

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held at the Monroe Township High School on April 27, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Gail DiPane at 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Gail DiPane, Board President
Ms. Carmen Alvarez, Board Vice President
Ms. Vanessa Forst
Mr. Eric Marozine
Mr. Peter Piro
Ms. Kate Rattner
Ms. Usha Sharma
Mr. Peter Tufano
Mr. Charles Zeichner

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Dr. Amanda Peck

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Adam Layman, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Laura Allen, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Mr. Adam Weiss, Busch Law Group

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 29

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and the 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, and electronic notice provided by having the date, time, and place thereof posted April 22, 2026:

1. At all schools,
2. On the District website at <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/>,
3. Home News Tribune, and
4. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

“Pursuant to S-4654, a public notice specifying where Board of Education meeting notices are posted can be found on MyCentralJersey.com.”

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the “Act”) provides that the Monroe Township Board of Education may hold an “Executive Session” from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12 (b) of the Act; and

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WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items. Additional items may be determined and announced as needed.

	Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law.
	Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government.
	Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
	Matters involving collective negotiations and/or the negotiations of terms and conditions.
	Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisitions of real property or investment of public funds.
	Matters concerning the protection of the safety or property of the public.
X	Pending or anticipated litigation and matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.
X	Matters involving employees and terms of their employment and contract.
	Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension.
X	HIB investigation involving students

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist. Action may be taken on any of the items stated above.

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Mr. Marozine that the members of the Board of Education close the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Piro and seconded by Mr. Zeichner that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:18 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Zeichner to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on March 25, 2026. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Marozine to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Meeting held on March 25, 2026. Motion carried with Ms. Rattner abstaining on the portion that she believes she was conflicted.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Ms. Siyona Patel reported the following on district schools:

Mill Lake Elementary School - For the Macaroni and Cheese Domino Challenge, staff and students have been contributing boxes of macaroni and cheese while showing their spirit through noodle-themed attire and activities. The 2nd Annual Art Show was held on April 16th. Families enjoyed interactive art stations along with food trucks, ice cream, and cold brew. On April 22nd, Earth Day was celebrated with engaging activities focused on environmental awareness.

Woodland Elementary School - Students & staff came together to celebrate Monroe Day with a variety of engaging activities that fostered school spirit and Monroe Township pride. A Wounded Warrior assembly was recently held; students gained a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices of service that have been made for our country. Student artwork was displayed at Mill Lake School for the combined Woodland Mill Lake Art Show. Students and staff participated in a pajama day to support the Monroe Township Police Department Unity Tour. The funds raised directly supported Team Monroe for their participation. In honor of Earth Day, students will participate in a waste-free lunch initiative, learning about sustainability and the importance of reducing environmental impact. The school celebrated Unified week with thematic dress, which included a sensory-friendly comfy and of course, Falcon purple and gold.

Barclay Brook Elementary School - Students recently celebrated Kindness Week, encouraging them to show kindness at home, in school, and in the community. Students recognized kind acts through drawings and writing that were displayed on the “GREAT Big Spot of Kindness,” earning an extra recess for filling the board. On April 14th, Monroe Township’s Enviro-Mobile visited the school, giving 2nd Grade students an interactive lesson on waste reduction and recycling.

Brookside Elementary School - As part of Autism Acceptance Month, Brookside School celebrated with a Unified Week of Respect with a week of themed dress days. Staff and students participated in the Police Unity Tour pajama day fundraiser on Friday, April 17th for Monroe Township Police Officers who are participating in the 2026 Police Unity Tour. On April 15th, the Enviro-mobile visited 3rd Grade students. The main topics were recycling and doing what is best for the environment.

Oak Tree Elementary School - The entire school participated in a PJs for Police; funds were raised for the Monroe Township Police officers participating the Unity Bike Tour. On May 1st, students will have a Writing Celebration Day. Connected to our Executive Function Goal, students will be writing about their Superpower. Finished products will be framed and hung around the building and every class will take a gallery walk to see how super they are.

Applegarth Elementary School - The week of April 6th, Applegarth celebrated Neurodiverse Universe Week. This special week focused on recognizing and appreciating the unique differences that make the students and staff special while continuing to strengthen an inclusive and supportive school environment. On April 13th, students welcomed Michael Rex for a special

author visit. On April 17th, the 3rd marking period FISH Pep Rally was held to celebrate students who demonstrated FISH characteristics throughout the marking period. The Applegarth / Oak Tree PTA hosted Family Bingo Night on April 17th. Students recently participated in Unified Week of Respect. Many activities were planned to help reinforce continued commitment to respect, acceptance, and belonging for all students. An Evening of Reading is scheduled for April 30th. All families are invited to attend this event, which will include engaging reading activities designed to promote a love of literacy and strengthen home-school connections.

Middle School - Unified Respect Week was recognized April 13th – 16th. eSports teams just wrapped up an amazing season. Tyler Robinson, Nicholas Skurbe, and Rohan Vaishnav of Team Alpha finished the season undefeated. The MTMS Purple, Gold, and Falcon Jazz Ensembles were visited by tenor saxophonist, Jerry Weldon.

High School - NJSLA testing is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. This Friday is decision day for high school seniors. The school celebrates with them, hosting a day of fun events and picture opportunities for everyone to celebrate their incredible achievements. The MTHS yearbook has been recognized as an award-winning yearbook design for the Class of 2025 and is featured on the Josten's website as a "Best Of". A special congratulations to Dakota Benenati, a junior who competed in the Junior Olympics this year and took home gold in the 25 meter Sport Pistol event. Students enjoyed expressing school spirit last week for Unified Week of Respect. A MTHS Robotics Team took home third place in a national Robotics competition for Lockheed Martin.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2026/2027 BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Mr. Piro to open the Budget Presentation and Public Hearing of the 2026/2027 Budget. Motion carried.

Dr. Layman and Ms. Allen provided a detailed review of the 2026/2027 Budget presentation. Ms. Allen reported that no changes have been made to the budget since the presentation on March 25, 2026. Dr. Layman emphasized the increase in health insurance costs and provided details on full-day Kindergarten, including budgetary expenses. Ms. Allen stated that a few extra slides have been added to the March 25th budget presentation. Ms. Allen provided a detailed summary of district state aid; the General Fund tax levy; revenues; appropriations; a detailed budget summary of all funds; and the tax impact.

Board members asked questions and expressed concerns relating to the following as it relates to the proposed 2026/2027 Budget:

- Insufficient State Aid
- Tax impact from the Capital Reserve
- Tax impact on residents
- Full-day Kindergarten

PUBLIC FORUM ON BUDGET

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Maddie Riback, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten in the budget.

Roberta Nelson, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten in the budget.

Harshav Raval, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten in the budget.

Nandita Kamath, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten in the budget.

Maria Palaguachi, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten in the budget.

Sarah Aziz, Monroe Township, Spoke in support of the proposed 2026/2027 budget.

H.S. Student S.P. - Spoke in support of the proposed 2026/2027 budget and the need to advocate for fair school funding.

George Gunkleman, Monroe Township - Spoke in support of the proposed 2026/2027 budget. Regarding state aid, Mr. Gunkleman noted that one item that was not addressed or mentioned is the Property Tax Relief Program.

Chrissy Skurbe, Monroe Township – expressed concern with the amount of excess surplus in the budget. Ms. Skurbe requested that the amount in capital reserve be reduced to ease the tax burden on residents.

Bob Valentine, Monroe Township – expressed interest in a one-page summary for expenses for full-day kindergarten. Next, Mr. Valentine expressed concern with the establishment of capital reserve. Next, Mr. Valentine inquired about the district's Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP). Lastly, Mr. Valentine spoke about the Audit and the lack of clarity in the category headers/titles.

Sri Yegra, Monroe Township - spoke in support of full-day Kindergarten and the need for capital reserve in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Mr. Piro that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the following resolution by consent roll call:

Be It Resolved, by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the 2026/27 General Fund Budget be adopted in the amount of \$160,411,874 and a General Fund Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$135,602,106 and a Special Revenue Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,229,501 and a Debt Service Budget in the amount of \$11,255,437 and a Debt Service Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$10,975,494.

Whereby, the 2026/27 Budget totals \$172,896,812; and

Be It Further Resolved by the Monroe Township Board of Education includes in the Budget the appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$6,703,125.

Be It Further Resolved that the Monroe Township Board of Education includes in the Budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$7,939,427. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

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Be It Further Resolved that included in the General Fund appropriations is \$2,090,000 for deposit into the Board of Education's approved Capital Reserve Account for future funding of capital projects.

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

Whereas, such state aid amounts are:

For 2026/27 the Categorical Special Education Aid is \$7,132,661; and

For 2026/27 the Categorical Security Aid is \$985,227; and

For 2026/27 the Categorical Transportation Aid is \$3,821,065; and

For 2026/27 the Debt Service Aid is \$279,943; and

Whereas, the Monroe Township Board of Education has estimated a State Aid amount pursuant to application; and for 2026/27 the estimated Extraordinary Aid amount is \$397,484; and

Whereas, Policy #6471 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 provides that the board of education shall establish in the annual school Budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for 2026/27 school year.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby establishes the School District travel maximum for the 2026/27 school year at the sum of \$165,500; and

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

Be It Further Resolved that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize and approve a transfer of \$25,000 of anticipated retained earnings from the proprietary Falcon Care Program as a revenue source in the 2026/27 General Fund Budget.

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

Roll call 9-0-0-1-0. Motion carried with Mr. Marozine recusing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Kate Rattner, Chairperson of the Legislative Action & Community Engagement & Citizens Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 21st. The Committee reviewed several legislative items impacting education. Some of which were Bill S-3462; a school security bill related to AI-enabled surveillance systems; and proposed legislation about requiring information to be posted about free/reduced lunch application. Next, the Committee discussed a few points about the State Budget and a potential \$15 million grant for schools that implement solar programs. The Committee discussed ideas for future community engagement and strengthening advocacy by collaborating with other districts.

Ms. Carmen Alvarez, Vice Chairperson of the Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 21st and reported the following: The Committee received an overview and update on progress with the ESIP projects. Solar installations will start soon at all schools. The Committee received a detailed update on the district's ESIP project, which remains on schedule and is nearing completion in several areas. Ms. Alvarez reported that building management systems are being modernized to improve operational control and efficiency, while earlier building improvements have already enhanced insulation and energy performance. Additional initiatives include a cogeneration system to produce electricity and reuse heat, and the district continues to pursue utility rebates to offset project costs. The solar energy project is advancing through design, permitting, and coordination with utility providers. The project will provide long-term cost stability by locking in lower energy rates for a portion of the district's electricity usage. The Committee reviewed a trash and recycling contract which will be awarded to Waste Management as the lowest qualified bidder. No bids were received for composting services, but the district will explore alternative vendors for a potential program. The grounds care contract with Boss Landscaping will be renewed with a modest 2% increase. Ms. Alvarez reported that progress continues with the Applegarth grant project and the Mill Lake School facade cleaning project has been completed. Lastly, transportation operations are running smoothly. A bus tracking app pilot program, which was previously tested at the elementary level, is now being expanded to select middle school routes, with parents receiving information on how to participate and access real-time updates.

Mr. Charles Zeichner, Chairperson of the Curriculum, Co-curricular, Athletics and Pupil Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 22nd. The Committee reviewed curriculum documents for 8th Grade Advanced Science; Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD); MTHS clubs, and the summer reading recommendations for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Mr. Zeichner reported that Ms. Drust discussed the 8th Grade Advanced Science Curriculum. She noted that it incorporated the NJ State Standards and emphasized analytical and more complex scientific thinking. Next, Mr. Morolda presented the Drafting and Computer-Aided Design Curriculum (CAD) for MTHS. He noted that Dr. Kevin Higgins requested a review of existing programs in this field. The NJDOE Student Learning Standards and NJSLS competencies were also discussed and explained. Next, Dr. Higgins and Dr. Calella presented new club proposals for the High School. Mr. Zeichner stated that no clubs were removed, and the current status of clubs on probation was identified for the 2026/27 school year. Dr. Roselle introduced Summer Reading recommendations for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Mr. Snyder announced that Monroe Township School District has been awarded the NAMM Foundation's Best Community for Music Education.

Ms. Kate Rattner, Chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 21st. Ms. Rattner reported that Dr. Layman and Ms. Fatovic reviewed some of the data that was received from the surveys that were sent to the community regarding Portrait of a Graduate. The Committee then broke into smaller groups to take a closer look at the survey results and finished by hearing some of the answers given from the Student Advisory Committee.

Ms. Carmen Alvarez, Chairperson of the Finance and Shared Services Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 22nd. The Committee reviewed monthly bills and attorney invoices. The Committee discussed a newly introduced Bill that would allocate up to \$50 million in relief to school districts that have experienced significant property tax increases over recent years. This proposal is intended to address ongoing financial pressures, including rising healthcare costs and the limitations of the current state funding formula.

The Committee received a detailed presentation on the district's food service program, which is performing strongly and is on track to meet or exceed its guaranteed financial return. To maintain financial sustainability, a modest 5-cent increase in meal prices is proposed for the upcoming school year, despite rising labor costs and significant increases in food costs. Ms. Alvarez added that even with this increase, the district's meal prices remain significantly lower than surrounding districts. Next, The Committee reviewed the financing structure of the district's energy savings improvement program (ESIP), funded through \$12.5 million in refunding bonds. The program is designed so that energy savings, operational efficiencies, rebates, and solar benefits exceed annual debt payments each year over a 20-year period.

Ms. Kate Rattner, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 22nd. The Committee reviewed the cell phone policy update. Ms. Rattner reported that there is currently a delay from Strauss Esmay due to there being inconsistencies in the guidance from the Department of Education versus the intent of the legislature. The Committee has begun policy review on the 5000s. Ms. Rattner added that there was a discussion about when a policy title is changed to use a new term whether that word should be changed throughout the policy language as well.

Videotaped committee meetings, agendas, and meeting minutes can be found on the district website at the following link:

<https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/board-of-education-2/boe-meeting-information/videotaped-committee-meetings>

PUBLIC FORUM

Chrissy Skurbe, Monroe Township – had questions and expressed concerns relating to the other personnel resolution listed on the agenda relating to Dr. Chanley.

Due to potential votes this evening regarding Dr. Chanley, Ms. DiPane requested that Mr. Weiss read the Doctrine of Necessity.

A motion was made by Mr. Piro and seconded by Ms. Alvarez that the members of the Board of Education approve the following by consent roll call:

Whereas, Dr. Chari Chanley serves in the capacity of Superintendent for the 2025-2026 school year; and

Whereas, the Board must consider certain matters concerning Dr. Chanley's employment.;

And

Whereas, upon review of the various conflicts of interests of the current Board Members, it has been determined that six of the members have conflicts of interest pursuant to the New Jersey School Ethics Act; and

Whereas, pursuant to Policy 0163, when a quorum of the Board has conflicted interests, the doctrine of necessity may be invoked in order to allow conflicted Board members to participate and vote only when the Board of education has fewer non-conflicted Board members than are required, pursuant to statute, to take action; and

Whereas, when invoking the doctrine of necessity the Board shall state publicly that it is invoking the doctrine of necessity with the reasons for doing so and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

Whereas, the Board Policy further provides that it shall read the resolution invoking the doctrine of necessity at a regularly scheduled public meeting, post the notice of the resolution for thirty (30) days and provide the School Ethics Commission with a copy of the resolution; and

Whereas, the School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21, et seq., was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in School Board Members and School Administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission has provided guidance regarding the invocation of the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of the Board of Education is not available because members of the board of education have conflicts of interest on a matter required to be discussed and voted upon; and

Whereas, the Board intends to conduct votes this evening concerning financial and employment-related matters concerning Dr. Chanley;

Whereas, members of the Board have conflicts of interest that would prevent their participation in and vote on the matters related to Dr. Chanley are as follows:

- Carmen Alvarez, Gail DiPane, Peter Piro, Usha Sharma, and Charles Zeichner are involved in litigation with Dr. Chanley.
- Kate Rattner's husband, David, is a teacher employed by the Board.

Whereas, as a result of the foregoing, the Board does not have a quorum to vote on matters related to the Superintendent's employment, and the Board's counsel and the Board have determined that it is necessary to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Doctrine of Necessity is hereby invoked with respect to the Board's public votes related to Dr. Chanley; and be it

Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution, having been read at a public meeting of the Board on April 27, 2026 be posted in accordance with the Board's standard procedures for not less than thirty (30) days and that the Board Secretary reflect the same in the minutes of the meeting; and be it

Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the School Ethics Commission.

Mr. Tufano expressed concern relating to the use of Doctrine of Necessity, adding that the Ethics Commission advised that it should be used sparingly.

Regarding the advice from the Ethics Commission and use of Doctrine of Necessity, Ms. Rattner stated that it is extremely difficult to vote on items that you can have no discussion on.

Mr. Tufano expressed concern regarding the use of the Doctrine of Necessity properly. Roll call 8-2-0-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Marozine and Mr. Tufano voting no.

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **PERSONNEL (10-member vote)**

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Zeichner that Personnel Items A-V under the 10 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Piro and seconded by Ms. Alvarez that Personnel Item W under the 10 member vote be approved by consent roll call.

Regarding this resolution, Mr. Marozine reported that he spoke to an attorney at NJSBA who advised him that Policy 0164 indicates that only the Board President and Board Secretary place items on the agenda and it will be a violation of policy if members voted on this resolution.

Mr. Piro withdrew his motion to approve Item W and Ms. Alvarez agreed.

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Piro to suspend Policy #0164 for the purpose of completing Board business this evening. Roll call 6-3-1-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Marozine, Dr. Peck, and Mr. Tufano voting no and Ms. Rattner abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Mr. Marozine to table the personnel agenda item concerning the reaffirmation of Dr. Chanley's administrative leave.

Mr. Tufano stated that the motion is based on serious concerns that the current process may violate prior guidance regarding the Doctrine of Necessity and applicable ethics standards. He

also noted that this Board previously received clear legal guidance from Mr. Weiss on this issue. At a public meeting, advice was given that conflicted board members should not participate in discussions concerning Dr. Chanley. However, this motion implies that such discussions occurred and that those same members are now reaffirming her administrative leave.

Roll call 3-6-1-0-0. Motion did not carry with Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Forst, Mr. Piro, Ms. Sharma, Mr. Zeichner, and Ms. DiPane voting no and Ms. Rattner abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Piro and seconded by Ms. Alvarez that Personnel Item W under the 10 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 6-3-1-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Marozine, Dr. Peck, and Mr. Tufano voting no and Ms. Rattner abstaining.

PERSONNEL (9-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Ms. Rattner that Personnel Items X-AU under the 9 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Rattner recusing on Item AP for Mr. Rattner. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Piro that Board Action Items A-R under the 10 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Rattner recusing on Item A for Y. Snyder and Dr. Chanley. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION (9-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Ms. Rattner that Board Action Items S-Y under the 9 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Rattner recusing on Item T for D. Rattner. A copy of the Board Action section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Piro that Board Action Items A-M under the 10 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Alvarez recusing on items pertaining to The Learning Tree and Mr. Rubin. Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Forst, Mr. Marozine, and Ms. Rattner recused on Item M for themselves only, Mr. Piro recusing on check # 15274, 15420, 15476, 15316, and 15475, and Ms. Rattner recusing on checks relating to Mr. Rattner, Dr. Chanley, Dr. Higgins, Dr. Layman, Ms. Francis, Ms. Lithgow, Mr. Lurie, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Rubin, Methfessel and Werbel, Mr. Koy, and Mr. Madden. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS (9-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Piro that Board Action Items N-O under the 9 member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL

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A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Tufano that Board Action Items P-R be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried with the exception of the checks for Mr. Koy where Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Forst, Ms. Rattner abstained and Mr. Piro, Ms. Sharma, and Mr. Zeichner voted no. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. DiPane thanked Dr. Layman, Ms. Allen, and their staff for creating a great budget considering losing almost \$400,000 in state aid. Ms. DiPane expressed gratitude that the budget includes establishing full-day Kindergarten despite the decrease in state aid. Ms. DiPane also thanked Senator Greenstein for appropriating 1.5 million dollars to Monroe over the past two years. In recognition of Administrative Professional Day, Ms. DiPane thanked all district administrative professionals for their hard work and dedication.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Ms. Rattner, Mr. Tufano, and Mr. Marozine congratulated the MTHS Drama Club on a wonderful performance of Grease.

Ms. Rattner thanked the community members who attended Monroe Education Foundation's fundraiser this past weekend and the foundation itself for all the support they give the district. The Board needs to continue to advocate for more state aid as well as equalization aid.

Mr. Tufano expressed disappointment in both Senator Greenstein and Mayor Dalina for what he considers lack of effort to fight for Monroe. Ms. Rattner added that there are other elected officials that need to be held accountable as well.

PUBLIC FORUM

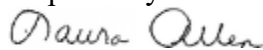
Chrissy Skurbe, Monroe Township – inquired if the checks for Mr. Rubin passed and expressed concern with the Board's failure to approve those checks in the prior months.

Bob Valentine, Monroe Township – offered some recommendations on creating and dissemination of future budgets. Mr. Valentine also spoke on the Audit and suggested some conversations that may be needed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Piro and seconded by Ms. Rattner that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Allen, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING
ALL INDIVIDUALS SITTING AT THE BOARD TABLE SHOULD HAVE THEIR PHONES PUT AWAY

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
200 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831
6:15 P.M.

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	A. BOARD MEMBERS
Meeting	Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Type	Information

Ms. Gail DiPane, Board President
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 Mr. Peter Tufano
 Mr. Charles Zeichner

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Dr. Amanda Peck

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Aaditya Arora

Ms. Siyona Patel

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	4. STATEMENT
Type	Information

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 and electronic notice provided by having the date, time, and place thereof posted April 22, 2026:

1. At all schools,
2. On the District website at <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/>
3. Home News Tribune, and
4. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

"Pursuant to S-4654, a public notice specifying where Board of Education meeting notices are posted can be found on MyCentralJersey.com."

5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject	A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Meeting	Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA
Category	5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Type	

WHEREAS the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the "Act") provides that the Monroe Township Board of Education may hold an "Executive Session" from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items. Additional items may be determined and announced as needed.

	Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law.
	Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government.
	Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
	Matters involving collective negotiations and/or the negotiations of terms and conditions.
	Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisitions of real property or investment of public funds.
	Matters concerning the protection of the safety or property of the public.
X	Pending or anticipated litigation and matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

X	Matters involving employees and terms of their employment and contract.
	Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension.
X	HIB investigation involving students.
	Other

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist. Action may be taken on any of the items stated above.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Subject A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Type Information

Public Board of Education Meeting, March 25, 2026
Closed Session Meeting, March 25, 2026

7. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

8. PRESENTATIONS

Subject A. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2026/2027 BUDGET

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 8. PRESENTATIONS

Type

Subject B. PUBLIC FORUM - BUDGET ITEMS ONLY

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 8. PRESENTATIONS

Type

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Subject A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Type

The following committees recently met:

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Curriculum, Cocurricular, Athletics & Pupil Personnel Committee
Citizen's Advisory Committee

Legislative Action and Community Engagement Committee
Policy Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Personnel Committee

Finance & Shared Services Committee

Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Committee

Committee meeting agendas, meeting notes and videotaped meetings will be posted on the district website once available. <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/>

10. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Subject **A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)**

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 10. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Type

See Note 3.

11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Subject **A. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Type

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject **A. HOME INSTRUCTION**

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type Information

ID #	School	Grade	Reason	Home Instruction Provider	Effective Date	End Date
91198	MTHS	10	CST	Forrest	9/3/2025	
98707	BB	1	Medical	Cruz	9/4/2025	
88577	MTHS	12	Medical	Lee, Lyons, Casella	9/3/2025	
98781	MTHS	10	Medical	Ballard, Lyons, CCL, UTS	9/3/2025	
93270	MTMS	6	Medical	Ballard	9/17/2025	

91903	MTMS	8	Medical	Kirchner, Anzivino, Russo, Whinna	10/1/2025	
90681	MTMS	7	Medical	Russo, Chamra, Snyder, Manahan, MOESC	10/16/2025	
94678	BS	5	Medical	Delicato	10/9/2025	
96418	OOD	12	CST	Ballard, The Speech Tree, CCL Therapy	10/23/2025	
9470	MTHS	12	CST	Stuto	10/28/2025	
96452	MTHS	12	Admin	Rick, ESCNJ	11/20/2025	
84212	MTHS	12	CST	Bigelow	12/4/2025	
89661	MTHS	9	Admin	DeMarco, Cohen, DuBois, ESCNJ	12/4/2025	1/12/2026
98159	MTHS	10	Medical	Feminella, Stranieri, Perez Barreto, Chakraborti, DuBois	12/1/2025	3/26/2026
97180	MTHS	10	Admin	ESCNJ	12/18/2025	1/21/2026
92532	MTMS	8	Medical	Sheenan, Kasternakis, Mulvey, Anzivino, Metzger	1/22/2026	3/9/2026
89257	MTHS	11	Medical	Mackenzie, Lyons, Eurell	12/15/2025	
99046	MTHS	10		Russo	1/13/2026	3/18/2026
93439	MTHS	9	Medical	Perez- Barreto, Ritter, Hurst, Crapanzano	1/27/2026	3/11/2026
91918	MTMS	8	504	Palermo, Torino, Metzger, DuBois	11/19/2025	
93050	MTHS	8	CST	Echevarria, Sheenan, Russo, Fox, Chakraborti	12/16/2025	
91092	MTHS	9	Medical	Welsh, Kasternakis, Olszewski, DuBois, Ritter	2/20/2026	
89279	MTHS	11	Medical	Warner, Field, Chakraborti, Russo, ESCNJ	1/12/2026	

