

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held at the Monroe Township High School on February 15, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Chrissy Skurbe at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Karen Bierman
Ms. Gazala Bohra
Ms. Gail DiPane
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Michelle Scott

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 43

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 February 10, 2023:

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.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Township of Monroe hereby moves to go into Closed Session, in accordance with 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):

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

Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Ms. Bohra to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Organization Meeting, January 3, 2023. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Ms. Bohra to approve the minutes for the Special Public Board of Education Meeting, January 12, 2023. Motion carried.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Ms. Thakker provided the following information from district schools:

Mill Lake – Varsity Show auditions were held for the April 14th show; the PTO recently sponsored a Book Fair; a Kid's Heart Challenge that was organized by Ms. Charlene Lombard, Physical Education Teacher, was held February 13th through February 17th; 100 Days of School celebrations were held across the school as well as Read Across America Day; a Night of Reading event is scheduled for March; and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. In March, the following PTO sponsored events will be held: Mother/Son Magic Night, Stuffed Animal Night, and the Father/ Daughter Dance.

Barclay Brook – in January MTHS and Barclay Brook Unified students had a wonderful time engaging in activities with their Unified partners; students created over 600 Valentine's Day cards that were distributed to local Assistant Living Centers and Nursing Homes; and a themed Spirit Week will be held to celebrate the 100th Day of School.

Oak Tree – a school-wide Olympics event and an Hour of Code Night were recently held; Students participated in a Kids Heart Challenge; Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd; Read Across America Spirit Week begins on February 27th; and a Maker Space Night will be held for 3rd Grade students and their parents on March 2nd & 9th.

Mr. Lattupally provided the following information from district schools:

Middle School – on February 7th an on-line anti-bias seminar was presented which was opened to all parents; on February 10th a Day of Optimism was held emphasizing MTMS as a No Place for Hate School; and Blank History Month is being celebrated throughout the school.

Brookside – students are participating in Spirit Week for the 100th Day of School celebration; a school-wide Spelling Bee was held on February 10th; and Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on February 22nd & 23rd.

Applegarth – has been awarded as a School of Character through Character.org Organization; students have raised over \$13,000 for the American Heart Challenge; Parent/Teacher

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Conferences; School Guidance Counselor Week was acknowledged and celebrated; and Black History Month is being celebrated this month.

High School – the second marking period ended on January 31st; students enjoyed the Unified Snowball Dance; Family ID and registration are open for Spring sports; and the Media Center is recommending the book Nothing More to Tell by Karen McManus in preparation of the One Book Read on March 9th.

PRESENTATIONS

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR

Ms. Chanley, Dr. Layman, Ms. Skurbe, and Ms. Bierman thanked and congratulated the following staff members for being selected as Educational Support Staff of the Year, those in attendance were presented with a plaque of recognition:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Educational Support Staff of the Year</u>
Applegarth	Pat Sherman
Barclay Brook	Brian Taylor
Brookside	Anthony Giordano
High School	Alan Lanzetti
Middle School	Lisa Church
Mill Lake	Shane Mangan
Oak Tree	Miles Firestine
Woodland	Ray Nesby
Transportation	Roberta Carter
District	Lisa Cannata

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Gail DiPane, Vice Chairperson of the Legislative Action & Community Engagement Committee, reported that the committee met on February 8th and discussed the following:

Ms. Chanley informed the committee that a press release went out and various referendum presentations have been scheduled with some of the PTAs, the League of Women Voters and in some of the adult communities. Ms. DiPane reported that the committee also discussed the FAQs on the referendum site.

Next, the committee discussed remote participation by community members and how it would encourage more engagement by the community. The committee is requesting further consideration at a future Policy Committee meeting.

Lastly, Ms. DiPane reported that Ms. Rattner informed the committee that the NJSBA Delegate Assembly is scheduled for May 13th and provided the committee with details on how the Board could file a resolution for consideration. Ms. DiPane stated that the committee discussed several possible resolutions and Ms. Rattner forwarded the information to Ms. Skurbe. Unfortunately, due to time constraints the committee could not put forth a resolution at this time.

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Ms. Bohra requested that a virtual referendum presentation session be considered for members of the community that may not be able to attend a session.

Mr. Peter Tufano, Chairperson of the Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee, reported that the committee met and discussed the following items:

Girl Scout Cadet Presentation - Silver Cadet candidate and current Middle School student Kavya Patel presented a proposed project to construct a Bird Garden at Oak Tree School. The Committee and Administration were highly complementary of the proposal and Ms. Patel's efforts and offered full support of the project.

Eagle Scout Presentation - Eagle Scout candidate and current Monroe Township High School student Joel Abraham presented a proposed project to construct a Gaga Pit at Mill Lake School. The Committee and Administration were highly complementary of the proposal and Mr. Abraham's efforts and offered full support of the project.

District Trash & Recycling Contract Bid - A copy of the previous bid specification was reviewed. The Committee directed Administration to investigate adding composting to the contract and if the Middlesex County Co-Op, which currently handles recycling at the elementary schools would be willing to add the High School and Middle School recycling service for free as well.

Ms. Kathleen Belko, Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee met on February 7th. Dr. Higgins provided the committee with a very informative presentation on Turnitin. Ms. Belko requested that the presentation be posted on the district website as the presentation contained a lot of useful information.

Mr. Morolda presented the curriculum for Advanced Accounting. Ms. Belko reported that Advanced Accounting uses and integrated approach to teaching accounting and expands upon the underlying.

Threat Assessment Teams will be established for the 2023-2024 school year. Staff from each school will participate proactive training.

Mr. Arcaro presented information specific to professional development for Science and Math Teachers at the Middle School focusing on Special Education Teachers and Interventionists. Pending approval by the Board, Dr. Riccomini will facilitate 3 full-day sessions of intensive professional development on specific research-based instructional strategies to improve student learning.

Dr. Layman shared an opportunity that the District has to pilot for no cost the LinkIt Data Warehousing, Analytics, and Intervention Manager. Ms. Belko reported that it would be a 6-month no cost trial and support the efficient use of data to drive instruction and track students' progress through our multi-tiered system of supports.

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Ms. Karen Bierman, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met on February 7th. Ms. Bierman reported that the Committee reviewed the monthly attorney fees, reporting that for the month of December 2022 the total was \$24,961.83. The Committee continues to monitor the attorney fees with an eye toward the costs of processing OPRA Requests and the oversight to feasibility & cost effectiveness of engaging out of house legal advice.

Next, they reviewed the Bill List, which totaled \$2,630,041.26. Ms. Bierman reported that an Addendum was received this afternoon, which has been submitted for approval of the Board tonight. Ms. Allen provided an update on the Audit and Budget status. The Tentative Budget Presentation should be on the agenda for the March board meeting. Currently, the Budget is being entered into the state program and being put together and adjustments addressed to bring to a balance.

Next, Ms. Bierman reported that there was no new information regarding financial matters associated with the upcoming referendum. Any pending inquiries are being addressed and added to the FAQ section of the website.

The Committee also reviewed the annual renewal of Letter of Agreement with Prevention Specialists, Inc for testing services for DOT and Non-DOT employees.

Ms. Karen Bierman, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, reported that there was no new Strauss Esmay Alerts for policy changes since the last meeting. Ms. Bierman provided details on Policy 5200/Attendance which the Committee recommended approval for first read this evening. Ms. Bierman further reported that the Committee discussed Policy 0152/Board Officers but no further action is presented at this time.

Ms. Gazala Bohra, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee met and reviewed the current Vacancy List; Exit Survey; the Lead Mechanics Job Description; and Superintendent's recommendation.

Videotaped committee meetings can be found on the district website or at the following link: [Monroe PEG TV \(viebit.com\)](http://MonroePEGTV(viebit.com))

PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Bozowski, Monroe Township – regarding the approval of attorneys for School Ethics Commission cases, Ms. Bozowski requested clarification that the District will be out \$5,000 for each case and \$5,000 for each potentially new case. Ms. Bozowski inquired what Transfer #6 is. Lastly, Ms. Bozowski stated that lately there has been an Addendum to Bill List and inquired what and why that is.

Nicole Fernandez, Monroe Township – spoke in regard to the amount of fights and HIB cases that the District has seen lately. Ms. Fernandez expressed concern with the possibility that students may not report cases due to the lack of action that has been taken.

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – inquired if the District can work with the Township and possibly join their contract to get the compost recycling at a discounted rate. Regarding the discussion on Math requirements for graduation, Mr. Melam urged the Board to seek what other nearby districts are doing before making a decision. Lastly, Mr. Melam requested that the form D130, itemized costs for all projects, be uploaded to the website.

Krishna Teknale, Monroe Township – thanked the Board and Administration for moving forward and wished them luck with the referendum. Mr. Teknale suggested a virtual presentation of the referendum presentation be made available and posted for all community members to view. Next, Mr. Teknale inquired if the Seal of Bi Literacy exam can be taken prior to Senior year.

Radhika Patel, Monroe Township – spoke in support of the referendum. Ms. Patel, a District Teacher, stated that the class sizes have increased, the hallways are overcrowded, and Music has been on a cart for a long time, which can be disturbing to classrooms. Ms. Patel stated that she believes this referendum will solve the problems of overcrowding schools and the expansions and renovations planned will directly benefit the children. Ms. Patel encouraged the community to support the referendum.

Roshni Shah – as a parent of children attending Applegarth School, Ms. Shah appealed to the community to vote yes on the upcoming referendum. Ms. Shah stated that this referendum addresses many needs. Ms. Shah added that the District is receiving a lot more funding by renovating Applegarth School.

Gautam Ghetia, Monroe Township – stated that he believes that the proposed referendum is much more practical than the past two. Mr. Ghetia requested that residents not let politics get in the way of children's future. Mr. Ghetia urged all the voters to pass this referendum.

Gyaneshwar Sadamastula, Monroe Township – spoke in support of the proposed referendum. Mr. Sadamastula stated that the Board and Administration have come up with a referendum that is less expensive than the two previous one and encouraged others to vote yes for the referendum with him.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Layman stated that as the winter sports teams wind down many of the teams are in the playoffs. Dr. Layman reported that he was notified that Monroe will have 31 recipients of the Seal of Bi Literacy this year. Next, Dr. Layman reported that the District hosted a huge Robotics Competition Saturday. Monroe had two teams entered, Team A/ The Flying Falcons reached the finals and Team B was ranked forth and received the second place in the State of New Jersey. Both teams have qualified for the States. Dr. Layman reported that there is a pilot program to bring the Robotics Program to the elementary schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Chanley reported that Oak Tree students who participated in a Kids Heart Challenge raised over \$21,000 making them the 6th highest fundraising school in the State. One student alone raised \$6,000.00. Next, Ms. Chanley reported that the Annual Om Memorial 5K Run and walk is

scheduled for May 21, 2023 and the first Middle School Health Fair will be held in the school gymnasium on April 25, 2023. Ms. Chanley stated that Administration, including Mr. Selby, Director of Security and Residency, had a meeting with the Township Police Department where they discussed protocols and procedures to make sure the District is doing everything they can do and acknowledge any concerns they may have. Next, Ms. Chanley reported that soon the elective presentation will be presented to the 8th Grade Jamesburg students. Lastly, Ms. Chanley provided dates and locations for upcoming referendum presentations.

PERSONNEL (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Bohra and seconded by Ms. Belko that Personnel Items A–S with the exception of Item P be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 8-0-0-0-2. Motion carried. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent’s Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

PERSONNEL (10-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Belko and seconded by Mr. Tufano that Personnel Item P as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 8-0-0-0-2. Motion carried. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent’s Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

PERSONNEL (9-member vote)

A motion was made by Ms. Bohra and seconded by Ms. Alvarez that Personnel Items T - AN be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 7-0-0-0-2. Motion carried with Ms. Rattner recusing on Item AG. 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. Bohra and seconded by Mr. Tufano that Board Action Items A – I be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 8-0-0-0-2. Motion carried with the exception of Item F where Ms. Bohra and Mr. Tufano voted No and Ms. Bierman and Ms. Scott abstained. 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. Belko and seconded by Ms. Bohra that Board Action Items J - O be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 7-0-0-0-2. Motion carried with the exception of Item N where Ms. Bierman, Ms. Skurbe, Ms. Belko and Mr. Tufano voted no on all items under Item N and Ms. Bohra, voted no on Item N except for incident #240635 where she voted yes. 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. Belko and seconded by Ms. Bohra that Board Action Items A-L under the 10-member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 8-0-0-0-2. Motion carried with Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Bohra and Ms. DiPane recusing on Item K on themselves only. 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. Belko and seconded by Mr. Tufano that Board Action Items M-W under the 9-member vote be approved by consent roll call. Roll call 7-0-0-0-2. Motion carried. A copy of the Board Action section of the Business Administrator's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Ms. Skurbe reported that Council President Cohen advise that the Township Attorney did not feel it was appropriate for the District to provide a referendum presentation at a Council Meeting however, she did reiterate that the Mayor has authorized the District to utilize Township buildings for presentations or to distribute information. Ms. Skurbe stated that many residents are not aware that both Applegarth and Barclay Brook Schools were built the same year and part of the Township's history. Next, Ms. Skurbe reported that she attended the NJSBA Middlesex County Meeting along with Ms. Bohra, Ms. Rattner, Ms. DiPane, and Ms. Fabiano where New Brunswick School District provided a presentation on using social media to communicate to the community. During the presentation Ms. Bohra pointed out that New Brunswick has a Digital Branding and Communication Specialist. Ms. Skurbe informed Ms. Bohra that New Brunswick receives 175 million dollars in state funding where Monroe gets 9 million. Ms. Skurbe stated that it is just another example of how districts in our county that receive more funding can have these extras outside of focusing on education and curriculum. Lastly, Ms. Skurbe reminded the Board that there will be a Special Meeting on March 29, 2023, to meet with NJSBA Representative Patty Rees.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

Mr. Tufano reported that he recently attended a nearby Cheerleading Competition where there were approximately 1,200 people in attendance who were charged \$10.00 admission fee. Mr. Tufano requested the possibility of using our High School as the funds collected could be used to help fund the expenses for the cheerleading program as well as other sports and to help bring revenue into the district.

Regarding the referendum and renovating Applegarth School, Mr. Tufano stated as much as he would have liked to see the school replaced with a brand new school it is clearly not what the residents wanted as it was voted down twice. He supports the Board's decision to renovate and expand the school and wishes that the residents that spend so much time opposing this referendum spent that time and energy in fighting Trenton for more funding.

Regarding the discussion on graduation requirements, Ms. Belko stated that they must keep in mind that not all students are college bound and by requiring students to take four years of Mathematics could be preventing students from taking a class in Industrial Arts or something of other interest to them. Ms. Belko added that she doesn't see it as lowering the bar, but rather to open the doors for other opportunities. Ms. Scott echoed Ms. Belko statements and added how impressed she was with the District's Industrial Arts Program. Ms. Bierman added that they need to also look into the number of credits needed for graduation as Monroe requires more than the State guidelines. Ms. Bierman added that it is not about lowering the bar, it's about setting the bar right for all students. Ms. Bohra added that changing the requirement will not affect high

achieving students as they will still have the opportunity to take the classes they desire and by adjusting the requirements this may help address the students that are in the middle.

Next, Ms. Belko reported that the Unified Team finished up their Basketball season today and congratulated the Bowling and Robotics Teams for making it to the States.

Regarding the referendum, Ms. Bierman stated that she understands that it may be difficult for some residents to vote for something that is going to raise their taxes but asked that they try to look at it a little macro and vote for what is best for the children in the community.

Ms. DiPane echoed Mr. Tufano's comments on hosting tournaments and admission fees and offered some suggestions that could possibly bring in revenues by utilizing the sporting events currently taken place. Ms. DiPane reported that the Legislative Action & Community Engagement Committee had a discussion with Mr. Morolda regarding the advertising signs and the possibility of advertising on pamphlets for each sporting event.

PUBLIC FORUM

Linda Bozowski, Monroe Township – inquired if there will be presenters and a presentation at the referendum presentation or will drawings be the only visuals. Ms. Bozowski informed the Board that Monroe schools will be a regular feature in the monthly Rossmore News. Next, Ms. Bozowski inquired why the District is paying a salaried employee 10% commission from generating advertising and if the vacant Supervisor of Arts position will be filled. Next, Ms. Bozowski inquired what the referendum cost the District thus far and if it should fail will the same costs be charged again for a new one. Lastly, Ms. Bozowski stated that although she doesn't like the Applegarth School piece of the referendum she will be voting yes.

Pradeep Melam, Monroe Township – provided details from past demographic reports and stated that previous Boards have reported incorrect numbers from those reports and manipulated residents' minds to believe that a new school would be needed since 2012.

Sarah Aziz, Monroe Township – expressed opposition to the referendum and stated that she doesn't believe it is fair to compare Applegarth School to Barclay Brook School as Barclay Brook underwent major construction renovations. Ms. Aziz stated that the current estimate does not include the unforeseen problems that normally occur when working on such an old building. Next, Ms. Aziz inquired about a lawsuit filed against the District regarding alleged violations of the Open Public Records Act. Ms. Aziz stated that during the Finance Committee Meetings the OPRA portion of the legal fees are broken out, but the public doesn't know how much has been spent on the suspension of the former Business Administrator. Lastly, Ms. Aziz stated that she thinks the Board should replace the current Board Attorney with a salaried inhouse attorney.

Rashed Bohra, Monroe Township – thanked the Administration and Board for bringing the referendum forward. Adding that this referendum will cost the taxpayers 86 million dollars for a referendum that will impact 4 schools, which is 40% cheaper than the one in 2019 which only addressed two schools. Mr. Bohra stated that if residents feel that a new school should be built because 1,700 students are too many, then a new High School is what they should want built as there are at 2,600 students in the High School. According to the Demographer's Report the

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enrollment at the Middle School will decrease down to 1,300 students in five years. Mr. Bohra stated that money is being thrown down the drain for trailers every year, if we continue to pay for trailers at the Middle School for the next 15 years it will cost the same as the addition. Lastly, Mr. Bohra stated that Applegarth School renovation and expansion will address the overcrowding at Oak Tree School.

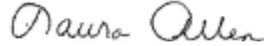
NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Skurbe stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bohra and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 9:37 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>



Wednesday, February 15, 2023
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
6:30 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
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Category	3. ROLL CALL
Type	Information
Ms. Carmen Alvarez Ms. Kathleen Belko Ms. Karen Bierman Ms. Gazala Bohra Ms. Gail DiPane Ms. Katie Fabiano Ms. Kate Rattner Ms. Chrissy Skurbe Mr. Peter Tufano	

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Ms. Michelle Scott

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Shivank Lattupally

Ms. Hetvi Thakker

4. STATEMENT

Subject **A. STATEMENT**

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Category 4. STATEMENT

Type Information

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5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject **A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

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Category 5. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Type

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Subject **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Category 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Type Information

Public Board of Education Organization Meeting, January 3, 2023
Special Public Board of Education Meeting, January 12, 2023

7. STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

8. PRESENTATIONS

Subject **A. SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR**

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Category 8. PRESENTATIONS

Type

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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Category 10. PUBLIC FORUM -AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Type

See Note 3.

11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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Category 11. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Type

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Subject **A. HOME INSTRUCTION**

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Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

Type Information

ID #	School	Grade	Reason	Home Instruction Report	Effective Date	End Date
79109	MTHS	12	CST	McDonald, Harris, Ballard, Alagna, Countryman	9/6/2022	
91198	MTMS	6	CST	Forrest	9/6/2022	
97002	ML	3	CST	Ballard	9/15/2022	12/16/2022
92528	BB	2	CST	Ballard	9/6/2022	
90582	MTMS	6	CST	Wall, Russo, Lyons, Chakraborti	9/16/2022	
92491	ML	2	CST	Ballard	10/18/2022	
87050	MTHS	11	Medical	LearnWell	12/15/2022	1/9/2023
93248	MTHS	10	Medical	DuBois, Dokka, DeMarco, Chakraborti	11/21/2022	1/31/2023

95883	MTHS	10	Medical	Rutgers	12/20/2022	12/30/2022
93352	MTMS	8	Medical	Rutgers	1/2/2023	1/9/2023
95883	MTHS	10	Medical	LearnWell	1/4/2023	1/23/2023
91585	MTHS	12	Medical	LearnWell	1/3/2023	1/4/2023
94468	MTHS	11	Admin	DuBois	12/8/2022	12/14/2022
87647	MTHS	11	Medical	LearnWell	1/6/2023	
93352	MTMS	8	Medical	LearnWell	1/10/2023	1/26/2023
89509	MTHS	10	Medical	LearnWell	1/10/2023	
91334	MTMS	7	Medical	Ponsini, Alkema, Babin, ESCNJ, Kasternakis	1/3/2023	1/31/2023
97024	MTHS	9	Medical	Carduner, Lyons, Welsh, DuBois, Hoehler	1/5/2023	3/5/2023
87912	MTHS	10	Medical	LearnWell	11/17/2022	1/16/2023
92173	MTHS	11	Admin	ESCNJ	1/6/2023	1/12/2023
92452	MTHS	11	Admin	Hoehler	1/5/2023	1/11/2023
86153	MTHS	12	Medical	Gallagher, DuBois	1/25/2023	2/8/2023
85834	MTHS	11	Admin	Ritter	1/10/2023	1/24/2023
94958	MTHS	11	Admin	ESCNJ	1/13/2023	1/20/2023
95263	MTMS	7	Medical	Rutgers	2/1/2023	
88390	MTHS	9	Medical	Anania, Ongaro, Hoehler, Siciliano	1/3/2023	1/27/2023
94479	MTHS	11	Admin	Ritter	1/27/2023	2/2/2023
86715	MTHS	11	Admin	Chokrabarti	1/26/2023	2/1/2023

Subject B. FIRE/LOCKDOWN DRILLS

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Type Information

FIRE/LOCKDOWN DRILL

Applegarth School ----- January 4, 2023
 Barclay Brook School ----- January 4, 2023
 Brookside School ----- January 4, 2023
 Mill Lake School ----- January 4, 2023
 Monroe Middle School----- January 4, 2023
 Oak Tree School ----- January 9, 2023
 Woodland School ----- January 5, 2023
 Monroe High School ----- January 5, 2023

Lockdown

Applegarth School----- January 19, 2023
 Barclay Brook School----- January 23, 2023
 Brookside School ----- January 13, 2023
 Mill Lake School ----- January 9, 2023
 Monroe Middle School----- January 25, 2023
 Oak Tree School ----- January 18, 2023
 Woodland School ----- January 25, 2023
 Monroe High School ----- January 23, 2023

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Brookside School----- January 26, 2023

Subject C. ENROLLMENT

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Type Information

Schools	1/31/23	1/31/22	1/31/21	1/31/20	1/31/19
Applegarth	470	455	453	443	444
Barclay Brook	364	345	301	329	334
Brookside	397	400	403	417	401
Mill Lake	486	473	457	543	551
MTMS	1773	1723	1788	1783	1713
Oak Tree	640	717	774	745	726
Woodland	269	306	313	308	352
High School send/receive	2566 266	2505 251	2466	2402	2328
Total	6965	6924	6955	6970	6849

OUT OF DISTRICT

	Monroe			Jamesburg		
<u>School</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Academy Learning Center	6	6		4	4	
Alpha School	1	1				
Bonnie Brae	0	0				
Bridge Academy	1	1		1	1	
Center for Lifelong Learning	5	5				
Center School	3	3				
Cornerstone	1	1				
CPC High Point	3	3				
Douglass Develop. Center	2	2				
Eden	3	3				
Honor Ridge Academy	1	1				
Hawkswood School	1	1				
Lakeview School	0	0		1	1	
New Roads -Somerset	2	3	+1			
New Roads- Parlin	1	1				
NuView Academy	2	2				
Mercer Elementary	2	2				
Midland School	1	1				
Newmark Elementary	1	1				
Newmark High School	1	1				
Reed Academy	0	0				
Rock Brook School	1	0	-1			

Rugby	1	1		1	1	
Rutgers Day School	1	0	-1	1	1	
Schroth School	4	4				
Shore Center	2	2				
Total	46	45	0	8	8	0

STAFF COUNT

Department	Number of Staff
Superintendent Office	
Superintendent	1
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
School Admin/Admin Support	
Principal	8
Assistant Principal	10
Secretary	29
Office Paraprofessional	1
Supervisors K-12	
K-12 Supervisor	7
Secretary	1
Instructional	
Teacher	556.5
Classroom Paraprofessionals/Media Ctr	
Paraprofessionals - Full-time	125
Paraprofessionals - Part-time	41
Media Coordinator	4
Educational Services Professionals	
LDTC	8
School Social Worker	8
School Psychologist	10
Physical Therapist	3
Occupational Therapist	7
Behavior Specialist/BCBA	4
Nurse	14
Media Specialist	8
School Counselor	24
Reading Specialist	5
SAC	1

Speech & Language Specialist	17
Pupil Personnel Services	
Director	1
Supervisor	2
Secretary	6
Information Systems	
Director	1
Tech Staff	12
Facilities	
Director	1
Supervisor/Building Manager	3
Secretary	1
Custodial/Maintenance	70
Transportation	
Director	1
Office Staff	4
Driver	66
Bus Mechanics	2
Paraprofessionals - Part-time	17
Security	
Director	1
F/T School Security Officer	19
P/T School Security Officer	4
Athletic Department	
Supervisor	1
Athletic Trainer (1 full time, 1 part-time teacher/trainer)	1.5
Secretary	1
Food Service	
Director	1
Lunch Paraprofessionals - Part-time	33
Falcon Care/ECE	
Director	1
Clerk	1
Teacher/Teacher Aides	6
Site Coordinator, Group Leader, Asst Group Leader (Part-time)	13
Total District Staff as of 2/1/2023	1185

Subject D. PERSONNEL (10 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

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 S)

- A. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Lauren Anania**, teacher of special education at MTHS, effective April 3, 2023.
- B. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Makayla O'Neill**, paraprofessional in the Transportation Department, retroactive to February 1, 2023.
- C. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Tayler O'Neill**, driver in the Transportation Department and paraprofessional at Woodland School, effective February 27, 2023.
- D. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Jill Richardson**, driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to January 26, 2023 pending further action by the Board of Education 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Richardson may be entitled to.
- E. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Maria Steinberg**, driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to February 8, 2023 through March 9, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Steinberg may be entitled to.
- F. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Odyssey Baez**, paraprofessional in the Transportation Department, retroactive to February 1, 2023 through February 27, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Baez may be entitled to.
- G. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Jessica Ferrantelli**, teacher of social studies at MTHS, effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Ferrantelli may be entitled to.
- H. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid intermittent leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Mr. Jared Carrier**, school counselor at MTHS, effective March 3, 2023 through June 1, 2023. Mr. Carrier's unpaid days will be counted against his 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.
- I. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Mr. Anthony Gambino** school counselor at MTHS, effective March 14, 2023 through June 5, 2023. Mr. Gambino's unpaid days will be counted against his 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.
- J. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Laura Harmyk**, driver in the Transportation Department, retroactive to February 9, 2023 through February 10, 2023.
- K. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Varsha Sharma**, teacher of chemistry at MTHS, retroactive to February 13, 2023 through February 17, 2023.
- L. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the return to work of **Ms. LouAnn Pecorino**, accounts payable coordinator, retroactive to January 30, 2023.
- M. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that employee #1004 hereby is recalled from administrative leave, effective immediately.
- N. *It is recommended by the 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
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1.	Lindsay Bathmann	MTHS	Teacher of Health & Physical Ed.	Step 1 BA \$52,262 prorated	11-140-100-101-000-070	retroactive to 2/14/23-5/31/23	Leave position
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O. *It is recommended by the 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.	Lorraine Ongaro	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	3/7/23-6/30/23	Leave position
2.	Matthew Hardt	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	3/7/23-6/30/23	Leave position
3.	Kristin Youngblood	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	3/7/23-6/30/23	Leave position
4.	Lauren Staub	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract (34% for this time period)	11-213-100-101-000-070	3/7/23-6/30/23	Leave position
5.	Samantha Sheenan	MTHS	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-070	3/7/23-6/30/23	Leave position
6.	Amanda McCormack	MTHS	Academic Team Advisor	\$1721	11-401-100-100-000-070	3/1/23-6/30/23	Leave extension
7.	Andrew Isola	MTHS	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$4681	11-401-100-100-000-070	3/13/23-6/23/23	Resignation replacement
8.	Eugene Giaquinto	MTHS	Assistant Girls Lacrosse Coach	\$4681	11-401-100-100-000-070	3/13/23-6/30/23	Resignation replacement
9.	Nicholas Isola	MTHS	Girls Flag Football Coach	\$2812	11-402-100-100-000-070	3/13/23-6/30/23	New position
10.	Brian Hinz	MTHS	Girls Flag Football Coach	\$2812	11-402-100-100-000-070	3/13/23-6/30/23	New position
11.	Melissa Ladd	MTHS	Volunteer Assistant Lacrosse Coach			3/13/23-6/23/23	Volunteer
12.	Jessica Wright	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/1/23	Intermittent Leave
13.	Damaris Dominguez	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/1/23	Intermittent Leave
14.	Brooke Messinger	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/30/23	Intermittent Leave
15.	Richard Sample	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/30/23	Intermittent Leave
16.	Lauren Mironov	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/30/23	Intermittent Leave
17.	Danielle Brown	MTHS	School Counselor	17% intermittent additional contract	11-000-218-104-000-070	3/1/23-6/30/23	Intermittent Leave
18.	Jaclyn Abruzzese	MTHS	Teacher of Social Studies	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	3/1/23-3/15/23	Leave extension
19.	Joseph Romano	MTHS	Teacher of Social Studies	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	2/28/23-3/15/23	Leave extension
20.	Christopher Thumm	MTHS	Teacher of Social Studies	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	2/28/23-3/15/23	Leave extension

21.	Marissa Guerra	MTHS	Teacher of Social Studies	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	3/1/23-3/14/23	Leave extension
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P. *It is recommended by the Assistant 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.	Kenneth Chanley	MTHS	Teacher of Social Studies	17% additional contract	11-140-100-101-000-070	3/1/23-3/14/23	Leave extension

Q. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following new non-certificated staff on the following guides (pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements):

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Susie Riccio	Transportation	Spec. Ed. Para Bus Aide	Step 1 + Spec. Ed. \$15.13+\$2.00 for 5.75 hours	11-000-270-107-000-096	2/16/23-6/30/23	New position

R. *It is recommended by the 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.	David Olesky	Transportation	Lead Mechanic	\$63,720+1500 RTRC prorated	11-000-270-160-000-096	2/16/23-6/30/23	Retirement replacement
2.	James Przybylowski	Transportation	Lead Mechanic	\$65,466+\$1500 RTRC prorated	11-000-270-160-000-096	2/16/23-6/30/23	Retirement replacement
3.	Alan Lanzetti	MTHS	Workstation Specialist	\$51,065.75 + A+cert \$750 + BA+15 \$1750 prorated	11-000-252-100-000-070	retroactive to 2/1/23-6/30/23	Degree status change
4.	Rosella Campora	MTHS	Spec. Ed. Para ICS/RC	Step 2 Spec. ed. + ed. degree \$15.23+\$2.00+\$1.00 for 7 hours	11-213-100-106-000-070	3/16/23-6/30/23	Retirement replacement

S. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year (pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements):

Certificated

Angelina Gagliano
Stephen Modzelewski
Swetha Alugaddala
Balnit Parmer
Andrew Dinicola

Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teacher
Substitute Home Instruction
Substitute Coach

Non- Certificated

Lauren Robol
Brady Lane
Mohan Kumar Chandrashekar

Substitute Paraprofessional
Substitute Volunteer Coach
Substitute Volunteer Coach

Subject **E. PERSONNEL (9 MEMBER VOTE)**

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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 Superintendent's Personnel Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items T through AN)

T. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Deborah Force**, school nurse at MTMS, effective July 1, 2023.

U. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Barbara Lonczak**, principal's secretary at MTMS, effective July 1, 2023.

V. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation, due to retirement of **Ms. Diane Arcaro**, media coordinator at Oak Tree School, effective July 1, 2023.

W. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Madeline Neuman**, teacher of special education at Barclay Brook School, effective April 3, 2023.

X. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Amany Elhadad**, teacher assistant at ECE, effective February 27, 2023.

Y. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Samuel Schneider** as honor society co-advisor at MTMS, retroactive to February 3, 2023.

Z. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Mary Habib**, speech and language specialist at Mill Lake School retroactive to January 24, 2023 through February 1, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Habib may be entitled to.

AA. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Karen Wasdin**, teacher of basic skills at Barclay Brook School retroactive to February 10, 2023 through March 10, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Wasdin may be entitled to.

AB. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Samantha McCloud**, supervisor of elementary curriculum and instruction for the District, retroactive to February 13, 2023 through March 24, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be without pay except to the extended of any sick days to which Ms. McCloud may be entitled to.

AC. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a medical leave of absence to **Ms. Kerryann Barry**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School, effective February 15, 2023 through March 15, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Barry may be entitled to.

AD. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an extended medical leave of absence to **Ms. Barbara Lonczak**, secretary at MTMS, retroactive to February 4, 2023 through March 27, 2023 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, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Lonczak may be entitled to.

AE. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Joanna Torres**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School, effective March 20, 2023 through May 19, 2023 in accordance with Article 21 paragraph A.6 in the collective negotiations agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township Education Association covering the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. It is further recommended that this leave shall be unpaid except to the extent of any sick days to which Ms. Torres may be entitled to.

AF. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA to **Mr. Steven Manahan**, teacher of social studies at MTMS, effective April 24, 2023 through May 19, 2023. Mr. Manahan's unpaid days will be counted against his 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.

AG. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Anna Shaw**, teacher of special education at Oak Tree School, effective April 24, 2023 through April 26, 2023.

AH. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence to **Ms. Mary Agrillo-Vozzo**, paraprofessional at Mill Lake School, retroactive to February 8, 2023 through February 10, 2023.

AI. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following chaperones at MTMS for the 7th grade dance effective February 24, 2023 for two hours:

Non-instructional rate \$44.85 (account no. 11-120-100-101-000-080)

Maile Allen
Amanda Balestrieri
Allison Brunotte
Christine DiBiase
Nicole Gomes
Holly Jarusiewicz
Amy Kuhn
Allyson Lewis
Heidi Lubrani
Courtney Ostrowiak
Samuel Schneider
Jennifer N. Schwartz
Jennifer Schwartz
Jennifer Shamah
Robert Torino

Instructional rate \$53.87 (account no. 11-000-213-100-000-080)

Cristina Demone - School Nurse

AJ. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following salary guide changes retroactive to February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

Stephanie Spielholz Step 8 BA+15
Dawn Graziano MA+30

AK. It is recommended by the 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.	Shawne Eldridge	MTMS	Teacher of Social Studies	Step 1 BA \$52,262 prorated	11-130-100-101-000-080	3/3/23-6/30/23	Transfer replacement
2.	Jacqueline Profaca	Mill Lake	Teacher of Kindergarten	Step 8 MA \$62,337+\$3,450 prorated	11-110-100-101-000-040	3/1/23-6/16/23	Leave position
3.	Lee Vodofsky	MTMS	Teacher of Special Education	Step 10 MA+30 \$73,947+\$4,350 prorated	11-213-100-101-000-080	2/27/23-6/30/23	Resignation replacement

AL. It is recommended by the 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
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1.	Dana Verderami	Woodland	Teacher of Grade 5	Step 5 BA \$54,962 prorated	11-120-100-101-000-030	retroactive to 2/1/23-6/30/23	Leave extension
2.	Kayla Hoppock	Brookside	Teacher of Special Education	17% additional contract	11-213-100-101-000-020	retroactive to 1/25/23-6/6/23	Leave position
3.	Dina Dale	MTMS	Teacher of Math	17% additional contract	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/1/23-TBD	Leave position
4.	Lauren Dominick	MTMS	Teacher of Math	17% additional contract	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/1/23-TBD	Leave position
5.	Allyson Lewis	MTMS	Teacher of Math	17% additional contract	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/1/23-TBD	Leave position
6.	Erin Berry	MTMS	Teacher of Math	17% additional contract	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/1/23-TBD	Leave position
7.	Dana Cansian	Woodland	Literacy Interventionist	17% additional contract	11-120-100-101-000-030	retroactive to 1/17/23-2/3/23	modification in end date
8.	Heidi Lubrani	MTMS	7th/8th Grade Costume Assistant	\$800	11-401-100-100-000-080	2022-2023 school year	Yearly position
9.	Heidi Lubrani	MTMS	7th/8th Grade Stage Manager/Producer	\$1200	11-401-100-100-000-080	2022-2023 school year	Yearly position
10.	David Rattner	MTMS	7th & 8th Grade Assistant Choreographer	\$834	11-401-100-100-000-080	2022-2023 school year	Yearly position
11.	Susan Voza	Applegarth/Brookside/Woodland	Substitute Teacher - Elementary Art TAG	\$77.56 per session	11-120-100-101-000-020/11-120-100-101-000-030/11-120-100-101-000-050	retroactive to 1/31/23-5/31/23	New position
12.	Autumn Dawson	MTMS	Science Resource Personnel	\$1182 prorated	11-130-100-101-000-080	2/14/23-6/9/23	Leave position
13.	Lauren Dominick	MTMS	Math Resource Personnel	\$1182 prorated	11-130-100-101-000-080	4/1/23-6/30/23	Leave position
14.	Marisol Cruz	Brookside	Substitute STEM Teacher Zero Period	Instructional rate \$53.87	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position
15.	Beth Nagle	Brookside	Substitute STEM Teacher Zero Period	Instructional rate \$53.87	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position
16.	Samantha Cote	Woodland	Substitute STEM Teacher Zero Period	Instructional rate \$53.87	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position
17.	Tatiana Santo	Applegarth	Substitute STEM Teacher Zero Period	Instructional rate \$53.87	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position
18.	Susan Voza	Applegarth	Substitute STEM Teacher Zero Period	Instructional rate \$53.87	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position

AM. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following new non-certificated staff on the following guides (pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements):

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Gina Fatovic	Woodland	Spec. Ed. Para Autistic	Step 1 Spec. Ed+ toileting+ ed. degree \$15.13+\$2.00+\$2.50+\$1.00 for 6.75 hours	11-214-100-106-000-030	2/27/23-6/30/23	New position
2.	Lilian Tomasulo	Mill Lake	Spec. Ed. Para MD	Step 1 Spec. Ed. + toileting \$15.13+\$2.00+\$2.50 for 6.75 hours	11-212-100-106-000-040	2/27/23-6/30/23	New position

AN. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following non-certificate staff on the following guides:

	Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
1.	Tiffany Caccavale	Applegarth	Para cafe/resource	Step 1 Spec. Ed.+ ed. degree \$15.13+\$2.00+\$1.00 for 1.5 hours/Step 1 Reg. Ed.+ ed. degree \$15.13+\$1.00 for 2.25 hours for a total of 3.75 hours	11-000-262-107-000-050/11-213-100-106-000-050	2/2/23-6/30/23	Change in start date
2.	Donna Cianchetta	Mill Lake	10 month Secretary	Step 1 \$46,561 prorated 103.57% 7.25 hours	11-000-240-105-000-040	3/27/23-6/30/23	Transfer replacement
3.	Deepa Joseph	Woodland	Spec. Ed. Para Autistic	Step 1 Spec. Ed. + toileting \$15.13+\$2.00+\$2.50 for 6.75 hours	11-214-100-106-000-030	retroactive to 2/7/23-6/30/23	Resignation replacement
4.	Louise Baumann	MTMS	Principal's Secretary 12 month	Step 7 + principal secretary stipend \$60,274 +\$1,337 prorated + 20 years longevity+100.00 PD 103.57% 7.25 hours	11-000-240-105-000-080	retroactive to 2/6/23-3/27/23	Leave extension
5.	Lisa Church	MTMS	12 month Secretary	Step 2 \$56,274 prorated + \$100.00 PD 103.57% 7.25 hours	11-000-240-105-000-080	retroactive to 2/6/23-3/27/23	Leave extension
6.	Nancy LoMonaco	MTMS	10 month Secretary	Step 1 \$46,561 prorated 103.57% 7.25 hours	11-000-240-105-000-080	retroactive to 2/8/23-3/27/23	Leave extension
7.	Shannon White	Oak Tree	Para- Office/Cafe	Step 2 \$15.23 for an additional 2 hours for a total of 5.75 hours	11-000-262-107-000-060	2/16/23-6/30/23	Additional hours
8.	Alyson Senoff	Brookside	Para STEM Zero Period	Hourly step on guide for 2 hours per week	20-490-100-100-000-098	retroactive to 2/1/23-4/1/23	New position
9.	Genevieve Bassett	MTMS	Spec. Ed. Para 7th Grade Dance	Hourly step on guide for 2 hours	11-213-100-106-000-080	2/24/23	New position

Subject F. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

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 Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items A through I)

- A. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- B. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of requests for Field Trips.
- C. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Student Suspension Report for the month of January 2023.
- D. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following Policy and Regulation for a first reading:

P 5200	Attendance (M) (Revised)
R 5200	Attendance (M) (Revised)

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

P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised) (Bylaw)
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings (Revised) (Bylaw)
P 0164	Conduct of Board Meeting (Bylaw)
P 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
P 8140	Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)
R 8140	Enrollment Accounting (M) (Revised)
P 8330	Student Records (M) (Revised)
R 8330	Student Records (M) (Revised)
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats (M) (Revised)
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (M) (Revised)
R 8420.10	Active Shooter (M) (Revised)

- F. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education: (1) affirm the Superintendent's initial determination regarding the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying complaints set forth below; and (2) direct the Superintendent to provide notice of the Board's aforementioned decision to the parents of all involved students from the January 25, 2023 meeting:

240217

- G. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year:

Advanced Accounting
Graphic Design

- H. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following job description:

Lead Mechanic

- I. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board appoint **Dr. Adam Layman**, as the District's Anti-Bullying Coordinator effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. There is no additional compensation for this appointment.

File Attachments

[Policy and Regulation for first read.pdf \(603 KB\)](#)
[Policies and Regulations second and final read.pdf \(2,136 KB\)](#)
[Professional Development.pdf \(205 KB\)](#)

Subject G. BOARD ACTION (9 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

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 Superintendent's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items J through O)

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

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

L. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted list of Student Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

M. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Student Suspension Report for the month of January 2023.

N. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education: (1) affirm the Superintendent's initial determination regarding the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying complaints set forth below; and (2) direct the Superintendent to provide notice of the Board's aforementioned decision to the parents of all involved students from the January 25, 2023 meeting:

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240475
239857

O. It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve Dusti Bowling to provide two (2) full-day virtual visits on March 27, 2023 and March 28, 2023 along with 2 single virtual presentations for the Monroe Township Middle School in the amount of \$1,100.00.

File Attachments

[Student Teacher K-8.pdf \(31 KB\)](#)
[Professional Development K-8.pdf \(271 KB\)](#)

13. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**Subject A. BOARD ACTION (10 MEMBER VOTE)**

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 13. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'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 Business Administrator's Board Action section of the Agenda.

