

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Adi Nikitinsky at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Michele Arminio
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Karen Bierman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Mr. Adi Nikitinsky
Mr. Andy Paluri
Ms. Rupa Siegel
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dori Alvich, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adam Layman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 109

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made to approve the following resolution:

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Board Vice President Adi Nikitinsky as the temporary Board Secretary for this meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

After the Roll Call Mr. Nikitinsky 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 2, 2021:

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.

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CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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A motion was made by Ms. Bierman and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session. Motion carried.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Middle School Principal Ms. Chari Chanley, Percussion Ensemble Director Mr. Yale Snyder, and Supervisor of Science and Social Studies Ms. Danielle Drust, congratulated and acknowledged the following students for being the recipients of the following awards.

MTMS Percussion Symphony Youth Orchestra of New Jersey 1st Place Overall - Snare Drum
Rayhaan Bohra

MTMS Percussion Symphony POTS International Percussion Festival

Eric Crowley	Preston Masigla	Arav Narwal
Saisiddharth Tekale	Vikram Ranganath	Rayhaan Bohra

MTMS Percussion Symphony POTS International Percussion Festival Outstanding Drumset Performance
Arav Narwal

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MTMS Percussion Symphony POTS International Percussion Festival: 3rd Place Overall (Middle School)

Preston Masigla

MTMS Social Studies Department 2020 National Champion, US Academic Bee 6th Grade

Neil Kathuria

MTMS Social Studies Department 2020 National Champion, National Humanities Bee 6th Grade

Neil Kathuria

MTMS Social Studies Department 2020 IAC International Geography Bee 6th Grade Grand Champion

Shubham Kumar

High School Principal Dr. Kevin Higgins, Director of Athletics Mr. Sean Dowling, Assistant Principal Giuseppe Calella, Supervisor of Applied Arts & Careers Technology Mr. Zachary Morolda, Percussion Ensemble Director Yale Synder, and Basketball Coach Ms. Leigh Vogtman congratulated and acknowledged students and staff for being the recipients of following awards.

National Girls & Women in Sports Day

Nina Branchizio

Girls Bowling GMC Bowling POD 2 Tournament Champion

Heather Casper	Kayleigh Craver	Amisha Diwan
Krishna Mohan	Emma Richardson	Eesha Suratia
Priyanka Yadalla	Danielle Youssef	

GMC Boys Bowling POD 2 Tournament Champion

Jacob Chin	CJ Folgore	Douglas Hoven	Anthony Riccardella	Raymond Stasicky
Chase Tomlinson	Jordan Viszoki	Arjun Yadalla	Rohan Yadalla	

FBLA Journalism - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Nivriti Agaram

FBLA Introduction to Event Planning - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Vanshika Bangad	Saumya Gupta	Jyothi Vivekananda
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FBLA Introduction to FBLA - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Vania Chawla

FBLA Word Processing - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Jason Chin

FBLA Business Calculations - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Haritheja Etukuru

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FBLA Parliamentary Procedure - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Prayan Goud Kabir Saxena Sagar Varma

FBLA Battle of the Chapters - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Thanmayee Kavuri Maheen Khan Dhruv Vaidya

FBLA Intro to Information Technology - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Shivank Lattupally

FBLA Database Design & Applications - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Anish Mande

FBLA Management Decision Making - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Ruchita Mhaskar Harini Rajadeva

FBLA Help Desk - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Trisha Mukund

FBLA Network Design - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Srieesha Pothur Siya Rele Aastha Shah

FBLA Management Information Systems - 1st Place NJFBLA RCE

Ishaan Vaghani

MTHS Academic Team 1st Place Questions Unlimited Online 3-2-1 Fall Academic Competition
Qualified for Questions Unlimited National High School Academic Challenge

Hiba Siddiqui	Amit Geeniga	Ayushi Kumar	Bianca Kurani
Christopher Jaison	Emily Bai	Parth Tripathi	Kenneth Sicat
Melissa Xuan	Obai Ahmed	Piyali Mittal	Ruchi Kapse
Sarah Benedicto	Sathvika Lanka	Shoaib Sharafuddin	Siri Harish
Snigdha Thallapragada	Tej Velaga	Uzair Rana	Yashwanth Muppidi
Neeharika Kakanuru	Sreevatsan Srinivas	Arnav Vyas	Rose Ayar

DECA Business Law & Ethics - 7th place in NJ National Qualifiers

Monisha Kapadia Seva Soni

DECA Entrepreneurship - 7th place in NJ National Qualifiers

Audrey Chen Navya Sharma

DECA Integrated Marketing - 5th place in NJ National Qualifiers

Anurag Nimmala Ishaan Salaskar

DECA Financial Consulting - 3rd in NJ National Qualifier

Shourya Kandula

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DECA Principles of Finance - 3rd place in NJ National Qualifier

