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AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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. BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

6. PUBLIC FORUM*

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

	2/28/09	1/31/09	Decrease-	2/28/08	Difference
Applegarth School	807	803	+4	764	+43
Barclay Brook School	519	513	+6	717	-198
Brookside School	685	687	-2	966	-281
Mill Lake School	665	661	+4	671	- 6
Oak Tree	676	676	0	0	+676
Woodland School	507	506	+1	486	+21
Monroe High School	1549	1550	-1	1530	+19
Total Elementary & Secondary	**5408**	**5396**	**+12**	**5134**	**+274**

I. Enrollment (cont'd)

	Monroe			Jamesburg		
School	***Jan***	***Feb***	***Difference***	***Jan***	***Feb***	***Difference***
Academy Learning Center	13	13				
Bridge Academy	2	2				
Bright Beginnings	1	1				
Cambridge	1	1				
Center School	3	2	Less 1			
Childrens Center of Monm.	0	1	Plus 1			
Collier	0	1	Plus 1			
CPC Lower	1	1				
CPC Upper	4	4		2	2	
East Mountain	1	0	Less 1			
Eden	2	2				
Harbor School	2	2				
KIVA	1	0	Less 1	0	1	Plus 1
New Roads Parlin	5	5		1	1	
Kidspeach	1	1				
Mercer Elementary	2	2				
Mercer Cty Jr./Sr.	1	1				
Mercer Cty Reg. Day	2	2				
Midland	4	4		1	1	
Millstone WW/Plainsboro	1	1				
New Brunswick				1	0	Less 1
NuView	0	1	Plus 1			
Palisades Learning Center				1	1	
Princeton Child Dev Instit	1	1				
Piscataway Reg. Day	1	1				
Raritan Valley Academy				1	1	
Rugby	1	1				
Schroth School	1	1				
Spotswood High School				1	1	
UMDNJ	1	1		1	1	
Total	52	52		9	9	

II. Home Instruction

Stu. #	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/ wk
1.	Med	11	Drust, Goulding	HS	9-4-08		4
2.	Med	9	Hommer, Butler, Gonzalez, Olszewski	HS	9-9-08		10
3.	CST	12	Valendo, Fletcher	OD	9-9-08		10
4.	504	K	Kravit	ML	9-9-08		5
5.	504	6	Previtera	OT	9-9-08		5
6.	SUS	9	Lynch, Wall, Quindes	HS	10-23-08		10
7.	Med	8	Weiner, Firestine, Chang	A	10-6-08		10
8.	Med	11	UMDNJ	OD	10-25-08		10
9.	CST	11	Abruzzee, Riggi, Weinstein	HS	11-5-08		10
10.	Med	10	Roche, Romano, Marmorak, Rosenberg, Goldstein, Quest, Rose	HS	11-5-08		10
11.	Med	10	Papanestor, Quest, Fiore	HS	11-5-08		10
12.	504	11	Drust, Cleary	HS	9-5-08		10
13.	504	11	Donovan, Goldstein	HS	12-2-08		10
14.	CST	12	Friedman, Weiner	OD	11-1-08		10
15.	Med	7	Dansin, Consiglio, Crocket, Viszoki	A	11-18-08		5
16.	CST	12	Valendo	OD	11-11-08		10
17.	Med	11	New Hope Foundation	HS	12-4-08		10
18.	CST	9	Ongaro, Quindes	HS	11-12-08		10
19.	Med	6	Gorham	WD	1-8-09		5
20.	Med	8	Chang	A	1-12-08		
21.	Med	10	Princeton House	HS	1-16-09	1-27-09	10
22.	Med	11	Fennessy, Ogin, Abruzzee, Armstrong	HS	1-29-09		10
23.	SUS	10	Roche, Chase, Quest	HS	2-3-09		6
24.	Med	12	UMDNJ	HS	1-30-09	2-6-09	10
25.	IEP	7	Burd, Rusnak	A	2-6-09		10
26.	Med	K	Robert Wood Hosp	ML	2-4-09		5
27.	SUS	10	Roche, Chase, Quest	HS	2-9-09	2-18-09	10
28.	Med	8	Elias, Weiner, Tromba	A	2-18-09		5

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School ---------- February 2 and 9, 2009
Barclay Brook School---------- February 2 and 9, 2009
Brookside School ---------- February 11 and 23, 2009
Mill Lake School ---------- February 11 and 26, 2009
Monroe Twp. H.S.----------February 4 and 17, 2009
Oak Tree School ---------- February 2 and 11, 2009
Woodland School ---------- February 2 and 25, 2009

IV. Personnel

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

V. Board Action

A. **2008-2009 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/08 through 3/13/09: ……$0

Date	School	Incident	Cost to District
2-17-09	MTHS	suspected use/not confirmed	
2-19-09	MTHS	fight	
2-24-09	Barclay Brook	weapon-pocket knife	
2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use not confirmed	
2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use not confirmed	
2-23-09	MTHS	suspected use confirmed	
2-26-09	MTHS	fight	
3-4-09	MTHS	suspected use confirmed	
3-5-09	MTHS	fight	
3-5-09	MTHS	fight	
3-6-09	MTHS	fight	

B. It is recommended that the Board approve the New Jersey High School Consortium professional development at Monroe Township High School at the cost of $9,000. This will include workshops, regional conferences, online courses, materials on high school reform, access to extensive curriculum framing software program, action research data, and consulting services provided by Grant Wiggins and his colleagues at Authentic Education.

C. It recommended that the Board approve the Middlesex County Superintendent's Office approval of the District Professional Development Plan for 2009-2010.

D. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of February 2009.

E. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached 2009-2010 School Calendar.

F. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Field Trips.

G. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of Student Teacher placements.

H. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.

I. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached 2009-2010 Course of Study.

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

Regulation

2460.16	Special Education – Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Pupils

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

Policy

2428.1	Standards-Based Instructional Priorities

Regulation

8420.7	Lockdown Procedures

L. It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policies

2460	Special Education
2467	Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents

Regulation

2460	Special Education
2460.1	Special Education – Location, Identification, and Referral
2460.8	Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education
2460.9	Special Education – Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Pre School Programs

M. It is recommended that the Board approve the abolishment of the following Regulations:

Regulation

2460.5 Special Education – Participation in State-Wide Testing
2460.10 Special Education – Maintenance, Access to and Confidentiality of Pupil Records
2460.14 Special Education – In-Service Training

N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following students to attend out of district programs:

Student No.	School	Dates of Attendance	Cost
81863	Collier	2/19/09	$246.27 per diem
82617	Children's Center of Monmouth	3/2/09	$110.00 per diem includes one on one aide

8. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling $9,289,823.08 for January 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.

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

It is recommended that the bills totaling $1,825,825.26 for January 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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling $100,712.64 for January 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 HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2008)

It is recommended that the bills totaling $1,049,287.01 for January 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. 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 January 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c), Be It Further Resolved that the Board Secretary certifies that the January 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).

F. BID AUTHORIZATION – CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for and solicit bids for custodial supplies. This bid when awarded by members of the Board of Education will be encumbered against the 2009/10 budget.

G. BID AUTHORIZATION – HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise for and solicit bids for the replacement of sections of the original building roof at Monroe Township High School. Please refer to the attached document for supplemental information.

H. 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 Four Winds Hospital to provide home instruction for a hospitalized student at the rate of $42.50 per hour for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

I. GRANT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education acknowledge and accept the New Jersey Department of Education Fiscal Year 2009 Grant Acceptance Certification (GAC) as related to the IDEIA Consolidated Grant. Please refer to the attached document for supplemental information.

J. GROUNDS CARE MAINTENANCE BID AWARD

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education renew Contract #1 Turf Maintainance to Above the Mark. It is further recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the Time & Material Unit Rates for grounds care maintenance. Please refer to the attached bid analysis for supplemental information. There is no increase in costs.

K. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS TO FUND 40, DEBT SERVICE

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING THE TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED BOND PROCEEDS TO FUND 40, DEBT SERVICE"

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2006, the Board of Education (the "Board of Education") of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey issued its $26,800,000 School District Bonds, Series 2006 (the "2006 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Bonds were issued to finance (a) the construction of a new elementary school upon approximately 30 acres of land located on Applegarth Road (Lot 10.69, Block 14); (b) any necessary improvements, upgrades, appurtenances, equipment, furniture and site work required in connection therewith; and (c) certain incidental expenses (collectively, the "2006 Project"), and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds were deposited in the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund to be used for the 2006 Project; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Project has been completed and $659,208.23 of the proceeds of the 2006 Bonds remain on deposit in the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund (the "Unexpended Proceeds"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education hereby desires to designate the transfer of $510,000. of the Unexpended Proceeds from the Oak Tree Elementary School Account of the Capital Project Fund to Fund 40, Debt Service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to transfer $510,000. of the Unexpended Proceeds to Fund 40, Debt Service to offset the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: March 16, 2009

L. ADOPTION OF THE 2009/10 TENTATIVE BUDGET

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

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

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 tentative 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.

M. MEETING DATE CHANGE

Whereas, there have been multiple date changes to the 2009 School Election/Budget Calendar by the New Jersey Legislature; and

Whereas, in accordance with 18A:10-3 all Type II boards of education shall organize annually on any day of the first or second week following the annual school election; and

Whereas, the organization meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education was scheduled for April 22, 2009; and

Whereas, the 2009 School Election/Budget Calendar now requires the organization meeting to occur on any day from April 27, 2009 through May 8, 2009; and

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the organization meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education originally scheduled for April 22, 2009 be cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Monroe Township High School, 1629 Perrineville Road, Monroe Township.

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

WAYNE HOLLIDAY	March 16, 2009
Prepared by	Date

9. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

10. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

13. 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):

At this point in time, there are no items for closed session.

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

14. PUBLIC FORUM *

15. NEXT SCHEDULED PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009 – 7:00 PM - AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

16. 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.