89895	MTHS	10	Medical	Simmonds	3/3/2026	
90101	MTHS	10	CST	Guglielmi, Lereah, Driscoll, Pesce, Keough	3/11/2026	
99161	BB	1	CST	Sarfati	3/16/2026	
89102	MTHS	12	Medical	Chase, Russo	3/2/2026	
88998	MTHS	11	Admin	Marshall, Drum, ESCNJ, Hoffman	3/2/2026	
97334	MTHS	11	Medical	Sharma, Williams, Warner, Schwartz, ESCNJ	3/16/2026	
93366	MTHS	9	Admin	Olszewski, ESCNJ	3/16/2026	3/28/2026
97085	MTHS	10	Admin	Hardt, Dokka	3/16/2026	
90963	MTHS	9	Ad	Russo	3/18/2026	
88416	MTHS	12	Medical	Ridge	1/24/2026	3/8/2026
98128	MTHS	10	Medical	Silvergate Prep	2/5/2026	
89279	MTHS	11	Medical	Learnwell	2/4/2026	3/3/2026
90149	MTHS	10	Medical	Learnwell	2/27/2026	3/25/2026
88416	MTHS	12	Medical	The Living Room	3/9/2026	
94380	MTHS	10	Medical	Rutgers UBHC	3/15/2026	3/25/2026
90149	MTHS	10	Medical	Learnwell	3/27/2026	

Subject**B. FIRE/LOCKDOWN DRILLS**

Meeting

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Category

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type

Information

Applegarth School ----- March 25, 2026
 Barclay Brook School ----- March 11, 2026
 Brookside School ----- March 10, 2026
 Mill Lake School ----- March 10, 2026
 Monroe Middle School----- March 10, 2026
 Oak Tree School ----- March 9, 2026
 Woodland School ----- March 16, 2026
 Monroe High School ----- March 11, 2026

Lockdown

Applegarth School----- March 23, 2026
 Barclay Brook School----- March 10, 2026
 Brookside School ----- March 9, 2026
 Mill Lake School ----- March 23, 2026

Monroe Middle School----- March 23, 2026
 Oak Tree School ----- March 11, 2026
 Woodland School ----- March 31, 2026
 Monroe High School ----- March 10, 2026

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Monroe Middle School ----- March 31, 2026
 Oak Tree School ----- March 2, 2026
 Applegarth School ----- March 25, 2026

Subject**C. BUS EVACUATION DRILLS**

Meeting

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Category

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type

SCHOOL	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ROUTE NUMBERS	PRINCIPAL
Applegarth	4/15/26	8:55 am	226 Applegarth Road	OA 2,6,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,21,23,25,28,29,38,39,41,42,43,44,71,73,79,80,86	Mary Katherine Nguyen
Barclay Brook	4/16/26	9:15 am	358 Buckelew Ave	BB 4,5,7,12,18,24,27,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,40,72,74,75,78,81,83,84	Erinn Mahoney Magdalena Fidura
Brookside	4/16/26	9:15 am	358 Buckelew Ave	BB 4,5,7,12,18,24,27,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,40,72,74,75,78,81,83,84	Erinn Mahoney Magdalena Fidura
High School	4/15/26	7:30 am	200 Schoolhouse Road	HS 02,03,04,06,07,09,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,26,27,28,29,30,31,33,34,35,36,38,37,39,40,41,42,43,44,51,52,53,54,71,72,73,74,77,78,79,80,82,85,86	Michael Collins
MTMS	4/16/26	8:15 am	1629 Perrineville Road	MS02,03,06,07,09,10,11,14,15,17,18,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,35,36,38,37,39,40,41,42,43,44,71,72,75,76,83,84,85	James Higgins
Mill Lake	4/15/26	8:50 am	115 Monmouth Road	ML 19,13,20,22,26,30,76,77,82,85	Pamela Ackerman-Garcia
Oak Tree	4/15/26	8:55 am	226 Applegarth Road	OA 2,6,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,21,23,25,28,29,38,39,41,42,43,44,71,73,79,80,86	Mary Katherine Nguyen
Woodland	4/16/26 4/17/26	8:15 am	42 Harrison Street	WD 04,05,12,13,19,30,78,79,81	Orsolina Cetta

Subject**D. PERSONNEL (10 MEMBER VOTE)**

Meeting

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Category

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type

Action

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Superintendent's Personnel Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items A through V)

- A. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Marianne Siciliano**, teacher of special education at MTHS, effective July 1, 2026.
- B. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Rosanne Butta**, secretary at MTHS, effective September 1, 2026.
- C. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Lynda Mannino**, driver in the Transportation Department, effective June 1, 2026.
- D. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Kathy Antonicelli**, paraprofessional at MTHS, effective July 1, 2026.
- E. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Doreen Patalano**, paraprofessional in the Transportation Department, retroactive to March 10, 2026 through March 31, 2026 in accordance with Article 21 paragraph F in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Patalano may be entitled to.
- F. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an intermittent leave of absence to **Ms. Michele Britt**, driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to March 13, 2026 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Britt may be entitled to.
- G. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Lisa Nelson**, paraprofessional at MTHS, retroactive to April 7, 2026 through May 11, 2026 in accordance with Article 21 paragraph F in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Nelson may be entitled to.
- H. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Valentina Lambiase**, teacher of science at MTHS, retroactive to March 30, 2026 through May 1, 2026 in accordance with Article 17 paragraph B.2 in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Lambiase may be entitled to.
- I. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Jennifer Basmagy**, teacher of social studies at MTHS, effective September 1, 2026 through January 1, 2027 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Basmagy may be entitled to.
- J. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Ms. Sandra Micciulla**, paraprofessional at MTHS, retroactive to April 13, 2026 through May 15, 2026. Ms. Micciulla's unpaid days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et. seq., as appropriate.
- K. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the return to work of **Ms. Marianne Taylor**, secretary in the Assistant Superintendent's Office, retroactive to April 6, 2026.
- L. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that employee #6119 hereby is recalled from administrative leave, effective April 28, 2026.

- M. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff as Chaperones for the MTHS Junior Prom effective May 15, 2026 at the non-instructional rate \$46.00 for 5.25 hours each (account no. 11-140-100-101-000-070):

1.	Molly Hurst
2.	Nicole Gross
3.	Melissa Schwartz
4.	Michelle Jodon
5.	Lauren Staub
6.	Brooke Messinger
7.	Deanna Dale
8.	Eugene Giaquinto
9.	Tyler O'Neill
10.	Kayla Smith

- N. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff as Chaperones for the MTHS Senior Prom effective June 5, 2026 at the non-instructional rate \$46.00 for 6 hours each (account no. 11-140-100-101-000-070):

1.	Kimberly Ruotolo
2.	Sara Adames
3.	Lauren Staub
4.	Deanna Dale
5.	Alexa Marshall
6.	Eugene Giaquinto
7.	Shawn Nagpal
8.	Melissa Schwartz
9.	Tyler O'Neill
10.	Jennifer Solomon

- O. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff at MTHS as Counselors for graduation on June 23, 2026 for 4 hours each at the instructional rate \$55.00 plus mileage (account no. 11-000-218-104-000-070):

1.	Brielle Goldstein
2.	Brooke Messinger
3.	Lauren Mironov
4.	Damaris Dominguez
5.	Richard Sample
6.	Anthony Gambino

- P. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff at MTHS as CST Counselors for graduation on June 23, 2026 for 4 hours each at the instructional rate \$55.00 plus mileage (account no. 11-000-219-104-000-070):

1.	Zaharo Plawner
2.	Vanessa Kartsanis
3.	Jeanne Hayman
4.	Michelle Ballard

- Q. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following chaperones for HS Project Graduation effective June 23, 2026 through June 24, 2026 at a rate of \$384.00 per chaperone (account no. 11-140-100-101-000-070):

1.	Melissa Kasternakis
2.	Jenna Paltenstein
3.	Brian Keough
4.	Nicole Williams
5.	Kim Ruotolo
6.	Natasha Carannante
7.	Ryan Hansen
8.	Stacey Weinstein
9.	Kaitlyn Brozanski
10.	Nina Carey

- R. *It is recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff at the HS as Graduation Marshals on June 23, 2026 for 4 hours at the instructional rate \$55.00 plus mileage (account no. 11-140-100-101-000-070):

1.	Shawn Nagpal
2.	Deanna Dale
3.	Amanda Degenhardt
4.	Alexa Marshall
5.	Christopher Thumm
6.	Joseph Romano
7.	Renata Mackenzie
8.	Amanda Docherty
9.	Scott Wall
10.	Laura Occhiuzzio
11.	Renee Hardt
12.	Andrea Feminella

- S. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff for Home Instruction at the instructional rate of \$55.00/hr. for the 2025-2026 school year (account reg ed. 11-150-100-101-000-098 and spec. ed. 11-219-100-101-000-093):

		High School	
1	G	Casella, Gabrielle	General Education K-12/Visual Arts
2	G	Chase, Jennifer	General Education K-12/Mathematics
3	G	Drum, Megan	General Education 6-12/Mathematics
4	S/G	Keough, Brian	Special Education 9-12/General Education 9-12/Social Studies/Chemistry
5	G	Marshall, Alexa	General Education 9-12/Social Studies
6	G	Pesce, Cristina	General Education 9-12/Italian
7	G	Schwartz, Melissa	General Education K-12/Social Studies
8	G	Sharma, Varsha	General Education 9-12/Chemistry
9	G	Williams, Nicole	General Education K-12/ESL K-12

