

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Michele Arminio
Ms. Jill DeMaio
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Mr. Thomas Nothstein
Mr. Doug Poye
Mr. Anthony Prezioso
Mr. Steven Riback

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Marvin Braverman

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Robert Czarneski (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Dennis Ventrello, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dori Alvich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –20

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 26, 2014:

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

ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Gorski announced that a copy of the official election results are available in the back of the room. A copy of the official 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. Jill DeMaio,
2. Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, and
3. Mr. Steven Riback

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

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

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

Ms. Arminio nominated Mr. Doug Poye 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. Poye asked the members of the Board not to vote for him for Board President unless they were willing to put past grudges behind them, they are willing to work together in a respectful manner, and willing to make the improvement of teaching and learning the top priority of the Board of Education. Mr. Gorski proceeded with a roll call vote.

Roll Call 7-0-1-0-2 Motion Carried with Mr. Poye abstaining.

Mr. Poye took his seat as President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

Mr. Prezioso thanked Ms. Kolupanowich for her service as Board President for the past years.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE- PRESIDENT

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

Mr. Prezioso nominated Mr. Tom Nothstein for the position of Board President. Mr. Riback seconded the motion.

Mr. Poye 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 6-0-2-0-2 Motion Carried with Ms. DeMaio and Ms. Kolupanowich abstaining.

CODE OF ETHICS

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Prezioso that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and acceptance of the New Jersey School Boards

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Association Code of Ethics. Roll Call 8-0-0-0-2 Motion Carried. Mr. Czarneski, Jamesburg Representative was not present for the vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Poye and seconded by Mr. Nothstein to direct the Board Secretary to arrange a meeting with New Jersey School Boards Association or Ms. Mary Smith, Board Attorney for the purpose of Code of Ethics training. Roll Call 8-0-0-0-2 Motion Carried. Mr. Czarneski, Jamesburg Representative was not present for the vote.

SUSPENSION OF POLICY/BYLAWS

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to suspend the operation of Policy/Bylaw #0164 to permit the Board to conduct only one public forum at this evening's public meeting. Roll Call 8-0-0-0-2 Motion Carried.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Robert Roche 18 Muirfield Blvd. - congratulated the newly elected board members. Mr. Roche stated that he would like to see the new Board work together with the primary focus being on educating the students.

STATUTORY OATH

Mr. Gorski, Board Secretary/Business Administrator administered the statutory oath to Mr. Robert Czarneski as the 2015 Jamesburg Representative Board of Education Member.

The signed oath is attached to the official set of minutes.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Meeting Dates:

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Ms. Arminio to accept the following resolution:

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. Motion Carried

b. Policy:

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Prezioso to accept the following resolution:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe 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.

c. Designation of Banks or Depositories:

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designates the following banks or depositories for school district funds:

TD Bank
The Depository Trust Company
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management
Provident Bank*

*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.

d. Newspapers For Legal Advertisements:

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Kaufman to accept the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designates 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.

STUDENT BOARDMEMBERS' REPORT

Mr. Tharney reported the following; students returned back to school today after the winter break, various fundraising efforts for helping those in need have been concluded, MTHS Mock Trial Team will be engaging in the Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition, MTHS DECA and Future Business Leaders of America are participating in regional competitions, and a Technology Expo was held on December 17th to allow the Technology Committee to explore options for the 1:1 initiative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

Mr. Poye thanked the members of the Board for their vote for Board President and requested their support and cooperation as they make the decisions they will affect the Monroe Township Schools in the years to come. Mr. Poye stated that some of these decisions include selecting a new superintendent, redistricting, possibly a referendum, and the academic performance of the students. Mr. Poye added that while accomplishing all of these goals the Board must be mindful of the taxpayers. Mr. Poye spoke about the many accomplishments from the last year under the past leadership of Ms. Kolupanowich. In light of his absence at the December meeting, Mr. Poye thanked Ms. Antelis and Mr. Chiarella for their years of service to the Board. Mr. Poye asked that fellow board members join him in a New Year's resolution to work together respectfully, to disagree without being disagreeable, to encourage the professional development of the staff, and most importantly work to help every child attain the highest academic success possible.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Mr. Riback congratulated Mr. Czarneski, Ms. Kolupanowich and Ms. DeMaio on their elections and thanked those residents who voted for him. Mr. Riback stressed that he is looking forward to working collegially with all members of the board.

Ms. Arminio wished everyone a happy new year and thanked all the parents who came out in the public forum this year. Ms. Arminio added that we should be very proud of the community for being more involved and as we move forward in 2015 she looks forward to more transparency.

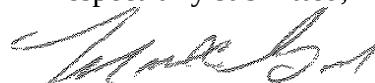
NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Poye stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Nothstein and seconded by Mr. Riback that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Gorski, CPA
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,
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015
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

BOARD MEMBERS, SEATED AND NEWLY ELECTED:

Ms. Michele Arminio
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Ms. Jill Demaio
Mr. Lew Kaufman
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Mr. Thomas Nothstein
Mr. Doug Poye
Mr. Anthony Prezioso
Mr. Steven Riback

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE **

Mr. Robert Czarneski

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Cori Haider

Mr. Nicholas Tharney

4. STATEMENT - BOARD SECRETARY

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3. Steve Riback
4. Robert Czarneski – Jamesburg Representative

7. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

8. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE- PRESIDENT

9. CODE OF ETHICS

10. SUSPENSION OF POLICY/BYLAWS

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13. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

16. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

17. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING (To be determined after the adoption of the 2015 Public Meeting Schedule)

18. ADJOURNMENT

* 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 recorders, still or movie cameras, or videotape cameras only when notice of such intended use has been given to the Board Secretary one day in advance of the meeting. Any video recording device must be located and operated from inconspicuous locations in the meeting room as determined by the presiding officer of the meeting. The presiding officer may also limit the number of video recording devices if he/she determines the number and position of the video recording devices will be an unnecessary intrusion to the meeting. In this event, preference will be given based on the order in which prior notice requesting to record the meeting was provided to the Board Secretary.

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.

** The Jamesburg Representative shall be eligible to vote on only those matters specifically designated in N.J.S.A 18A:38-8.1, as follows:

- (1) Tuition to be charged the sending district by the receiving district and the bill lists or contracts for the purchase, operation or maintenance of facilities, equipment and instructional materials to be used in the education of the pupils of the sending district.
- (2) New capital construction to be utilized by sending district pupils.
- (3) Appointment, transfer or removal of teaching staff members providing services to pupils of the sending district, including any teaching staff

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member who is a member of the receiving district's central administrative staff; and

- (4) Addition or deletion of curricular and extracurricular programs involving pupils of the sending district.

To the extent the Jamesburg Representative inadvertently votes on any other matter, his vote shall not be counted.

*** 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.