

Minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on December 12, 2007 at the Monroe Township High School.

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

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich, Board President
Mr. Lew Kaufman, Board Vice President
Ms. Amy Antelis
Mr. Marvin I. Braverman
Mr. Joseph Homoki
Mr. John Leary
Ms. Kathy Leonard
Ms. Rita Ostrager
Mr. Ira Tessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Ms. Melissa Bonamici

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Ms. Upasana Natarajan

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Ralph Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dr. Christopher Tienken, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Veronica Geyer, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel

ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 65

After the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call, the Board President read the following statement:

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the Monroe Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted December 7, 2007:

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

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Tessler moved seconded by Ms. Leonard the adoption of the following resolution:

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

- a. Personnel – Terms and conditions with employees –
Technology Staff stipends
- b. Personnel – Salary of Employee #001043

The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the matters have been resolved.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Members of the Board of Education convened to closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Public Meeting Reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION: MONROE EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANTS

During this segment of the meeting, Ms. Kolupanowich stated that recipients of Monroe Education Foundation Grants would be honored and turned the meeting over to Dr. Ferrie. Dr. Ferrie introduced Dr. Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Ms. Andrea Ryan, on behalf of the Monroe Education Foundation. Ms. Ryan stated that the mission of the Monroe Education Foundation is to enhance education throughout the District. Ms. Ryan presented a Foundation check in the amount of \$35,019.61 to fund 19 grants. Next, Ms. Ryan mentioned and thanked Mr. Salvadore and Mr. Ungerleider for all their time and effort devoted to the Monroe Education Foundation. Dr. Tienken and Ms. Ryan announced each grant and honored the recipients. Board President Ms. Kolupanowich thanked members of the Monroe Education Foundation for supporting the students and staff of the Monroe School District.

A motion was made by Mr. Homoki and seconded by Mr. Leary to recommend that members of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of and accept, with sincere gratitude, a check in the amount of \$35,019.61 from the Monroe Education Foundation to fund 19 grants. Motion Carried Unanimously. A listing of the 2007/2008 approved grants is attached to the official set of minutes.

2007 BOND REFERENDUM (SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION) RESULTS –
Please refer to Transcript #1.

PUBLIC FORUM – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Antelis to approve the minutes for the Public Board of Education Meeting held on November 14, 2007. Motion Carried with Ms. Leonard and Mr. Tessler abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Ms. Antelis to approve the minutes for the Closed Session Meeting held on November 14, 2007. Motion Carried with Ms. Leonard and Mr. Tessler abstaining and Ms. Ostrager recusing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ENROLLMENT

Elementary and secondary (within the district)
Out of district placements

HOME INSTRUCTION

FIRE DRILLS – All schools

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Antelis that Personnel Items (A - R) be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call – All Yeas - Motion Carried Unanimously. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included where appropriate. A copy of the Personnel Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

Ms. Antelis made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Kaufman to approve Item S which was read by Dr. Ferrie. Roll Call – All Yeas - Motion Carried Unanimously. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included. A copy of Item S is attached to the official set of minutes.

Ms. Leonard made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Homoki to approve Item T which was read by Dr. Ferrie. Roll Call - Motion Carried with Mr. Leary recusing. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included. A copy of Item T is attached to the official set of minutes.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Tessler that Board Action items A-F be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call - All Yeas - Motion Carried Unanimously. The Jamesburg Board Member Representative vote is included where appropriate. A copy of the Board Action Section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Please refer to Transcript #2.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Ms. Bonamici spoke about the following events at the High School: Middlesex County Choral Festival, Hypnotist Show, Winter Chorus Concert, Winter Formal, and Teachers' Breakfast for the Holidays. Then, she spoke about the following events at Applegarth School: Salute to Veterans Day, and the 2nd Annual Turkey Teacher Tar & Feather Event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Please refer to Transcript #3.

OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS– Please refer to Transcript #3.

PUBLIC FORUM – Please refer to Transcript #3.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Antelis and seconded by Mr. Leary that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The public meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

TRANSCRIPT

**PUBLIC BOARD OF
EDUCATION
MEETING**

DECEMBER 12, 2007

1 (transcript part 1)

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time we will
3 go to number 7 on the agenda, the 2007 bond
4 referendum special school election results, and it
5 gives me great pleasure to let the public know that
6 the bond referendum we had yesterday passed by a
7 vote of 3,709 votes for yes, 2,747 no. This is a
8 very exciting time. We'll be building our high
9 school. The current 8th grade will be our first
10 graduating class when they graduate when we start
11 school in September of 2011 and graduate in June of
12 2012. So I'd like to thank the public for their
13 support. A lot of hard work went into this, and
14 it's very much appreciated by the Board of Education
15 and the community, and thank you for a good job.

16 DR. FERRIE: I would also like to thank
17 the community, the Board of Education, the township,
18 Mayor Pucci, Council President Tamburro, the
19 remainder of the Council, certainly all the folks
20 out there who you know who you are, who worked so
21 hard to make sure this was a successful endeavor.
22 So from the bottom of our hearts, thank you very
23 much, and hopefully we'll move forward and get this
24 high school built as soon as possible.

25 At this point, I guess we'll go to

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1 public forum. Before we do that, I also want to
2 acknowledge our administrative team that are here.
3 Administrative team, would you please stand up,
4 because I know you guys worked even with me, many of
5 you, for 7 years on this project, and stand up and
6 be acknowledged, because thank you very much. Hard
7 working group of people.

8 And I'm also going to go a little bit
9 out of order here because I do want to make an
10 introduction because we're going to have a break
11 here where we're going to say to all you folks, I
12 know you're eagerly waiting, go home because get
13 ready for tomorrow because tomorrow's going to be an
14 interesting day with the weather, but one of the
15 folks that we're recommending this evening as a
16 candidate for the assistant principal position in
17 Mill Lake School is here with us this evening so,
18 Erin Mahoney, would you please stand up to be
19 acknowledged? Erin's coming -- Erin is coming from
20 Highland Park, and a few years ago was actually the
21 Middlesex County teacher of the year, so Erin brings
22 tremendous experience from Highland Park to us, and
23 we look forward to, of course, pending approval
24 after this, I know it's a little out of order, you
25 being with us this year. Thank you.

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1 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Before we go to the
2 public forum, I just wanted everybody to know that a
3 copy of the results for the election can be found on
4 the table in the lobby.

5 (Transcript part 2)

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: At this time we will
7 move to the business administrator's report with Mr.
8 Holliday.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President and
10 members of the Board of Education, it is recommended
11 that Board action items A through P be approved by
12 consent roll call. Once a motion has been placed on
13 the table and seconded, I would defer to counsel to
14 explain item I.

15 MS. LEONARD: So moved.

16 MR. KAUFMAN: Second.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Leonard and Mr.
18 Kaufman.

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. That would be
20 Miss Leonard and Mr. Kaufman. Counselor.

21 MR. BUSCH: Thank you. Item I is a
22 resolution authorizing a Chicago title insurance
23 company to provide title insurance. The reason I'm
24 speaking now, at 45 minutes and 8 seconds after
25 3 o'clock on Monday, December 10, the Board, in

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1 fact, did accept the deed, which was recorded at the
2 county clerk's, and this resolution was prepared
3 beforehand, so for the official minutes in the
4 second whereas, which says the title is to be
5 conveyed, at the end, the official minutes should
6 reflect: "And title, in fact, has been conveyed on
7 December 10, 2007." Thank you.

8 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any
9 questions for Mr. Holliday? Seeing none, we will
10 have a roll call.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

12 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

13 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

14 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

15 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

16 MR. LEARY: Yes.

17 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

18 MR. TESSLER: Yes.

19 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

20 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

21 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

22 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

23 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.

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1 MS. ANTELIS: Yes.

2 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

3 MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

4 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

5 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

6 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,
7 the motion has passed. Madam Board President, I
8 would now like to introduce the resolution as item
9 Q. Board has it as well as the public, and it
10 requires a separate roll call. Item Q reads in
11 truncated format -- yes, yes, yes, yes, I am well
12 aware of this. It is recommended that the members
13 of the Board of Education approve the following
14 resolution entitled "Resolution of the Board of
15 Education of the Township of Monroe in the County of
16 Middlesex, New Jersey, making application to the
17 local finance board as related to the 2007 bond
18 referendum," which was passed.