- T. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff at the following step on guide:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Tracey Sherr	MTHS	Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach	Step 3 \$5897	11-402-100-100-000-070	2026 Spring Athletic Season	Revision in step
2.	Matthew Olszewski	MTHS	Teacher of Science	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/31/26-TBD	Leave extension
3.	Katherine Crapanzano	MTHS	Teacher of Science	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/31/26-TBD	Leave extension
4.	Edgar Esteves	MTHS	Teacher of Science	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/31/26-TBD	Leave extension
5.	Christian Jessop	MTHS	Teacher of Science	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/31/26-TBD	Leave extension
6.	Traci Rickert	MTHS	Teacher of Science	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/31/26-TBD	Leave extension
7.	Thomas Donovan	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education ICR	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/25/26-5/5/26	Leave position
8.	Sharon Budelman	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education ICR	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/26/26-5/6/26	Leave position
9.	Lauren Staub	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education ICR	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/26/26-5/6/26	Leave position
10.	Lorraine Ongaro	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education ICR	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/26/26-5/6/26	Leave position
11.	Christopher Driscoll	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education ICR	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/25/26-5/5/26	Leave position
12.	Tyler O'Neill	MTHS	Foundations in Financial Literacy	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 3/25/26-6/23/26	New position
13.	Karitssa Barry	MTHS	BCBA	\$3750 prorated	11-000-219-104-000-070	4/28/26-6/30/26	Oversee RBT
14.	Kaitlyn Brozanski	MTHS	Teacher of Science - AP Biology Advancement Testing	Instructional rate \$55.00 up to 4 hours	11-140-100-101-000-070	4/28/26-6/30/26	New position
15.	Christopher Himmelheber	MTHS	Teacher of Science - AP Biology Advancement Testing	Instructional rate \$55.00 up to 4 hours	11-140-100-101-000-070	4/28/26-6/30/26	New position
16.	Leah Nicholas	MTHS	School Nurse - MTHS Junior Prom	Instructional rate \$55.00 for 4 hours	11-000-213-100-000-070	5/15/26	New position
17.	Leah Nicholas	MTHS	School Nurse - MTHS Senior Prom	Instructional rate \$55.00 for 4.5 hours	11-000-213-100-000-070	6/5/26	New position
18.	Kris Cauda	MTHS	School Nurse for Unified Night to Remember Event	Instructional rate \$55.00 for 3.5 hours	11-000-213-100-000-070	4/24/26	Change in date

U. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following non-certificated staff on the following guides:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Jill Brotschul	MTHS	12 Month Secretary	\$1.00/hr for 7 hours	11-000-240-105-000-070	5/1/26	Educational degree
2.	Christian O'Sullivan	District	Workstation Specialist	\$49,000 prorated	11-000-252-100-000-070	retroactive to 4/16/26-4/17/26	Leave extension
3.	Maria Holmann	MTHS	Para for MTHS Junior Prom	Hourly step on guide for 4 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	5/15/26	New position
4.	Marlene Oskierko	MTHS	Para for MTHS Junior Prom	Hourly step on guide for 4 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	5/15/26	New position

5.	Maria Holmann	MTHS	Para for MTHS Senior Prom	Hourly step on guide for 4.5 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	6/5/26	New position
6.	Nancy Muce	MTHS	Para for MTHS Senior Prom	Hourly step on guide for 4.5 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	6/5/26	New position
7.	Jennifer Burkshot	MTHS	Para for MTHS Senior Prom	Hourly step on guide for 4.5 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	6/5/26	New position
8.	Fran Yofreddo	MTHS	Para for MTHS Project Graduation	Hourly step on guide for 6 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	6/23/26-6/24/26	New position
9.	Marlene Oskierko	MTHS	Para for MTHS Project Graduation	Hourly step on guide for 6 hours	11-190-100-106-000-070	6/23/26-6/24/26	New position
10.	Ryan Lockhart	MTHS	Spec. Ed. Para MD	Step 1 Spec. ed. + toileting \$16.96+\$2.25+\$3.00 for 5.75 hours	11-212-100-106-000-070	retroactive to 4/16/26-6/30/26	Change in start date
11.	Frances Yoffredo	MTHS	Para for Unified Night to Remember Event	Hourly step on guide for 3 hours	11-213-100-106-000-070	4/24/26	Change in date
12.	Nancy Muce	MTHS	Para for Unified Night to Remember Event	Hourly step on guide for 3 hours	11-214-100-106-000-070	4/24/26	Change in date
13.	Dina DiMatteo-Avitto	MTHS	Para for Unified Night to Remember Event	Hourly step on guide for 3 hours	11-213-100-106-000-080	4/24/26	Change in date
14.	Marlene Oskierko	MTHS	Para for Unified Night to Remember Event	Hourly step on guide for 3 hours	11-213-100-106-000-070	4/24/26	Change in date
15.	Anupreetha Tandulwadikar	MTHS	Para for Unified Night to Remember Event	Hourly step on guide for 3 hours	11-204-100-106-000-030	4/24/26	Change in date

- V. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year (pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements):

Certificated

1.	Nicole Degregorio	Substitute Teacher
2.	Angela Campanaro	Substitute Teacher
3.	Leo Miraglia	Substitute Teacher
4	Natalie Misyuk	Substitute Nurse

Non-Certificated

5.	Kevin Bolch	Substitute Security
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Subject

E. ENROLLMENT

Meeting

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Category

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Type

Information

Schools	3/31/26	3/31/25	3/31/24	3/31/23	3/31/22
Applegarth	348	373	439	474	455
Barclay Brook	345	359	413	376	352
Brookside	407	441	422	400	410
Mill Lake	427	474	510	501	487
MTMS	1531	1682	1718	1773	1724
Oak Tree	540	587	590	644	729
Woodland	264	259	252	272	309
High School send/receive	2545 251	2564 265	2629 280	2569 273	2497 253
Total	6407	6739	6973	7009	6963

OUT OF DISTRICT

	Monroe			Jamesburg		
<u>School</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Academy Learning Center	4	4		3	3	
Alpha School	3	3				
Brett Di Novi	0	1				
Bridge Academy	1	1				
Celebrate the Children	1	1				
Center for Lifelong Learning	2	2				
Center School	2	2				
Children's Center	1	1				
Coastal Learning Center	0	0		1	1	
Collier School	1	1				
CPC High Point	2	2				
Douglass Develop. Center	2	2				
Eden	2	2				
FedCap	0	1				
Future Foundations Academy	1	1				
Gateway School	1	1				
Honor Ridge Academy	1	1				
Hawkswood School	1	1				
High Point School of Bergen	1	0				
Lakeview School	0	0		1	1	
Mercer Elementary	3	2				
Midland School	1	1				
New Roads- Parlin	2	2		1	1	
Newmark Elementary	1	1				
Newmark High School	1	1				
NuView Academy	1	1				
Rutgers Day School	1	1				
Schroth School	3	3				
Shephard School	0	0		1	1	
Shore Center	1	1				
Yale Institute	0	0		0	0	
Total	40	40		7	7	

STAFF COUNT

Department	Number of Staff
Superintendent Office	
Superintendent	1

Director	2
Secretary	2
Human Resources	4
Assistant Superintendent Office	
Assistant Superintendent	1
Secretary	2
Staff Developers (Teachers)	3
Business Office	
Business Administrator	1
Assistant Business Administrator	1
Secretary	1
Accounting/Purchasing	4
Payroll	3
Benefits	1
Food Service Director	1
School Admin/Admin Support	
Principal	8
Assistant Principal	10
Secretary	29
Office Paraprofessional	1
Supervisors	
Content Supervisor	5
Secretary	1
Instructional	
Teacher	532.5
Paraprofessionals	
Paraprofessionals - Full-time	109
Paraprofessionals - Part-time	77
Educational Services Professionals	
LDTC	9
School Social Worker	7
School Psychologist	11
Physical Therapist	3
Occupational Therapist	8
Behavior Specialist/BCBA	4
Nurse	12
Media Specialist	7
School Counselor	21
Reading Specialist	4
SAC	1
Speech & Language Specialist	16
Pupil Personnel Services	
Director	1
Supervisor	2
Secretary	5
Information Systems	
Director	1
Tech Staff	11
Facilities	
Director	1
Supervisor	2
Secretary	1
Custodial/Maintenance	67

Transportation	
Director	1
Supervisor	1
Office Staff	3
Driver	58
Bus Mechanics	3
Paraprofessionals - Part-time	15
Security	
Director	1
F/T School Security Officer	20
P/T School Security Officer	4
Athletic Department	
Director	1
Athletic Trainer (1 full time, 1 part-time teacher/trainer)	1.5
Secretary	1
Falcon Care/ECE	
Director	1
Clerk	1
Teacher/Lead Teacher/Teacher Aides	8
Site Coordinator, Group Leader (Part-time)	16
Total District Staff as of April 1, 2026	1129

13. PERSONNEL OTHER

Subject A. PERSONNEL OTHER

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Category 13. PERSONNEL OTHER

Type

W. *It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education on this 27th day of April 2026, having previously listed the Motion on the agenda, and having made it available to the public as of April 25, 2026, and for the reasons noted during the discussion of the merits of the Motion, it is hereby resolved that the Decision of the Monroe Township Board of Education to place Dr. Chanley on administration leave, has now been reassessed by all members of the board and the Decision to place Dr. Chanley on paid administrative leave is affirmed retroactive to May 6, 2025.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

Subject A. PERSONNEL (9 MEMBER VOTE)

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Category 14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

Type Action

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Superintendent's Personnel Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items X through AU)

X. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Mr. Mark Daldos**, head custodian at Barclay Brook School, effective September 1, 2026.

