

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held at the Monroe Township High School on February 5, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Chrissy Skurbe at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
Ms. Gazala Bohra
Ms. Gail DiPane
Ms. Katie Fabiano
Mr. Matthew Gorham
Ms. Kate Rattner (participated remotely)
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Michelle Scott

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 19

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 September 15, 2023, and January 26, 2024:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Skurbe introduced Ms. Patricia Rees, Field Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association, and announced that the purpose of the meeting this evening is to discuss the Strategic Planning format. Ms. Skurbe added that districts across New Jersey partake in Strategic Planning which include all stakeholders, administration, board members, community members, staff, and parents.

Ms. Rees provided a presentation which explained the 3D Strategic Planning process, which helps focus the school district, Board, and community on a path to reach the goals created.

The presentation included the following topics:

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What is strategic planning; advantages of strategic planning; and how to be part of the process. Ms. Rees explained that 3D Strategic Planning is creating a vision that directs, motivates, and inspires all members of the educational community to work together for the common good of the students. Ms. Rees stated that there should be 3 meetings to develop some broad goals and visions for the district, after which administration will develop action plans on how to achieve those goals.

A motion was made by Mr. Gorham and seconded by Ms. Fabiano that the members of the Board move forward with the 3D Strategic Plan with New Jersey School Boards Association. Roll call 8-0-0-0-2. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – inquired if the Strategic Plan will include infrastructure development. Mr. Melam requested that long term facility requirements or maintenance be included in the Plan. Next, Mr. Melam reported that the State Budget sessions are coming up and registration for testimony for fair funding should be open soon.

Raghunath Chitturi, Monroe Township – inquired about the previous Strategic Plan and questioned if reviews of the Plan were completed to see if things were progressing, and if so, how often they were reviewed. Next, Mr. Chitturi questioned how often the Board plans to review the new Strategic Plan.

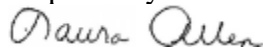
NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Skurbe stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Ms. Bohra that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Allen, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The video recording of this meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education can be found on the district website or at the following link:

<https://monroetv.viebit.com/index.php?folder=Board+of+Education>



Monday, February 5, 2024
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING 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
7:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject

A. BOARD MEMBERS

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Category 3. ROLL CALL

Type Information

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
 Ms. Kathleen Belko
 Ms. Gazala Bohra
 Ms. Gail DiPane
 Ms. Katie Fabiano
 Mr. Matthew Gorham
 Ms. Kate Rattner
 Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
 Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Ms. Michelle Scott

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sehaj Chadha
Ms. Hetvi Thakker

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	Feb 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING 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 January 26, 2024:

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

Subject	A. NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING
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Category	5. PRESENTATIONS
Type	

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
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Category	6. PUBLIC FORUM
Type	

See Note 3.

7. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Subject	A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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Category	7. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2024
Type	

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 6:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. NOTES
Meeting	Feb 5, 2024 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	8. 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.

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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 address.