19 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: That need a motion to
20 accept.

21 MS. LEONARD: So moved.

22 MR. HOMOKI: Second.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Leonard, Mr.
24 Homoki.

25 MR. HOLLIDAY: So noted. Miss Leonard

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1 Mr. Homoki.

2 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Are there any
3 questions for Mr. Holliday? Mr. Homoki.

4 MR. HOMOKI: I just have a comment.
5 It's absolutely essential that we approve this
6 because this is one of the first steps that we will
7 have in order to follow the steps that are necessary
8 to get the high school going. So it's absolutely
9 essential. It's a lot of technical data in here,
10 and we're -- since we're policy board, we just
11 simply authorize Mr. Holliday to pursue this and
12 start the process. So I hope everybody supports
13 this.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Then we
15 will have a roll call.

16 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Leary.

17 MR. LEARY: Yes.

18 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Tessler.

19 MR. TESSLER: Yes.

20 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Kaufman.

21 MR. KAUFMAN: Yes.

22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Faraone.

23 MS. FARAONE: Yes.

24 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Leonard.

25 MS. LEONARD: Yes.

1 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Ostrager.

2 MS. OSTRAGER: Yes.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Antelis.

4 MS. ANTELIS: Yes.

5 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Braverman.

6 MR. BRAVERMAN: Yes.

7 MR. HOLLIDAY: Mr. Homoki.

8 MR. HOMOKI: Yes.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Miss Kolupanowich.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Yes.

11 MR. HOLLIDAY: Madam Board President,

12 the motion is passed. Madam Board President, that

13 concludes the business administrator's report.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you.

15 (Transcript part 3)

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We will now go to our

17 committee reports. Is there any Board member who

18 has a committee report they need to report on? Mr.

19 Tessler.

20 MR. TESSLER: It's a community relations

21 report. We had a meeting on November 19, which was

22 before Thanksgiving. At that meeting, Dr. Ferrie

23 passed out materials to our representatives for the

24 PRC's about the referendum. We mentioned some

25 things about girls field hockey won the county

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1 tournament and our -- at that time our football team
2 won their first play-off game. Some things
3 happening at the library. Library, as you know,
4 construction is underway. The estimated schedule is
5 about 18 months. They'll be changing the entrances
6 and exits also to the library very soon. If you
7 want to follow the construction of the library, you
8 can look at their web site.

9 Some information from the PTO's and
10 PTA's. There was a yard sale that was unfortunately
11 rained out at the high school. They're going to try
12 again in the spring. I think our student board
13 member mentioned some other things on the high
14 school. Applegarth, they had a big success with a
15 Halloween dance. The Veterans Day program, which
16 was sponsored by the MEF, was a huge success.
17 There's been a holiday shops at Mill Lake and
18 Woodland. Mill Lake and Woodland have mini courses
19 that are going to be starting in January, which
20 parents volunteer their time to teach a course every
21 Friday, and they last for 6 weeks. Barclay Brook
22 and Brookside had their holiday shop. December 11
23 they had a craft fair, and the PTA holiday party
24 there was on December 10. From the town council,
25 they had a Veterans Day ceremony at the municipal

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1 center at Triangle Park. The Coalition For Peace
2 met on 11/26 with the League of Women Voters, and
3 not a lot going on in the PRC's really to mention,
4 and there's -- our next meeting will be in January.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Miss
7 Antelis.

8 MS. ANTELIS: I don't have a report
9 about the new high school action committee, but I
10 had been questioned by some people if we were going
11 to keep it together, and I really think we should.
12 Our work is certainly not done, and I know that
13 members of the community want to stay informed and
14 hear what's going on and what our next steps will
15 be. So I'll get together with you and Dr. Ferrie
16 and we'll plan our next meeting.

17 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone
18 else? Mr. Homoki.

19 MR. HOMOKI: Yeah, I was taking some
20 notes here before, and I just want to say a couple
21 of things about buildings and grounds. The Oak Tree
22 Elementary School is really on target. It's moving
23 quite fast. Every time I go past the place, there's
24 something else that they have done that I didn't see
25 the week before, and the other thing is I don't know

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1 how many reports I have given and others on the
2 Board on the progress of the land acquisition.
3 Well, this is my last report on the last -- on the
4 land acquisition. Now we will begin reporting on
5 the progress of the high school, and I just want to
6 say that it was a tough haul for everybody, and I'm
7 very glad we stuck with this because we knew that
8 eventually the land would be ours, and it's ours,
9 and now we're ready to roll. Thank you.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Mr.
11 Homoki. Anyone else? Patrice, Miss Faraone.

12 MS. FARAONE: We had a curriculum
13 meeting tonight, and we discussed the additions,
14 deletions, and revisions to the high school program
15 of studies and curriculum, which will be discussed
16 at the January meeting, and we are moving forward
17 with the French Honor Society request.

18 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay. Thank you.
19 Anyone else? Okay. We will go on to --

20 MR. BRAVERMAN: I do, yes.

21 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Braverman.

22 MR. BRAVERMAN: Policy.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Okay.

24 MR. BRAVERMAN: The year 2003 we took on
25 the task of reviewing all policies, writing new

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1 policies, both mandated by the state and those
2 recommended by our administrators. We finished
3 those tasks. Now 4 years later, we are starting to
4 review the old policies, and it's probably one of
5 the most exciting committees you could possibly be
6 on because we discuss everything that comes up, and
7 we really dive into it. For example, this past
8 week, we were talking about what really is a quorum
9 for this Board of Education. This is the Monroe
10 Board of Education. It's made up of nine people
11 from Monroe and one person from Jamesburg because of
12 the law. So should our quorum be six or should it
13 be five? We're running that by our attorney right
14 now.

15 The other policies that we talked about
16 or passed, either readopted or brushed up a little
17 bit, and we passed those earlier tonight. We're now
18 waiting proposal for awards for athletics and
19 academics. We're waiting for that for our next
20 meeting, and the meetings must be popular because we
21 doubled the number of public that appeared with us.
22 Thank you.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Any other committee
24 reports? Any questions for the committees? Then we
25 will go to number 14. Is there any business from

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1 any other member of the Board of Education? Miss
2 Ostrager.

3 MS. OSTRAGER: Now that we passed the
4 bond referendum and have the land, it seems that we
5 have a good plan in place for how we're eventually
6 going to meet all the facilities needs for the kids.
7 In September it looks like this elementary school is
8 going to open on time, and the current plan that we
9 have of moving K through 6 into the new elementary
10 school temporarily would provide the relief that we
11 really need for Brookside and Barclay Brook.

12 My remaining concern, as I've mentioned
13 before, is Applegarth, and I was wondering if the
14 facilities committee would consider at an upcoming
15 meeting to discuss various possibilities for maybe
16 different grade realignments or different ideas of
17 how we can use that new elementary school on a
18 temporary basis until the new high school opens to
19 provide some relief for Applegarth. I'll give you
20 an example. One idea I had come up with, and I'm
21 sure there's many more, and I think this is
22 something that would be a good thing for the
23 committee to discuss, is if, for example, we move
24 grade -- one grade up from Barclay Brook to
25 Brookside and moved 5th and 6th grade to the new

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1 elementary school. Then we might be able to move
2 the two nonlooping 7th grade teams to the new
3 elementary school, thereby relieving one-third of
4 the population from those three schools and give
5 everybody some relief. I'm sure there are a lot of
6 different ideas, but I was just thinking that we
7 have this opportunity. We have new classroom space
8 coming on line. Maybe we can provide the relief for
9 all of the kids until we can finally get the grade
10 alignment that we have. I don't know if I should
11 formalize that in a motion or if just Mr. Homoki
12 would be willing to just --

13 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: We would put it on
14 the agenda for next facilities meeting.

15 MS. OSTRAGER: Thank you very much.

16 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Miss
17 Antelis.

18 MS. ANTELIS: I would just like to say
19 through this experience with the vote, I had a
20 chance to go out there and meet some of our people
21 from our PTA's and PTO's. I no longer have children
22 in the school so I'm really not that involved, and I
23 just want to say that I think this has brought us
24 together as a community. I think Kids First is
25 phenomenal. Andrea, please tell them I said that

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1 publicly. I got a chance to work with them. I've
2 never seen a harder working group so dedicated to
3 the children in this town. The PTA's, the PTO's
4 worked so hard to get this passed. As a Board
5 member, I thank you. I think you're phenomenal, and
6 the children in this town really have a lot to look
7 forward to having you as parents on these -- with
8 these organizations, and I thank you. You're
9 wonderful.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Mr.
11 Tessler.

12 MR. TESSLER: I'll make it quick. I'd
13 just also like to agree with Amy, but I would like
14 to also recognize -- she's not here tonight -- one
15 person that has been involved with Kids First for
16 many, many years and who is what Andrea says is the
17 glue that holds everybody together is Jackie
18 Winters. She's been spearheading Kids First since
19 the -- before the first referendum, and without her,
20 I don't think this even could have happened, so I'd
21 just like to publicly thank her for all her efforts
22 in Kids First.

23 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Miss Leonard.

24 MS. LEONARD: Yeah, I have to agree with
25 Ira, and I told Jackie last night that she's the

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1 driving force behind Kids First. Everybody does a
2 lot of work, a tremendous amount of work that's
3 involved with them. I know that, but she is the
4 impetus. She's the one who gets everybody moving,
5 and I want to say it publicly. Thank you, Jackie.

6 Also, I really think we should have
7 taken me up on what I suggested last night and had
8 an unofficial ground breaking ceremony tonight over
9 there.

10 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you, Kathy.
11 Anyone else? Mr. Homoki.

12 MR. HOMOKI: I'd just like to say one
13 more thing, and Mr. Braverman is head of the policy
14 committee, and the way the state has been going last
15 couple of years with the new QSAC evaluation, the
16 policy manual, policy book is probably one of the
17 most important documents that they'll be looking at,
18 so I just want to pass that on to you. It really
19 has become the most important in the last couple of
20 years. The state really cares about what's in the
21 policy.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else? Okay.
23 Seeing no one, we will go to the public forum.
24 Anyone from the public wishing to speak, please come
25 to the microphone and state your name and address

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1 for the record. We are going to adhere to our
2 3-minute public forum limit.

3 MR. KLEIN: Okay. My name is Mark
4 Klein. I'm with the Regency. I came here to
5 congratulate you on the referendum passing, which is
6 hard for you to believe, but this is the first
7 meeting I've come to, and I want you to hear what I
8 see and what a lot of the taxpayers see that's gone
9 on in New Jersey, which all of you know. The Abbott
10 decision is what buried us in property taxes. You
11 have -- they're spending money per student in cities
12 like New Brunswick well above what we pay here.
13 Just some points that I wrote down just to give you
14 an idea. You have -- you now have 31 Abbott school
15 districts, which represents I understand about
16 50 percent of the total budget, the education budget
17 from New Jersey.

18 MR. LEARY: Over 50 percent.

19 MR. KLEIN: Over 50 percent. I have
20 down 50, 55 percent. The remainder is split between
21 almost 600 school districts, and you have winning
22 school districts like this, East Brunswick, where I
23 came from. I know Mr. Busch. And the parents are
24 paying for it. You go into New Brunswick, 9 percent
25 of the school budget is raised locally; 81 percent

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1 is from the State of New Jersey, our money that
2 should be coming here. They're building I believe
3 it's a new high school. Was approved at somewhere
4 around \$130 million.

5 MR. LEARY: One hundred eighty-seven
6 million.

7 MR. KLEIN: Higher yet. Thank you very
8 much.

9 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Mr. Leary.

10 MR. KLEIN: You know who's paying for
11 that? New Jersey. New Jersey is paying the whole
12 thing. We are lucky we got \$15 million for an
13 expenditure --

14 (End of tape 1)

15 MR. LEARY: I will.

16 MR. KLEIN: My point is this. I once
17 stood up at the school board meeting in East
18 Brunswick about something that was unfair. What I
19 want to do, and I ask Mr. Busch, what do we have to
20 do to go against the decision from the Supreme Court
21 which is a failure. These kids are still failing.
22 It's got nothing to do with money. Then in New
23 Brunswick in the inner cities they have charter
24 schools. Public schools were great for all of us to
25 get great educations, but now all of a sudden you're

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1 spending all this money in the inner city. They're
2 still failing, and you're taking the good kids out
3 that want to learn and you're putting them in a
4 charter school as compared to taking the bad kids
5 out, isolate them somewhere else so all these kids
6 could learn.