Y. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Mary Lowndes**, paraprofessional at MTMS, effective July 1, 2026.

Z. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Amanda Lee**, school psychologist at Woodland School, effective July 1, 2026.

AA. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Nichole Francis**, teacher of special education at MTMS, retroactive to April 17, 2026 through May 1, 2026 in accordance with Article 17 paragraph B.2 in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Francis may be entitled to.

AB. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Nicole Mascola**, school counselor at Mill Lake School, effective September 1, 2026 through September 18, 2026 in accordance with Article 17 paragraph B.2 in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Mascola may be entitled to.

AC. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Mr. Aidan Sweeney**, teacher of special education at Woodland School, effective May 11, 2026 through May 25, 2026 in accordance with Article 17 paragraph B.2 in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Mr. Sweeney may be entitled to.

AD. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Martha Strych**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School, retroactive to June 9, 2026 through June 30, 2026 in accordance with Article 21 paragraph F in the collective negotiation agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Strych may be entitled to.

AE. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a revision in the medical leave of absence to **Mr. Francis Hareslak**, head custodian at MTMS, retroactive to March 20, 2026 through May 29, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extent of any sick days to which Mr. Hareslak may be entitled to.

AF. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Andrea Palermo**, teacher of math at MTMS, effective June 15, 2026 through November 20, 2026 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Palermo may be entitled to.

AG. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Gabrielle Mandia**, teacher of grade 1 at Oak Tree School, effective September 1, 2026 through February 26, 2027 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Mandia may be entitled to.

AH. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Caitlin Laino**, speech and language specialist at Oak Tree School, effective June 12, 2026 through January 1, 2027 in accordance with Article 17, Paragraph B.1 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Laino may be entitled to.

AI. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid intermittent leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Ms. Nancy Hanlon**, teacher of grade 2 at Oak Tree School, retroactive to March 23, 2026 through June 30, 2026. Ms. Hanlon's unpaid days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et. seq., as appropriate.

AJ. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid intermittent leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Ms. Megan Meyers**, teacher of special education at Mill Lake School, retroactive to March 30, 2026 through June 24, 2026. Ms. Meyer's unpaid days will be counted against her entitlement to unpaid leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 et seq. and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et. seq., as appropriate.

AK. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated for Title I Spring Step Up to Reading at Mill Lake School effective April 28, 2026 through June 4, 2026 for 1 hour twice per week for a total of 12 hours each at the instructional rate \$55.00 (account no. 20-231-100-101-000-040):

1.	Carole Murphy
2.	Beth Nagle
3.	Melissa Fletcher
4.	Amanda Lair
5.	Taylor Bell
6.	Danielle Lemunyon
7.	Maureen Drabyk

AL. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following teachers for Mill Lake Art Show at Mill Lake School retroactive to April 16, 2026 for 1.5 hours each at the instructional rate \$55.00 (account no. 11-120-100-101-000-040):

1.	Beth Nagle
2.	Taylor Bell
3.	Charlene Lombard

AM. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following chaperones for the 8th Grade Dance on June 12, 2026 for 2.5 hours each at the non-instructional rate \$46.00 (account no. 11-130-100-101-000-080):

1.	Maile Allen
2.	Jacqueline Bado
3.	Daniel Fields
4.	Lara Goetz
5.	Meghan Granger
6.	Julia Granit
7.	Jessica Henry
8.	Jody Heyl
9.	Melissa Ladd
10.	Holly Jarusiewicz
11.	Nikki Ortt
12.	Andrea Palermo
13.	Nicole Pontarollo
14.	Chris Sidler
15.	Robert Torino
16.	Christine Viskoki
17.	Cheryl Whinna

AN. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff for Unified Spring Fun Event at Brookside School retroactive to April 14, 2026 at the instructional rate \$55.00 for 1.5 hours each:

1.	Kayla Ferrise	account no. 11-213-100-101-000-020
2.	Kirti Vyas	account no. 11-000-216-100-000-020
3.	Cynthia Steiger	account no. 11-000-219-104-000-020
4.	Marisol Cruz	account no. 11-213-100-101-000-020

5.	Maria DeBellis - Nurse	account no. 11-000-213-100-000-020
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AO. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following paraprofessionals for Unified Spring Fun Event retroactive to April 14, 2026 at their hourly step on guide for 1.5 hours each:

1.	Adrienne Gawron	account no. 11-212-100-106-000-020
2.	Angela Malak	account no. 11-214-100-106-000-020

AP. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff for 8th Grade Graduation Marshals on June 22, 2026 for 4 hours each at the instructional rate \$55.00 (account no. 11-130-100-101-000-080):

1	Allen, Maile
2	Assassi, Rebecca
3	Balestrieri, Amanda
4	Butta, Daniela
5	Campos, Jessica
6	Colontino, Melissa
7	Curran, Kerry
8	Diloreno, Nicole
9	Drake, Misty
10	Fields, Daniel
11	Goetz, Lara
12	Granger, Meghan
13	Granit, Julia
14	Henry, Jessica
15	Heyl, Jody
16	Howatt, Robert
17	Hummel, Kristen
18	Jarusiewicz, Holly
19	Kuhn, Amy
20	Lubrani, Heidi
21	Ortt, Nikki
22	Pontarollo, Nicole
23	Rattner, David
24	Schwartz, Jennifer
25	Sidler, Christopher
26	Torino, Robert
27	Viszoki, Christine
28	Whinna, Cheryl
29	Zerilli, Tiana

AQ. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff at MTMS for Sixth Grade Orientation at the hourly instructional rate \$55.00 for 2 hours each per night as listed below (account no. 11-130-100-101-000-080):

	June 1, 2026
1	Assassi, Rebecca
2	Balestrieri, Amanda
3	Costantino, Lisa
4	Drake, Misty
5	Echevarria, Kathryn
6	Fields, Daniel
7	Goetz, Lara
8	Granger, Meghan
9	Henry, Jessica
10	Imperato, Lauren

	June 8, 2026
20	Assassi, Rebecca
21	Bacchus, Natasha
22	Balestrieri, Amanda
23	Drake, Misty
24	Echevarria, Kathryn
25	Fields, Daniel
26	Goetz, Lara
27	Granger, Meghan
28	Henry, Jessica
29	Imperato, Lauren

11	Kuhn, Amy
12	Montgomery, Donna
13	Pontarollo, Nicole
14	Schneider, Samuel
15	Schwartz, Fran
16	Schwartz, Jennifer
17	Snyder, Jessica
18	Whinna, Cheryl
19	Zettell, Rachel

30	James, William
31	Kuhn, Amy
32	Montgomery, Donna
33	Pontarollo, Nicole
34	Rattner, David
35	Schwartz, Fran
36	Schwartz, Jennifer
37	Snyder, Jessica
38	Torino, Roberto
39	Zettell, Rachel

AR. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following staff for Home Instruction at the instructional rate of \$55.00/hr. for the 2025-2026 school year (account reg ed. 11-150-100-101-000-098 and spec. ed. 11-219-100-101-000-093):

		Barclay Brook	
1.	S	Seitz, Paula	Special Education K-6
		Middle School	
2.	G	Torino, Robert	General Education K-8/English 6-8

AS. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following new certificated staff at the following step on guide (pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements):

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Emma Suleski	Oak Tree	Teacher of Special Education Aut	\$246/day pending certification	11-214-100-101-000-060	5/11/26-6/30/26	Leave position
2.	Kelly Russo	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education ICS/RC	\$246/day	11-213-100-101-000-080	4/28/26-6/30/26	Leave position

