

Minutes of the Special Public Board of Education meeting held on December 13, 2012 at the Monroe Township High School.

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President
Ms. Amy Antelis
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. John Leary
Mr. Lou Masters
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Ken Chiarella, Vice President
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Mr. Mark Klein

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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Ms. Reena Dholakia
Mr. Jonathan Kim

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 – 6

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 December 7, 2012:

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

PUBLIC FORUM – None

DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPING A BUDGET PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Hamilton, Mr. Gorski, and members of the Board of Education viewed a slide presentation with commentary as related to the development of a budget. The slides included an illustration of enrollment cost exceeding budget growth, budget considerations, unknowns and budget priorities. A copy of the slide presentation is attached to the official minutes. After viewing the presentation and listening to the commentary provided by Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Gorski the following was discussed: stabilization of ratables, new 225 students expected, I-Pad lease obligation, and \$1.4 million dollar decrease in excess surplus applied to 2013/2014. After discussion, the consensus of the board was as follows: the budget should go to maximum available CAP as allowed by law without a required vote, budget should include the most pressing capital outlay project namely Monroe Township Middle School roof, and research moving the majority of busing in-house except for out of district special needs students.

PUBLIC FORUM -

Doug Poye – 4 Tamarack Road asked if a lease purchase can be terminated and Mr. Gorski responded no, you are obligated for the term of the lease. Mr. Poye mentioned several areas he felt should be closely looked at in order to possibly make reductions and affect cost savings. They included text books, classes with very small enrollment, and areas where the district often spends the most or second or third most in the county in a number of categories. Mr. Poye stated he feels the \$15,000 per student figure is inflated and also stated that all special needs students should be closely looked at to make certain they are legal residents of Monroe.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leary and seconded by Ms. Antelis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL C. GORSKI, CPA
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY