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

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Adam Layman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -30

## CALL TO ORDER

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 by having the date, time and place thereof posted December 27, 2019:

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

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# **ELECTION RESULTS**

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Gorski stated that the Board was provided a copy of the election results and there are copies available for the public. The election results will be attached to the official set of minutes.

## **STATUTORY OATH**

Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Board Secretary/Business Administrator administered the statutory oath to the following elected Board of Education Members:

Ms. Michele Arminio

Mr. Ken Chiarella

Mr. Adi Nikitinsky

Mr. Paul Rutsky – Jamesburg Representative

A copy of the statutory oaths will be maintained with the official minutes.

## **ROLL CALL**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Michele Arminio

Mr. Ken Chiarella

Ms. Jill DeMaio

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich

Mr. Adi Nikitinsky

Mr. Andy Paluri

Mr. Steven Riback

Ms. Rupa Siegel

Mr. Peter Tufano

# JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Paul Rutsky

## **ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

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

Ms. Kolupanowich nominated Mr. Riback for the position of Board President. Mr. Paluri seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nikitinsky nominated Ms. Arminio for the position of Board President. Mr. Tufano seconded the nomination.

Mr. Gorski announced that since there were no other nominations, the nominations for the position of Board President were closed. Mr. Gorski proceeded with a roll call vote.

## Mr. Riback for Board President:

Roll Call:	Vote:
Ms. Arminio	No
Mr. Chiarella	No
Ms. DeMaio	Yes
Ms. Kolupanowich	Yes
Mr. Nikitinsky	No
Mr. Paluri	Yes
Mr. Riback	Yes
Ms. Siegel	Yes
Mr. Tufano	No
Mr. Rutsky	Yes
6-4-0-0-0	

# Ms. Arminio for Board President:

Roll Call:	Vote:
Ms. Arminio	Yes
Mr. Chiarella	Yes
Ms. DeMaio	No
Ms. Kolupanowich	No
Mr. Nikitinsky	Yes
Mr. Paluri	No
Mr. Riback	No

Ms. Siegel	No
Mr. Tufano	Yes
Mr. Rutsky	No
4-6-0-0-0	

Mr. Gorski announced that Mr. Riback was elected President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

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

## **ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Riback announced that nominations were now in order for the election of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Rutsky nominated Ms. Kolupanowich for Vice President. Ms. DeMaio seconded the nomination.

Mr. Nikitinsky nominated Ms. Arminio for Vice President. Mr. Chiarella seconded the nomination.

Mr. Gorski announced that since there were no other nominations, the nominations for the position of Board Vice President were closed. Mr. Gorski proceeded with a roll call vote.

## Ms. Kolupanowich for Board Vice President:

Roll Call:	Vote
Ms. Arminio	No
Mr. Chiarella	No
Ms. DeMaio	Yes
Ms. Kolupanowich	Yes
Mr. Nikitinsky	No
Mr. Paluri	Yes
Mr. Riback	Yes
Ms. Siegel	Yes
Mr. Tufano	No
Mr. Rutsky	Yes
6-4-0-0-0	

# Ms. Arminio for Board Vice President:

Roll Call:	Vote:
Ms. Arminio	Yes
Mr. Chiarella	Yes
Ms. DeMaio	No
Ms. Kolupanowich	No
Mr. Nikitinsky	Yes
Mr. Paluri	No

Mr. Riback	No
Ms. Siegel	No
Mr. Tufano	Yes
Mr. Rutsky	No
4-6-0-0-0	

Mr. Gorski announced that Ms. Kolupanowich was elected Vice President of the Monroe Township Board of Education.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS**

Mr. Riback stated that all board members received the New Jersey School Board Association Code of Ethics and School Ethics Commission handout to review. Mr. Riback requested that the Acknowledgment of Review be signed and returned to Ms. Tagliaferro this evening.

A motion was made by Ms. Kolupanowich and seconded by Ms. Arminio to approve the following resolution by consent roll call:

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and acceptance of the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Ethics. Roll call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Prakash Parab 33 Dayna Drive - inquired when the Board Goals will be set up for 2020. Mr. Parab requested that the Board move expeditiously on the referendum and that the decline in rankings for the High School be examined.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Ms. DeMaio that the members of the Board of Education accept and approve Organizational Items letters A-D and by consent roll call.