AT. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff at the following step on guide:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Andrea Ponn	MTMS	Teacher of Math	\$246/day	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/30/26-6/30/26	Leave position
2.	Simone Kizel	Barclay Brook	Teacher of Special Education	Step 1 MA \$54,047+\$3,600 prorated	11-213-100-101-000-010	4/28/26-6/17/26	Leave position
3.	Simone Kizel	Applegarth	Teacher of Grade 4	Step 1 MA \$54,047+\$3,600 prorated	11-120-100-101-000-050	retroactive to 1/20/26-4/27/26	Revision in end date
4.	Christina Urbano	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education ICS/RC	Step 1 BA \$54,047 prorated	11-213-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 4/17/26-6/30/26	Change in start date and salary
5.	Thomas Bell	Oak Tree Applegarth	Teacher of Physical Education	Step 1 BA \$54,047 prorated	11-120-100-101-000-050 20% 11-120-100-101-000-060 80%	retroactive to 1/29/26-6/30/26	Change in location
6.	Olivia Zito	Mill Lake	Teacher of Special Education/ICS	Step 1 BA \$54,047 prorated	11-213-100-101-000-040	retroactive to 1/5/26-4/30/26	Revision in end date
7.	Lara Goetz	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education MD	Step 11 BA \$98,247 prorated	11-212-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 4/1/26-6/30/26	Internal transfer
8.	Ariana Iacopelli	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education ICR/RC	Step 8A BA \$66,147 prorated	11-213-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 4/1/26-6/30/26	Internal transfer
9.	Lara Goetz	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education ICS/RC	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 2/12/26-3/31/26	Revision in end date
10.	Ariana Iacopelli	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education MD	17% additional contract	11-212-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 2/12/26-3/31/26	Revision in end date
11.	Caitlin Ford	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education ICR/RC	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-080	retroactive to 4/6/26-TBD	Leave position

12.	Lara Goetz	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education MD	17% additional contract	11-212-100-001-000-080	retroactive to 4/1/26-TBD	Leave position
13.	Kathleen Kloc	Brookside	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-020	retroactive to 3/30/26-6/30/26	Leave position
14.	Samantha Adams	Brookside	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-020	retroactive to 3/30/26-6/30/26	Leave position
15.	Abbe Fleming	Woodland	Spring Concert Supervision	Non-instructional rate \$46.00 for 2 hours	11-120-100-101-000-030	6/4/26	New position
16.	Sibel Siglam	Woodland	Spring Concert Supervision	Non-instructional rate \$46.00 for 2 hours	11-120-100-101-000-030	6/4/26	New position
17.	Karen Kuey	MTMS	School Nurse for 8th Grade Dance	Instructional rate \$55.00 for 3 hours	11-000-213-100-000-080	6/12/26	Yearly position
18.	Lisa Nieves	Applegarth	Evening of Reading	Instructional rate \$55.00 up to 3 hours	11-120-100-101-000-050	4/30/26	New position
19.	Angela Winther	Oak Tree	Healthy Living Night	Instructional rate \$55.00 for 3 hours	11-120-100-101-000-060	6/4/26	New position

AU. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following non-certificated staff on the following guides:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Prachi Deogaonkar	Brookside	Para	Step 1 Reg. ed. \$16.96 for 5.75 hours	11-240-100-106-000-020	retroactive to 4/8/26-6/30/26	Change in start date
2.	Roshellia Lige	MTMS	Spec. Ed. Para ICS/RC	Step 1 Spec. ed. \$16.96+\$2.25 for 5.75 hours	11-213-100-106-000-080	retroactive to 4/13/26-6/30/26	Change in start date
3.	Eva Purcell	MTMS	1:1 Spec. Ed. Para RC	Step 8 Spec. ed. + toileting \$22.09+\$2.25+\$3.00 + \$500 longevity for 6.75 hours	11-213-100-106-000-080	retroactive to 3/25/26-6/30/26	Transfer
4.	Laura Jorgensen	MTMS	Spec. Ed. Para MD/LLD	\$3.00 for toileting for 1 hour/day	11-212-100-106-000-080	5/1/26-6/30/26	Toileting

Subject B. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)

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Type Action

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BOARD ACTION (Items A through R)

- A. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- B. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Field Trips.
- C. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Student Suspension Report for the month of March 2026.
- D. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education: (1) affirm the Acting Superintendent's initial determination regarding the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying complaints set forth below; and (2) direct the Acting Superintendent to provide notice of the Board's aforementioned decision to the parents of all involved students from the March 25, 2026 meeting:

305747
305941

- E. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the Monroe Township Extended School Year Program which will run from July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Oak Tree School and July 6, 2026 through August 6, 2026 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Monroe Township High School.
- F. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the agreement between the Monroe Township High School and Attitudes in Reverse Air Dogs Program to provide 2-3 therapy dogs per shift for a total of 3 hours on May 20, 2026 for mental health for a total cost of \$500.00.
- G. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the proposal between New York Historical and the Monroe Township High School to provide six (6) virtual programs titled Youth Activism on May 28 and May 29, 2026 for a total cost of \$720.00. (Titled Funded)
- H. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted agreement between Gume Laurel III (How Now Booking) and the Monroe Township School to provide six (6) virtual author presentations on June 2, 2026 and June 3, 2026 for a total cost of \$2,100.00.
- I. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted agreement between Wellspring Center for Prevention and the Monroe Township High School to provide four (4) presentations for high school students titled Current Trends on May 6, 2026 for a cost of \$800.00.
- J. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted agreement between Party Perfect Rentals, LLC and the Monroe Township High School to provide a carnival for the Falcon's Nest Preschool Program on May 15, 2026. The total cost for outdoor use is \$1,488.50 or indoor use is \$1,061.00 (in the event of inclement weather).
- K. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted agreement between Savvas Learning Company and the Monroe Township School District to provide myView Literacy Professional Development services at a total cost of \$15,000.00. (Title II funded)
- L. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following out-of-district placement for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student No.	School	Start Date	Tuition
97890	Mary A. Dobbins School (Legacy Treatment Services)	4/13/26	\$476.96 per diem
96418	Brett DiNovi (Behavior Stabilization Program)	3/23/26	\$750.00 per diem

- M. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following Policies and Regulation for a first reading:

P 3134	Assignment of Extra Duties
P & R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths
P 5130	Withdrawal from School (M)
P 5230	Late Arrival and Early Dismissal
P 5240	Tardiness
P & R 5300	Automated External Defibrillators (AEDS) (M)
P & R 5306	Health Services to Non-Public Schools
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis
P 5411	Promotion from Eighth Grade
P 5440	Honoring Student Achievement
R 5460.0	High School Transcripts (M)
P & R 5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (M)

R 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students (M)
P 5752	Marital Status and Pregnancy (M)

- N. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following Policies and Regulations for a second and final reading:

P 3146	Conduct of Reduction in Force
P 3152	Withholding an Increment
P & R 3221	Evaluation of Teachers (M)
P 3232	Tutoring Services
P 4152	Freezing or Reducing Wages
P 4230	Outside Activities
P 4438	Jury Duty

- O. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the abolishment of the following Policies and Regulations:

P 5512.02	Cyber-Bullying
P & R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program
R 5620	Expulsion Procedures

- P. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year:

Drafting and Computer Aided Design

- Q. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Summer reading list for students in grades 9-12.

- R. *It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following club at the High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Chinese American Student Association (CASA)
Financial Markets
LEAP (Learning, Early Education and Play)
Psychology Club

File Attachments

[Policies and Regulations for a first reading.pdf \(2,318 KB\)](#)
[Policies and Regulation for a second and final reading.pdf \(1,185 KB\)](#)
[Professional Development.pdf \(506 KB\)](#)

Subject

C. BOARD ACTION (9 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting

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Type

Action

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BOARD ACTION (Items S through Y)

S. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.

T. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Field Trips.

U. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of Student Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.

V. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Student Suspension Report for the month of March 2026.

W. It is recommended by the Acting Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year:

8th Grade Advanced Science

X. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Summer reading list for students in grades K-5.

Y. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Summer reading list for students in grades 6-8.

File Attachments

[Student Teacher K-8.pdf \(44 KB\)](#)

[K-8 Professional Development.pdf \(490 KB\)](#)

15. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject	A. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)
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In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Business Administrator's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items A through M)

A. *PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1. It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the **Integrated Care Concepts & Consultation, LLC**, 615 Hope Road, Bldg. 2A, Eatontown, NJ 07724, to provide educational services to students admitted into their treatment center.
2. It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Legacy Treatment Services - Mary A. Dobbins School**, 243 Pine Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060, to provide educational services

to students admitted into their treatment center.

3. It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Christian Rodriguez** as an Accompanist/Violinist for the MTHS Spring Concert for a total fee of \$200.00 for 2 rehearsals and 1 performance.

B. *BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$11,449,313.52 and the Addendum to the Bill List totaling \$1,381,056.40 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed and certified by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Business Administrator.

C. *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 2026, 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) 3, Be It Further Resolved that the Business Administrator certifies that the February 2026 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).

- D. *It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the attached Amendment #2 to the **2025/2026 ESEA Grant Application**.

ESEA Title I, Part A, in the amount of \$169,596.00

ESEA Title II, Part A, in the amount of \$103,280.00

ESEA Title III, in the amount of \$39,984.00

ESEA Title III Immigrant, in the amount of \$11,354.00

ESEA Title IV, Part A, in the amount of \$14,788 (revised amount - carryover funds recently released from the State)

(ESEA - Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

E. *FOCUS GRANT APPLICATION

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the attached continuation for the **Funding for Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS)** application for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years in the amount of \$11,912.

