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AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009
7:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Amy Antelis, Board President
Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President
Mr. Marvin I. Braverman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Kathy Leonard
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Mr. Ira Tessler

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Nidhi Bhatt

Ms. Melissa Bonamici

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 March 6, 2009:

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

5. PERFORMANCE BY THE APPLGARTH CHORUS

6. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

7. 2009/2010 BUDGET PRESENTATION, PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ADOPTION

8. PUBLIC FORUM *

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Board of Education Meeting, February 25, 2009

Closed Session Meeting, February 25, 2009

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Personnel

The Superintendent will recommend that the Board approve the personnel report following discussion in Executive Session.

II. Board Action

- A. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Field Trips.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher placements.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- D. It is recommended that the Board approve the abolishment of the following Policies and Regulations:

Bylaw

147

Board Member Travel Expenses

Policies

3440

Travel Expenses for Certificated Staff

4440

Travel Expenses for Support Staff

Regulations

3440

Travel Expenses for Certificated Staff

4440

Travel Expenses for Support Staff

- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions of the following Policies:

Bylaw

142.1

Nepotism

164

Conduct of Board Meeting

Policies

1220

Employment of Chief Administrator

1620

Administrative Employment Contracts

6423

Expenditures for Non-Employee Activities, Meals and refreshments

- F. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policy and Regulation for adoption:

Policy

6471

School District Travel

Regulation

6471

District Travel

- G. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Policy and Regulation for a second and final reading:

Policy

2460.16

Special Education – Instructional Material to
Blind or Print Disabled Pupils

- H. **2008-2009 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs**
previously reported for the period 7/1/08 through 3/31/09:\$0

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
3/18/09	Woodland	Vandalism/Damage To property	\$2300
3/17/09	MTHS	Suspected Use/not confirmed	
3/19/09	MTHS	Suspected Use/not confirmed	
3/25/09	MTHS	Suspected Use/not confirmed	

- I. It is recommended that the Board approve a revision to the 2008-2009 school calendar pending no requirement by administration to close the district due to inclement weather or some other emergency. Therefore, school will be closed for the remaining built in snow make up day on Friday, May 22, 2009.
- J. It is recommended that the Board approve the following students to attend out of district programs:

Student No.	School	Dates of Attendance	Cost
85157	Mercer Regional Day	3/2/09	229.36 per diem
78899	Kiva High School	3/25/09	\$1,700 per month for ten months

11. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION

A. ADOPTION OF THE 2009/10 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following amounts and resolution for the 2009/10 Budget:

Be It Resolved, by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the 2009/10 General Fund Budget be adopted in the amount of \$89,313,201. and a General Fund Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$74,392,326. and a Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$821,136. and a Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$10,293,639. and a Debt Service Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,303,802. Whereby, the 2009/10 Budget totals \$100,427,976.; and

Whereas, the Monroe Township Board of Education has been notified of state aid amounts; and

Whereas, such state aid amounts are:

For 2009/10 the Categorical Special Education Aid is \$2,226,642.; and

For 2009/10 the Categorical Security Aid is \$398,375.; and

For 2009/10 the Categorical Transportation Aid is \$2,043,966.; and

For 2009/10 the Debt Service Aid is \$802,530.; and

Whereas, school district Bylaw #0147, Policy #3440, Policy #4440 and NJAC 6A:23B-1.2(b) provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for 2009/10 school year; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2009/10 school year at the sum of \$170,346.; and

Be It Further Resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

Now Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary file the required documents with the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

B. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$8,642,799.60 for February 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$5,253,607.93 for February 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

D. BILL LIST – NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$7,201.07 for February 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$2,355,611.00 for February 2009 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

F. 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 February 2009, 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 6A:23-2.11(c), Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the February 2009 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).

G. TRANSFER #7

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #7 as presented for fiscal year 2008/09. A copy is attached hereto.

H. AGREEMENT WITH JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attached agreement between Jersey Central Power & Light and the Monroe Township Board of Education entitled: "Agreement for Installation of Electric Distribution Facilities Utilizing a "Minimum Charge Contract Demand" to Enable the Minimum Up-Front Customer Contribution".

I. ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (ACES)

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attached “Agreement” between the Monroe Township Board of Education and South Jersey Energy as related to Electric Generation Service Purchase and Sales.

J. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

EXEMPT SERVICES – Awarded without competitive bidding as provided for under the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law:

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Ms. Ann Holmes of The Eden Family of Services, Outreach, and Support Services to provide an augmentative evaluation and report for the fee of \$500.00.

K. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (PERS)

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge the receipt of the attached Public Employee’s Retirement System Annual Employer Appropriation Invoice and authorize payment in the amount of \$351,918.50. The total due in the amount of \$351,918.50 reflects a deferral in the amount of \$281,849.50 in accordance with Chapter 19, P.L. 2009.

L. CONTRACT – NATIONAL SAFETY COMPLIANCE, INC.

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the attached contract between National Safety Compliance, Inc. and the Monroe Township Board of Education for the purpose of compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (“FMCSR”) regarding driver substance abuse/alcohol misuse testing.

M. GRANT APPLICATION

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the submission of the attached grant application for the 2009 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group’s ERIC North Subfund.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

April 2, 2009
Date

12. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

15. 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):

1. Negotiations between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association

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

16. PUBLIC FORUM *

17. NEXT SCHEDULED PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009 – 7:00 PM - AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

18. 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.