#### a. Meeting Dates:

Be It Resolved that the regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe shall be held as per the previously submitted schedule, at which time formal action may be taken.

#### b. Policy:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe that all policies of the previous Board are hereby adopted until such time as the Board decides to revise, or otherwise alter policies.

## c. Designation of Banks or Depositories:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designates the following banks or depositories for school district funds:
The Depository Trust Company
State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
Provident Bank\*
US Bank

\*Provides most of the banking services.

Be it Further Resolved that the Business Administrator is authorized to establish accounts, and wire transfer funds among the accounts as needed, and approve the payment of bills between Board Meetings.

# d. Newspapers For Legal Advertisements:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designates the Cranbury Press or the Home News Tribune, both of which circulate in the school district, as official newspapers for legal advertisement.

Roll Call 10-0-0-0 Motion carried.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Ms. Kolupanowich that Board Action Item A be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 10-0-0-0. Motion carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Representative where appropriate. 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

Mr. Gorski explained and introduced a resolution pertaining to the refinancing of the existing 2012 bonds and possibly parts of the 2015 bond series of the outstanding bonds, saving the District potentially 1.2 million dollars in interest.

Mr. Gorski read the following resolution identified as Board Action Item A:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF THE BOARD'S OUTSTANDING SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012 DATED APRIL 25, 2012, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015, DATED MARCH 26, 2015, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$99,000,000 SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES

# ON A TAX-EXEMPT AND/OR TAXABLE BASIS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section 1.** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 *et seq.* of the School Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Board"), is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of each of the Board's outstanding (i) School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 dated April 25, 2012, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$62,175,000, and (ii) School District Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 dated March 26, 2015, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$62,600,000.
- **Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof and the costs of issuance associated therewith, negotiable refunding bonds of the Board are hereby authorized to be issued in one or more series on a tax-exempt or taxable basis in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$99,000,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 *et seq.* of the School Bond Law of the State.
- **Section 3.** An aggregate amount not to exceed \$750,000 for costs of issuing the refunding bonds, including, without limitation, underwriter's discount, original issue discount, if any, bond insurance, if any, and all legal, accounting, printing and fiduciary expenses, has been included in the aggregate principal amount of refunding bonds authorized herein.
- **Section 4.** The purpose of the refunding is to reduce the annual debt service expenses of the Board.
- **Section 5.** The Board hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17, a supplemental debt statement will be prepared as of the date of this refunding bond ordinance by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Monroe, being every municipality comprised within the School District, giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the School District in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$14,430,000, which amount represents the amount of the refunding debt in excess of the debt to be refunded, and that the supplemental debt statement has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Monroe and in the Office of the Secretary of the Board prior to the introduction of this refunding bond ordinance. The Board hereby directs the Secretary of the Board to have the supplemental debt statements filed in the Office of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to final adoption of this refunding bond ordinance.
- **Section 6.** No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the refunding bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

**Section 7.** This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption.

A motion was made by Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Mr. Tufano that Board Action Item A be approved by consent roll call.

Mr. Paluri inquired about the ways the savings from refinancing the bonds can be distributed. Mr. Chiarella requested clarification on whether this is a refinance of bonds or a refunding to the taxpayers. Mr. Gorski explained how the savings will be used to lessen the tax levy to the residents. Ms. Arminio inquired about the refunding costs, the potential tax liability, and the terms of the bonds. Mr. Gorski provided details regarding the anticipated fees and reported that the terms will not change.

Roll Call 10-0-0-0. Motion carried. The vote included the Jamesburg Representative where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action item of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Riback indicated that he is humbled to have been appointed Board President. Mr. Riback stated that each of the board members bring different things to the table and the Board needs to utilize these different skill sets and work together. Next, Mr. Riback spoke about respecting each other, respecting the differences, the overcrowding issue the District is facing, and the importance of voter turnout.

## OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Mr. Paluri congratulated Mr. Chiarella and Mr. Nikitinsky for being elected and Ms. Arminio for being re-elected and to the Board of Education.

