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to create specifications for quality child-care services, currently enjoyed by approximately 300 students, and the Monroe Township Board of Education has been satisfied with the services provided by the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes an extraordinary unspecifiable services contract with the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., with regard to use of Monroe Township Schools to provide before-and-after school care in accordance with an agreement, effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Contract shall be published once in The Home News Tribune.

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, the fact that the above before-and-after school care services are needed, that bid specifications would be exceedingly difficult to prepare and that the B.A.S.C. Network, Inc., as Monroe B.A.S.C., is particularly well suited to provide the services required by the Monroe Township Board of Education.

Michael C. Gorski, CPA
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

C. TRANSACTIONS

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Michael C. Gorski, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Laura Allen, Accounting Supervisor/Office Manager to administer all cash and investment accounts specifically including the authorization to initiate inter and intra account transfers subject to the approval by the other administrator. It is further recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize Joseph Muszel, Bookkeeper; Matthew Boone, Payroll Coordinator; and Linda Hartman, Assistant Payroll Coordinator to initiate inter account transfers and intra account transfers subject to approval by Michael C. Gorski and Laura Allen.

D. 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.

MICHAEL C. GORSKI
Prepared by

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
Meeting Date

9. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

11. 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):

Superintendent’s Evaluation

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

The Board will permit the use of tape recorder(s), still or movie camera(s), or videotape camera(s) only when notice of such intended use has been given to the Board Secretary one day in advance of the meeting. No more than three camera(s) may be in use at any time, and any camera must be operated in an inconspicuous location in the meeting room.

The presiding officer shall determine when any recording device interferes with the conduct of a Board meeting and may order that an interfering device be removed.

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The September 7, 2011 Public Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Board President Kathy Kolupanowich at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jonathan Kim
Mr. Eneri S. Patel

STAFF

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 24

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After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the Board Vice President read the following statement:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Suzanne Ruchelman Eisenberg – 12 Trial Blvd. expressed concern at Pay to Participate and asked that a vote be taken to reconsider it. She stated that the Band, Football and Soccer teams have come to the service of the town's Hurricane victims.

Rebecca Eisenberg – 12 Trial Blvd., a sophomore band member who expressed concern that many band members may be forced to stop doing what they love and asked that revoking Pay to Participate be reconsidered.

Jeff Campanalo – 4 Mulberry Court stated he has 2 children in high school and one in middle school and feels sports and clubs keep children out of trouble and Pay to Participate is merely another tax and it should be reconsidered.

Michelle Arminio – 9 Nathaniel St., stated she felt all children deserved the opportunity to join sports and that \$165,000 on a hundred million dollar budget doesn't seem a lot to find. Next she asked if the previous week's personnel item has been resolved and was told it has not been resolved.

Debbie Naddeo – 6 Loreli Way asked what was being done with the extra money that has come in from the State and she feels that coaches do their jobs and that colleges are looking for well rounded students. Finally she stated she would like to see the Board reconsider the Pay to Participate.

Michael Gorski – stated that the Board received an additional \$887,000 approximately which the board debated and \$250,000 should be used: to restore zero period busing, for a new science program \$400,000 and the remainder of \$230,000 should go towards tax relief for the 2012-13 budget. The revised budget including these changes has gone to County for approval.

Elani Sali – 23 Drexel Terrace stated that her daughter's cheerleading practice was cancelled without notice and that there is nowhere for them to practice. Also the athletic director told her that he didn't know if they'd be able to bus the kids to the Rec Center for practice.

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Adriana Vicuna - 32 Bayhill Boulevard asked for clarification between sports and clubs and if it's defined anywhere and Mr. Gorski replied there is a policy defining sports and clubs and a flyer defining all the exempt or non-exempt sports/clubs and further stated if any child has been disrupted due to the Hurricane or on free and reduced lunch they are exempt from Pay to Participate.

CHAMPIONS OF EDUCATION AWARD – JERRY TAGUE

Dr. Hamilton presented Jerry Tague, Facilities Director with the Champions of Education Award. For his success in meeting the many logistical needs of the District as related to the opening of the New High School and the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Additionally, logistically the old High School contents had to be moved to the new High School, the Middle School had to move to the new High School, 6th grade students and corresponding equipment had to be moved from three elementary schools to the new Middle School, and many trailers had to be disassembled, regular cleaning of all buildings. All this was made with the incredible efforts of Mr. Gerald Tague, Director of Facilities. Dr. Hamilton presented Mr. Tague with a plaque for exemplary service in providing leadership during the construction of the new High School and District reconfiguration. Ms. Kolupanowich also thanked Mr. Tague for bringing in the new High School on time and within budget as he had done with the new Oak Tree School and for everything he does for the District and the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Prior to the Superintendent's Report Dr. Hamilton introduced Ms. Laurie McConnell, Supervisor of Testing and Grants to provide a brief overview of a grant received for a teacher evaluation pilot programs being offered by the State of New Jersey. Ms. McConnell explained the District applied to the State of New Jersey for a grant opportunity called Excellent Educators for New Jersey awarding pilot programs for new evaluation programs. The primary goal of the teacher effectiveness program is to increase student achievement and also to improve teacher effectiveness. This is a collaborative effort with eleven districts which have been accepted and decide the best way to use pilot results. Monroe Township was one of the Districts offered participation in this grant and \$176,000. Dr. Hamilton stated that the line items to be voted on under both the Superintendent's and Business Administrator's Report to accept this grant will be removed and placed on the next board meeting's agenda so that the teachers' association can be further engaged in developing the committee which will develop and monitor the process. Additionally, this would afford the board members the opportunity to review the complete grant. The Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions which were answered by Ms. McConnell.