BOARD ACTION (Items A through L)

A. *PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

1. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the **Law Offices of David Rubin** to handle a School Ethics Commission matter, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6, at a rate of \$300.00 per hour. The Board will be responsible for fees up to a \$5,000.00 deductible, at which time any remaining fees will be covered by the District's insurance carrier.
2. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Collier School**, 160 Conover Rd, Wickatunk, NJ 07765, to provide educational services to district students placed in their facility.
3. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the **Law Office of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC** to handle a School Ethics Commission matter, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6. The Board will be responsible for fees up to a \$5,000.00 deductible, at which time any remaining fees will be covered by the District's insurance carrier.
4. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Gregory Grispart**, 3 Clark Drive, Hazlet, NJ 07730 as a Judge for the March 15, 2023 Jazz Festival at a total rate of \$300.00. The cost will be offset by admission sales.
5. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Ronald Heller**, 149 Lakedale Drive, Lawrenceville Township, NJ 08648 as a Judge for the March 15, 2023 Jazz Festival at a total rate of \$300.00. The cost will be offset by admission sales.

B. *BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$2,630,041.26 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed and certified by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Business Administrator. It is further recommended that the previously submitted Addendum to the Bill List totaling \$ 1,744,033.95 be ratified by the Board.

C. *TRANSFER #6

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve Transfer #6 for December 2022 for Fiscal Year 2022/23 as previously submitted.

D. *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 December 2022, 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 December 2022 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).

E. *BI-ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(2) 4, it is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Summary Reports for the six months ending December 31, 2022.

F. *DONATION/SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the Donation Agreement with **Staples the Office Superstore, LLC**, 166 Rt. 9 North Englishtown, NJ 07726 for the donation of school supply kits to the Monroe Township High School for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

G. *REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the revised list of 2023 Board of Education Meeting Dates as previously submitted, which correlates with the 2022/23 School Calendar.

H. *SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education desires to become a member of the **Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System**, #2-SOCCP, effective February 16, 2023 and, that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2023 and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless elects to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the previously submitted agreement for such membership.

I. *STUDENT INTERNSHIPS/GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

It is recommended that the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the previously submitted Agreement for Student Internships between **Georgian Court University** and the Board for the 2023/24 school year. The Board President and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this action by the Board.

J. *CARBON HEALTH SERVICES

It is recommended that the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the previously submitted Agreement between **Carbon Health Services** and the Monroe Township Board of Education to provide screening and testing for district students.

K. *TRAVEL EXPENDITURE 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 title's 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
Spring Education Symposium**

Date of Virtual Workshop	Workshop Fee
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April 25, 2023	\$99.00 per person
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Board Members/Staff attending

Karen Bierman	Gazala Bohra	Kate Rattner	Gail DiPane	Carmen Alvarez
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L. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Monroe Township High School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

File Attachments

[Staples Agreement.pdf \(143 KB\)](#)
[Revised 2023 BOE Meeting Dates.pdf \(86 KB\)](#)
[Somerset County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.pdf \(190 KB\)](#)
[Financials.pdf \(1,385 KB\)](#)
[Bi-Annual Report Ending December 2022.pdf \(29 KB\)](#)
[Georgian Court University Internship.pdf \(188 KB\)](#)
[Carbon Health Agreement.pdf \(228 KB\)](#)
[Addendum Bill List 2-15-23.pdf \(438 KB\)](#)
[Bill list for 2-15-23 Board Meeting.pdf \(216 KB\)](#)

Subject B. BOARD ACTION (9 MEMBER VOTE)

Meeting Feb 15, 2023 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY AGENDA

Category 13. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

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 M through W)**M. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

1. It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve **Patrick Mercuri**, 317 Linden Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057 as an Accompanist/Guitar for the Monroe Township Middle School (MTMS) Spring Chorus Concert at the following rates:

One Rehearsal (May 2023) at MTMS at the rate of \$125.00
One Performance (May 2023) at MTMS at the rate of \$150.00
One Performance (May 2023) at Rutgers University at the rate of \$150.00
Total fee of \$425.00

N. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Barclay Brook Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

O. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Brookside Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

P. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Monroe Township Middle School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.

2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Q. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Applegarth Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.

2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

R. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Oak Tree Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.

2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

S. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Woodland Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

T. WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board of Education"), a regular operating public school district in Middlesex County in the State of New Jersey has identified a project consisting of: Replacement of the telecommunications system at **Mill Lake Elementary School**; for which it wishes to seek the approval of the New Jersey Department of Education ("DOE") for a Regular Operating District Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, intends to submit a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for approval to the DOE for a Regular Operating District Grant.

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

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit to the DOE for approval, a School Facilities Project Application for the Project for Regular Operating District Grant funding.
2. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Business Administrator of the Board of Education to take all other actions necessary in order to obtain all approvals of the DOE and to obtain from the DOE the financial information (including the preliminary eligible cost letters) required in order to complete the proposals for submission to the Monroe Township Board of Education.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

U. *SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS/GRANT ACCEPTANCE

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education formally accept the **NJDOE Middle Grades Awareness and Exploration Comp Grant Award** in the amount of \$68,500.

V. CONTRACT RENEWAL / PREVENTION SPECIALIST

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the previously submitted Agreements between **Prevention Specialists Inc.**, 208 Monmouth Road, Suites 2 Oakhurst, NJ 07755 and the Monroe Township Board of Education for 2023 for the purpose of compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations ("FMCSR") regarding driver substance abuse/alcohol misuse testing and non-dot employee testing.

W. DONATION / MIDDLE SCHOOL

It is recommended that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education acknowledge and accept a donation of 45 scientific calculators to the Monroe Township Middle School from the Edison Academy Magnet School FBLA Club. The calculators have an approximate value of \$657.00.

File Attachments

[Prevention Specialist 2023.pdf \(1,241 KB\)](#)

14. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

15. OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

16. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject

A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

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Category 16. PUBLIC FORUM

Type Information

See Note 3.

17. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION IF NEEDED

18. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY IF APPLICABLE

Subject A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

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Category 18. PUBLIC FORUM - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY IF APPLICABLE

Type Information

See Note 3.

19. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 15, 2023

Subject A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 15, 2023

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Category 19. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MARCH 15, 2023

Type

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023 6:30 p.m.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Subject A. NOTES

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Category 20. 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 address.