Next, Mr. Paluri reported that on January 22, 2020 the Commissioner of Education will be visiting the District. Mr. Tufano inquired if all board members will be invited to meet with him. Ms. Arminio indicated that she would like to be in attendance for the visit.

## **CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Following closed session, action may be taken. The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that the members of the board of education convene into closed session. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio abstaining.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

# **NEXT PUBLIC MEETING**

Mr. Riback stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Paluri and seconded by Ms. Arminio that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Gorski, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary



# Thursday, January 2, 2020 MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL 200 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD MONROE TOWNSHIP, NJ 08831 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING

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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. STATEMENT

Subject A. STATEMENT

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 1. STATEMENT

Access Public

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 by having the date; time and place thereof posted December 27, 2019:

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

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# 4. ELECTION RESULTS

Subject A. OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 4. ELECTION RESULTS

Access Public

Type

Official Election Results

File Attachments

Official Election Results Monroe 11.20.19.pdf (20 KB)

# 5. STATUTORY OATH

Subject A. STATUTORY OATH

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 5. STATUTORY OATH

Access Public

Type

STATUTORY OATH

Ms. Michele Arminio Mr. Ken Chiarella Mr. Adi Nikitinsky

Mr. Paul Rutsky - Jamesburg Representative

File Attachments

Oath 2020.pdf (10 KB)

# 6. ROLL CALL

Subject A. BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 6. ROLL CALL

Access Public

Type Information

Ms. Michele Arminio Mr. Ken Chiarella Ms. Jill DeMaio

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich

Mr. Adi Nikitinsky Mr. Andy Paluri Mr. Steven Riback Ms. Rupa Siegel Mr. Peter Tufano

#### JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

#### STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kayleigh Craver Mr. Manan Shah

#### 7. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

## 8. ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

## 9. CODE OF ETHICS

Subject A. CODE OF ETHICS

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 9. CODE OF ETHICS

Access Public

Type

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and acceptance of the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Ethics.

File Attachments

Code of Ethics 2020.pdf (818 KB)

#### 10. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 10. PUBLIC FORUM

Access Public

Type

# 11. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Subject A. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 11. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Access Public

Type

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the Organizational Items A-D by consent roll call.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

#### A. MEETING DATES

Be It Resolved that the regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe shall be held as per the previously submitted schedule, at which time formal action may be taken.

#### B. POLICY

Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe that all policies of the previous Board are hereby adopted until such time as the Board decides to revise, or otherwise alter policies.

#### C. <u>DESIGNATION OF BANKS OR DEPOSITORIES</u>

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

The Depository Trust Company State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund Provident Bank\* US Bank

Be it Further Resolved that the Business Administrator is authorized to establish accounts, and wire transfer funds among the accounts as needed, and approve the payment of bills between Board Meetings.

#### D. NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education designates the Cranbury Press or the Home News Tribune, both of which circulate in the school district, as official newspapers for legal advertisement.

File Attachments

Revised 2020 Board of Education meeting dates.pdf (127 KB)

# 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Subject A. BOARD ACTION

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**AGENDA** 

Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Access Public

Type

A. It is recommended that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.

File Attachments

Professional Development January 2, 2020.pdf (174 KB)

# 13. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Subject A. BOARD ACTION

<sup>\*</sup>Provides most of the banking services.

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AGENDA

Category 13. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Access Public

Type Action

Recommended Action It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Board Action Items

by roll call:

A. REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF A PORTION OF THE BOARD'S OUTSTANDING SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012 DATED APRIL 25, 2012, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015, DATED MARCH 26, 2015.

#### 14. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### 15. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

#### 16. CLOSED SESSION

Subject A. CLOSED SESSION

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 16. CLOSED SESSION

Access Public

Type

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 through 10:4-21), to discuss the following subject(s):

· Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Following closed session, action may be taken. The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

#### 17. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - JANUARY 22, 2020

Subject A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION JANUARY 22, 2020

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 17. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - JANUARY 22, 2020

Access Public

Type

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School.

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

Subject A. Notes

Meeting Jan 2, 2020 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**AGENDA** 

Category 18. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

#### **NOTES**

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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 <u>N.J.S.A</u> 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.

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

**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.