Anshul Chandaliya

DECA Elected New Jersey DECA State President

Prem Jani

MTHS Percussion Symphony POTS International Percussion Festival

Joshua Fabricant	Rebecca Philip	Priyanka Ranganath	Jaden Lu
Michael Preuster	Tanvi Shah		

Honors Concert Choir - Selected to the 2021 NAFME All-Eastern National Ensemble (Chorus)

Kaitlynn Russell	Justin Siochi	Katelyn Viskoki
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Honors Wind Ensemble - Selected to the 2021 NAFME All-Eastern National Ensemble (Band)

Matthew Cipriano (Clarinet) Joshua Fabricant (Percussion)

Performing Arts Selected to present at the NAFME All-Eastern Regional Conference

Yale Snyder

Performing Arts Selected to present at the American Choir Directors Association National Conference

Arielle Siegel

MTHS Recipient of the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Essay Contest

Averi Egierd	Alessia Gambale	Kristen Gatchalian	Ava Gilliland	
Jiya Joshi	Kylie Moy	Emily Rosin	Ashley Swei	Kathryn Williams

Boys Basketball Taylor Family POD Champions

Eli Okocha	Connor Gabilanes	Chris Kobierowski	Jake Labaska
Aidan Lane	Ryan Zurawiecki	Nick Laughery	Myles Marabuto
Aidan McLaughlin	John Okocha	Josh Okocha	

Boys Basketball All Red Division

Christopher Kobierowski

Girls Basketball GMC Somogyi Family POD Champions

Rebecca Aftel	Nina Branchizio	Halley Cottrell	Nicole Turco
Joanna Giustino	Haley Higgins	Avery Labaska	Sydney Wolven
Katelyn Louro	Elizabeth Oresto	Gracen Regan	Rosaleen Regan

Girls Basketball 1st Team All Red Division

Rosaleen Regan

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Girls Basketball 2nd Team All Red Division

Joanna Giustino

Girls Basketball 1st Team All Red Division & All Conference

Nina Branchizio

Girls Basketball GMC Red Division & Conference Coach of the Year

Leigh Vogtman

Boys Soccer 2020 NJ Central East Group 4 State Title Ranked #5 in State by NJ.com

Daniel Tanzi	Cesar Muscaritolo	Nikhil Tangella	Logan Taylor	Jaden Lu
Jose Navarro-Tapia	Zachary Martinho	Amir Othman	Jonah Dias	Pratham Mahesh
Jared Krasnove	Joshua Cruz	Christian Bernal	Davide Maioriello	
Paul Graetzig	Mark Ladzinski	Tabi Essa	Joshua Fabricant	Ishan Bansal
Nathan Lipton	Edwin Vera	Diego Galindo	Stephen Stearn	
Malek Wahba	Alex Mancinelli	Kareem Othman	Justin Oliveri	Justin Graham

Boys Soccer All-State

Josh Cruz 1st Team Christian Bernal 2nd Team Jonah Dias 3rd Team

GMC Boys Soccer Coach of the Year

Mr. Steven MacKenzie

Ms. Arminio and members of the Board congratulated the students on their accomplishments for achieving such high levels and thanked the staff for their guidance and assistance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Prakash Parab 33 Dayna Drive – stated that it was nice to see students being recognized this evening and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Ms. Arminio reported that the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying discussion that was on the closed session agenda earlier was removed at the request of the parent.

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A motion was made by Ms. Skurbe and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session. Motion carried.

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Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:17 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Arminio stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Ms. Belko that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Gorski".

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



Wednesday, April 7, 2021
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

VIRTUAL
6:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	A. BOARD MEMBERS
Meeting	Apr 7, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information
Ms. Michele Arminio Ms. Kathleen Belko Ms. Karen Bierman Mr. Ken Chiarella Mr. Adi Nikitinsky Mr. Andy Paluri Ms. Rupa Siegel Ms. Chrissy Skurbe Mr. Peter Tufano	

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kayleigh Craver
 Ms. Samaara Jain

4. STATEMENT

Subject **A. STATEMENT**

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Category 4. STATEMENT

Access Public

Type Information

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5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject **A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

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Category 5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Access Public

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6. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Subject **A. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

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Category 6. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Access Public

Type

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

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Category 7. PUBLIC FORUM

Access Public

Type

See Note 3.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Subject A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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Category 8. CLOSED SESSION

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9. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

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Category 9. PUBLIC FORUM

Access Public

Type

See Note 3

10. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 26, 2021

Subject A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING APRIL 26, 2021

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Category 10. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 26, 2021

Access Public

Type

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2021 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **A. NOTES**

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Category 11. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

NOTES

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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.

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 can do so by following the instructions below:

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