Dr. Hamilton acknowledged and thanked the entire staff for doing an exceptional job related to the first day of school opening.

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PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Personnel Items (A - L) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – 10 – 0 with Ms. Antelis recusing on item J and Mr. Klein voting no on item K. Motion Carried. 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. Antelis and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that Board Action items (A – K except J which will be moved to the September 21st meeting) be approved by consent roll call. Mr. 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 Mr. Braverman and seconded by Mr. Kaufman that Board Action Items (A – C) (D was excluded to be moved to September 21st meeting) 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 Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kolupanowich stated it was a very successful first day of school and a wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony for the new High School and stated all Committee meeting dates are posted on the website and in the future where possible the agenda will also be posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Leary, Chairperson of the Finance Committee gave an update as related to his meeting in Trenton and spoke of his conversation with Senator Greenstein at the previous new High School's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mr. Kaufman, Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee stated there had been a meeting earlier in the evening and that the following had been discussed: changes in math K-8 programs, new metrics for tracking science programs, changing the delivery method of the Falcon newsletter to an electronic format and discussed I-pad based electronic books to make optimum use of the I-pads and be green as well as cost effective.

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OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Ira Tessler stated that monies raised from the Monroe Education Foundation fundraising event of teachers versus police softball game will be donated to victims of the hurricane here in Monroe. Clothing and other donations can be made and already \$1400 has been donated. Ms. Antelis added that an I-pad donated which will be raffled at the upcoming softball game.

Mr. Chiarella expressed the sense of community he felt as everyone reached out to support the victims of the hurricane.

Mr. Braverman asked if the Board President could ask the Finance Committee could review the Pay to Participate in depth as it appears and as it affects the budget and to report back to the Board at the next meeting on September 21, 2011.

Mr. Klein talked about the increase in taxes due to the school budget and the negative impact of the taxes on the home values in Monroe and the impact on our District of the cuts in State aid for education and the increase in student population due to increased building. Later Mr. Klein spoke about an article that appeared as related to Charter Schools.

Mr. Leary stated there needs to be more equality of treatment by the State of the public school districts.

Mr. Tessler stated he was in agreement that the Pay to Participate go to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Kolupanowich stated that everyone agrees there needs to be a more equitable means of distributing State funds.

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):

Superintendent's Evaluation

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

Mr. Chiarella made a motion seconded by Ms. Antelis to go into closed session.

To Closed Session: 8:33 p.m.

Return from Closed Session: 9:18 p.m.

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education held on September 7, 2011 at the Monroe Township High School

PUBLIC FORUM

Al Friedman 395 Blossom Way asked for the main responsibilities of the subject coordinators for the High School and Dr. Hamilton responded appropriately. Next a question was asked related to the B.A.S.C. program and Mr. Gorski responded and finally he raised the issue of state formula used for aid and Mr. Gorski responded appropriately.

Lara Leibross Getz – 5 Scott Drive praised Dr. Barberi for statement she made at the township meeting following the hurricane. Regarding Pay to Play she sent letter to Board and Dr. Hamilton and Dr. Hamilton was the only one to respond. Additionally, she asked if there will be any tax relief coming from the returning of the trailers and Mr. Gorski responded appropriately.

Bill Levy – 92 Kings Mill Road stated he received a \$900 increase in taxes all of which was related to the school budget and that he felt the additional monies of about \$800,000 received from the State should have gone to tax relief rather than to bringing back programs such as zero period busing that had been cut.

Michelle Arminio – 9 Nathaniel Street asked about the Closed Session Resolution and Ms. Kolupanowich stated that the Board shared with the Superintendent his evaluation and he will be returning to the Board at a future meeting to have another discussion so there is no resolution. Ms. Arminio then asked when the last time we sent back funds for tax relief and Mr. Leary stated it was \$600,000 as related to Oak Tree School a few years prior. Ms. Arminio then stated that the Board should be more responsible in their spending.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Antelis` that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL C. GORSKI, CPA

BOARDSECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR