

The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Mr. Michael C. Gorski at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Michele Arminio
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Mr. Thomas Nothstein
Mr. Doug Poye
Mr. Anthony Prezioso

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Amy Antelis
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. Kenneth Chiarella

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Robert Czarneski

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Cori Haider
Ms. Francesca Speranza

STAFF

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 13

After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the Board Secretary 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 19, 2013:

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

Mr. Gorski made an announcement that due to the inclement weather the Agenda has been changed to eliminate the second public forum. Any topics may be discussed at the remaining public forum which will be limited to thirty minutes.

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Gorski announced that the candidates that won a position on the Board of Education were Ms. Michele Arminio, Mr. Lew Kaufman, and Mr. Thomas Nothstein. A copy of the 2013 Annual School Election results is attached to the official set of minutes.

STATUTORY OATH

Mr. Gorski, Board Secretary/Business Administrator administered the statutory oath to the following elected Board of Education Members:

1. Ms. Michele Arminio,
2. Mr. Lew Kaufman,
3. Mr. Thomas Nothstein, and
4. Mr. Robert Czarneski

The signed oaths are attached to the official set of minutes.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Gorski announced that nominations were in order for the election of Board President.

Mr. Kaufman nominated Ms. Kolupanowich for the position of Board President. Mr. Prezioso seconded the motion.

Mr. Gorski announced that since there were no other nominations, the nominations for the position of Board President were closed. Mr. Gorski proceeded with a roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Vote:
Ms. Arminio	Yes
Mr. Kaufman	Yes
Ms. Kolupanowich	Yes
Mr. Thomas Nothstein	Yes
Mr. Doug Poye	Yes
Mr. Anthony Prezioso	Yes

Mr. Gorski announced that Ms. Kolupanowich was elected President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

Ms. Kolupanowich took her seat as President of the Monroe Township Board of Education. Ms. Kolupanowich stated that all the members seated at the table were elected by the public to do a job. That job is to educate the children of Monroe Township. These children are our future and even though there may be a difference in opinion at times we are expected to respect those

opinions and the opinions of the public. Ms. Kolupanowich congratulated and welcomed both Ms. Arminio and Mr. Nothstein to the Board.

Ms. Kolupanowich announced that nominations were now in order for the election of Vice President for the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Prezioso to nominate Mr. Poye as Vice President. Mr. Nothstein seconded the motion.

Ms. Kolupanowich announced that since there were no other nominations, the nominations for the position of Board Vice President were closed. Mr. Gorski proceeded with a roll call vote.

Roll Call:	Vote:
Ms. Arminio	Yes
Mr. Kaufman	Yes
Ms. Kolupanowich	Yes
Mr. Thomas Nothstein	Yes
Mr. Doug Poye	Yes
Mr. Anthony Prezioso	Yes

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. Gorski announced that Mr. Poye was elected Vice President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY/BYLAWS

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Prezioso to recommend that members of the Board of Education suspend the operation of Policy/Bylaw #0164 to permit the Board to conduct only one public forum at this evening's public meeting. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Joe Castelluccio 20 Ashley Ct. – congratulated Ms. Arminio, Mr. Nothstein, Ms. Kolupanowich and Mr. Poye on their newly appointed positions. Mr. Castelluccio stated that he was disturbed by a comment made by Mr. Kaufman at a previous meeting regarding the two newly elected Board Members not having children in the school system. Mr. Castelluccio reminded the Board that the Board Members were elected by the community to do the right thing for the children and he hopes that all the members of the Board will work together. Ms. Kolupanowich added that she is confident that all the members will work together for the benefit of the children.

Robert Roche 18 Muirfield Blvd. – congratulated Ms. Arminio, Mr. Nothstein and Mr. Kaufman on their swearing into to office this evening as well as Ms. Kolupanowich and Mr. Poye on their positions and wished them all the best of luck this school year.

Chrissy Skurbe 8 Seminole Ct. – congratulated the newly elected Board Members and Ms. Kolupanowich and Mr. Poye on their positions. Ms. Skurbe stated that she hopes this year will be a good one for the students and that the focus of the Board of Education continues to be to provide an exemplary education to the students as stated in the district's mission statement. Ms. Skurbe asked that the new members of the Policy Committee revisit the Head Lice and Student Backpack Policies for the benefit of the students.

Ira Tessler 11 Elliot Dr. – congratulated all the elected Board Members and stated how proud he was of the schools and all that he has accomplished while serving on the Board. Mr. Tessler stated that he believed Mr. Kaufman's comments at the last meeting may have been misconstrued, he has known Mr. Kaufman for years and he can vouch that he always has the best interest of the children in mind and he was just making an observation. Mr. Tessler said he knows Mr. Kaufman will work with well all the members of the Board for the benefit of the students.

Steve Riback 23 Riveria Dr. – congratulated the newly installed Board Members and both Ms. Kolupanowich and Mr. Poye on their positions. Mr. Riback wished all the Board Members a fabulous school year as they work together for the benefit of the students and community.

Bob Zeglarski 162 Tournament Dr. – added his congratulations as well. Mr. Zeglarski stated that when New Jersey School Boards consultants meet with the Board for workshops one of the things that they seem to stress is that the main job as Board Members is to see that the school district is run well. He hopes that the Board is successful with that.

Brian Hackett 3 Avenue D – states that on behalf of himself and many other people who couldn't make it this evening due to the inclement weather he wanted to congratulate Ms. Arminio and Mr. Nothstein on their elected positions. Mr. Hackett added that he has worked with both of them in the past and he knows they will do a good job as they both stand for open, fair and honest government.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Nothstein to recommend that members of the Board of Education adopt the attached Board Meeting Schedule at which time formal action may be taken. Meetings will start at 7:00pm. Motion Carried Unanimously for the presented Board Meeting Schedule.

POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Prezioso to recommend that all policies of the previous Board are hereby adopted until such time as the Board decides to revise, or otherwise alter policies. Motion Carried Unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF BANKS OR DEPOSITORIES

A motion was made by Mr. Poye and seconded by Ms. Arminio to recommend that the Board of Education designate the following banks or depositories for school district funds:

TD Bank
Commerce Bank
PNC BANK
The Depository Trust Company
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management
Provident Bank*
JPMorgan Chase

* Provides most of the banking services.

Be It Further Resolved that the Business Administrator is authorized to establish accounts, and wire transfer funds among the accounts as needed, and approve the payment of bills between Board Meetings. Motion Carried with Mr. Kaufman recusing.

NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Poye to recommend that the Board of Education designate the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune, or the Asbury Park Press all of which circulate in the school district, as official newspapers for legal advertisement. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kolupanowich stated that the committee preference sheets were handed out this evening and she would like to have them returned by Monday so that the committees could be named and meetings can start to be held.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

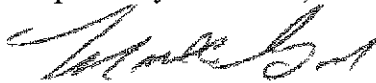
Mr. Nothstein stated that he knows how important the public input is and he intends to keep that in mind as he serves as a Board Member this term. Mr. Nothstein thanked all the voters who voted for him and acknowledged Mr. Riback whose tireless efforts helped him and Ms. Arminio get elected. Mr. Nothstein applauded Mr. Riback for his forth placement in the election despite being positioned eleventh on the ballot. Mr. Nothstein pledged to work with all the Board Members and to work as a team to provide the highest quality education and an affordable price to the taxpayers.

Ms. Arminio stated that she is excited to be a member of the Board of Education adding that she is grateful and appreciative to the community of Monroe which she has grown to love dearly and she appreciates the opportunity to serve as a public servant. Ms. Arminio pledges to uphold a premier educational system and be a good steward of taxes and the peoples trust. Ms. Arminio added that she is humbled by the task before her and she is passionate about doing a good job for everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Gorski", written in a cursive style.

Michael C. Gorski
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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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**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014

7:00 P.M.

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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

(Recording Board Meetings)**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Board Secretary
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:**

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5. ELECTION RESULTS6. STATUTORY OATH:

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2. Lewis Kaufman
3. Thomas Nothstein
4. Robert Czarneski – Jamesburg Representative

7. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT8. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE- PRESIDENT9. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:a. Meeting Dates:

Be It Resolved that the regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe shall be held as per the attached schedule at 7:00 p.m., at which time formal action may be taken.

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10. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT11. PUBLIC FORUM*12. COMMITTEE REPORTS13. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT14. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS15. PUBLIC FORUM*16. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING (To be determined after the adoption of the 2014 Public Meeting Schedule)17. 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.