F. *FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

It is recommended that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)22, the Board of Education approve **Metz Culinary Management**, as the Board's food service management company for the 2026/2027 school year in accordance with Metz Culinary Management's Proposal (4th year of a 5 year agreement), which satisfies the Board's Specifications and Request for Proposals for Food Service Management Program and includes a Management/Administrative total flat fee in the amount of \$82,051.25, total cost of the contract \$3,182,569.39, and guarantees a financial return of \$17,970.63, for the 2026/2027 school year. The Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Board attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this action by the Board.

G. *SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the following school lunch prices for the 2026/2027 school year:

Elementary School \$3.30

Middle School \$3.40

High School \$3.40

Adult Lunch \$4.50

Elementary School Breakfast \$2.30

Middle School Breakfast \$2.40

High School Breakfast \$2.40

Adult Lunch \$4.50

Adult Breakfast \$3.40

H. *DONATION

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge and accept a donation of Nike alternate uniforms for the MTHS Football Team valued at \$18,981 from the Football Parent Booster Club.

I. *DONATION

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge and accept a donation of Adidas Alternate Uniforms for the MTHS Boys Soccer Team valued at \$1,740.29 from the Soccer Parent Booster Club.

J. *DONATION

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge and accept a \$2,500.00 monetary donation from the Monroe Township Education Foundation. The funds are intended to be utilized for the High School Jazz Band Program.

K. *AWARD FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board") advertised for bids for the Removal and Disposal of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials ("Services"); and

WHEREAS, on the Board received bids for the Services from Waste Management in the amount of \$97,901.98 and Interstate Waste in the amount of \$113,374.90: and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid submitted by Waste Management is responsive in all material respects; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to award the contract for the Services to **Waste Management**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the contract for Removal of Disposal and Recyclable Materials to Waste Management in a total contract amount of \$97,901.98.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Waste Management furnishing any requisite documentation as required in the bid specifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, Board Secretary, Board Attorney, and Director of Facilities are hereby authorized to prepare and/or execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

L. *CONTRACT RENEWAL – GROUNDS CARE MAINTENANCE

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the extension for grounds care services between the Monroe Township Board of Education and **Boss Landscaping** for the landscaping season from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 for a fee of \$142,800.00. This includes the annual 2% contract increase.

M. *BOARD TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and set forth below are directly related to and with the scope of board members and employees duties; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by NJSBA and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of the listed job titles current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational programs requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to NJSBA programs are in compliance established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to NJSBA programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and with the guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate to that of the State of New Jersey mileage reimbursement rate is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of education has determined that participation in the NJSBA training and informational programs are in compliance with the District policy on travel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of school board members and district employees at the listed NJSBA training and informational programs, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Monroe Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at the following NJSBA training programs and informational events:

New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop 2026

Dates of Workshop	Workshop Fee	Transportation, Taxi, Parking, Tolls & Mileage *(a)	Hotel ** (b)	Meals *** (c)
10/19/26 through 10/22/26	\$2,300.00 for a group of 25 or \$550.00 individually	\$280.00	\$330.00	\$238.00

<u>Board Member/Staff attending</u>
Kate Rattner
Eric Marozine
Vanessa Forst
Carmen Alvarez
Zachary Morolda
Yale Snyder

* (a) Mileage calculated at \$.47/mile. Transportation - tolls, taxi, parking, and mileage are estimated as they will vary.

** (b) Currently the State allows a maximum of \$110/day for hotel/taxes. This amount may be revised, and reimbursement will be in accordance with the current GSA Rate at the time of the conference.

*** (c) Currently the State allows \$68.00/day Meals/Incidentals for full day and \$51.00/day for first and last day of the conference. This amount may be revised, and reimbursement will be in accordance with the current GSA Rate at the time of the conference.

File Attachments

[BILL LIST 04.27.26.pdf \(497 KB\)](#)

[Bid Tabulation WM.pdf \(62 KB\)](#)

[Focus Grant Continuation Application.pdf \(123 KB\)](#)

[Financials.pdf \(2,596 KB\)](#)

[ADDENDUM TO BILL LIST 04.27.26.pdf \(217 KB\)](#)

[Amendment 2 to 2026 ESEA Application.pdf \(67 KB\)](#)

Subject	B. BOARD ACTION (9 MEMBER VOTE)
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In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Business Administrator's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items N through O)

N. *PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1. It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Brian Kyle Blackburn** as an Accompanist/Pianist for the 2026 Brookside Elementary School Spring Concert for a total fee of \$150.00 for 1 rehearsal and 1 performance.
2. It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **David Fernandes** as an Accompanist/Instrumentalist for the 2026 Brookside Elementary School Spring Concert for a total fee of \$150.00 for 1 rehearsal and 1 performance.

O. *DONATION

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge and accept a monetary donation of \$1,000 to the Monroe Township Middle School from Ranganath Mutyala and Shalini Satrasala to be used for students in need of financial assistance.

Subject	C. SUPPLEMENTAL TO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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Type	

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Business Administrator's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items P through R)

P. *It is recommended that Addendum #2 to the Bill List totaling \$2,913,448.07 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed and certified by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Business Administrator.

Q. *WHEREAS, Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board" or "District") and Monroe TSD Solar 1 ("Seller") (collectively the "Parties") entered into a Solar Power Purchase and Sale Agreement dated August 28, 2025 (the "Original PPA"), for the production and sale of solar photovoltaic generated electricity from eight (8) solar installations on District premises; and

WHEREAS, during the process of implementing the Original PPA the parties were advised that Jersey Central Power & Light ("JCP&L") as the local utility could not accommodate the proposed system size without a significant upgrade to an existing substation; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have developed and analyzed potential options to proceed with the overall Solar Power Project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that analysis the Parties now desire to amend the Original PPA by moving the majority of the proposed system to be installed at Monroe Township High School into as separate Power Purchase Agreement to be referred to as Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of the Original PPA, with slight system size modifications as provided in the First Amendment to the PPA referred to as "Phase 1" of the contemplated solar development project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that the portion of the originally contemplated project not included within Phase 1 shall be addressed pursuant to a separate Solar Power Purchase and Sale Agreement for Phase 2, to be installed by Monroe TDS Solar 2, and affiliate of Seller; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the modifications, Parties further desire to amend certain provisions of that certain Original Solar Photovoltaic Access Agreement dated August 28, 2025, in order to reflect the revised system sizes and related Phase 1, enter into a new Power Purchase Agreement to implement Phase 2 and a new Access Agreement for Phase 2;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the above-referenced provisions are hereby incorporated by reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, The Monroe Township Board of Education hereby approves the First Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement and Access Agreement with Monroe TDS for Phase 1 and a Power Purchase Agreement and an Access Agreement with Monroe TDS Solar 2 to implement Phase 2 in accordance with the Agreements on file in the Office of the Business Administrator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized execute the agreements and to take any and all actions necessary to implement the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

R. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board") is a corporate body politic responsible for the provision of a thorough and efficient public school system for the residents of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. ("Dee-En") were parties to a Construction Contract dated May 10, 2023 (the "Contract") for the construction project referred to as Electric Service Upgrade Applegarth Elementary School (the "Project") located in the Monroe School District;

WHEREAS, disputes arose between the Board and DEE-EN concerning the Project;

WHEREAS, without any admission of liability, both parties were mutually desirous of settling with finality all claims and defenses that could have been asserted against the other in the form of the Settlement Agreement dated April 27, 2026 (the "Settlement Agreement");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby:

1. Approves the Settlement Agreement with Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. in accordance with the Settlement Agreement dated April 27, 2026 and the Change Order #001 on file in the Business Office of the Board; and
2. Authorizes the Board's administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

16. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

17. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

18. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
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Category	18. PUBLIC FORUM

Type Information

See Note 3.

19. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION IF NEEDED

20. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

Subject **A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)**

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Category 20. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

Type Information

See Note 3.

21. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MAY 13, 2026

Subject **A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Meeting Apr 27, 2026 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 21. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MAY 13, 2026

Type

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026 6:15 p.m.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **A. NOTES**

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Category 22. ADJOURNMENT

Type Action

NOTES

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: 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 member who is a member of the receiving district's central administrative staff.
4. Addition or deletion of curricular and extracurricular programs involving pupils of the sending district.
5. Any matter directly involving sending district students or programs and services used by them.
6. The annual receiving district budget.
7. Any collectively-negotiated agreement involving employees who provide services used by sending district students.
8. Any individual employee contracts not covered by a collectively-negotiated agreement, if those employees provide or oversee programs or services utilized by sending district students.
9. Any matter concerning governance of the receiving district board of education, including, but not limited to, the selection of board president and vice-president, approval of board bylaws, and the employment of professionals or consultants such as attorneys, architects, engineers, or others who provide services to the receiving district board of education.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1, the Jamesburg Representative is eligible to vote on the items delineated by an asterisk (*) in the Superintendent's and Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Board Action section of the Agenda.

Note 3: 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 municipality.