7 What I'm asking is, and I'll willing to
8 spearhead it, what do we have to do to wake up the
9 politicians, to wake up the Supreme Court to think
10 of the taxpayers in the suburban areas that have to
11 foot the bill on everything?

12 MR. BUSCH: Thank you, and thanks for
13 all your work.

14 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone
15 else from the public?

16 MS. FISHER: Hope Fisher, 22 Samantha
17 Drive. I just want to say first of all thank you to
18 the Board and to everyone who supported the
19 referendum and that this has been the most enjoyable
20 Board of Ed meeting I have attended in God only
21 knows how long. Thank you.

22 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Thank you. Anyone
23 else?

24 MR. GUNKELMAN: I would like to ask --

25 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Could you please give

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1 your name and address?

2 MR. GUNKELMAN: George Gunkelman, 5
3 Kelly Court, Monroe. If Wayne could give us a
4 little thumbnail of what the bond situation looks
5 like at the moment, you know, what kind of numbers
6 are we looking at, and is it -- does it follow along
7 the lines of our -- your projection that were
8 probably worked up a month or two ago.

9 MR. HOLLIDAY: Wayne Holliday. The
10 original projection that was struck on 9/13 called
11 for an interest rate of 4.25 percent. I anticipated
12 that the Federal Reserve would lower interest rates
13 in October. As you know, they lowered it by 50
14 basis points. I predicted likewise that they would
15 lower on December 11, yesterday, by 25 basis points.
16 They did. I consulted with some municipal bond
17 investors today. The prevailing rate for bonds that
18 were opened today were 4.25 percent, and that is
19 what I projected. We are aggressively trying to get
20 into the bond market as soon as possible. Everyone
21 knows this is my ninth bond referendum. I am very
22 aggressive in trying to get all the paperwork in,
23 done, and in order to get in as soon as possible in
24 its most favorably climate to get the best possible
25 interest rate for this district.

1 MR. GUNKELMAN: Thank you and thanks for
2 the effort.

3 MR. HOLLIDAY: Thank you.

4 MS. KOLUPANOWICH: Anyone else from the
5 public?

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DECEMBER 12, 2007

	<u>11/30/07</u>	<u>10/31/07</u>	Increase+ <u>Decrease-</u>	<u>11/30/06</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Applegarth School	770	772	- 2	672	+98
Barclay Brook School	714	710	+ 4	689	+25
Brookside School	965	965	0	931	+34
Mill Lake School	669	667	+ 2	689	-20
Woodland School	486	487	- 1	490	- 4
Monroe High School	<u>1528</u>	<u>1521</u>	<u>+ 7</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>+60</u>
Total Elementary & Secondary	5132	5122	+10	4939	193

I. Enrollment (cont'd)

	<u>11-30-07</u>	<u>10-31-07</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Academy Learning Ctr. Monroe	14	14	
Bancroft	0	1	-1
Bridge Academy	1	1	
Center for Voc Reh	1	1	
Center School, Highland Park	3	3	
Children's Ctr. At Monmouth	1	1	
Collier School, Wickatunk	2	2	
CPC High Point	4	3	+1
Jamesburg Student	2	2	
Eden Institute	2	2	
Hampton Academy Jamesburg Student	0	1	-1
Harbor School	2	2	
High Roads	6	6	
Jamesburg Student	2	2	
Joseph Cappello	2	2	
Kidspace	1	1	
Kiva High School Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Mary A Dobbins	1	1	
Mercer Elementary	1	1	
Mercer Jr./Sr. High School	2	2	
Jamesburg Student	2	3	-1
Mercer County Reg Day	3	4	-1
Midland School, North Branch	4	4	

Millstone River School WW/Plainsboro	1	1	
New Brunswick High School			
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Pine Ridge	1	1	
Piscataway Reg Day	1	1	
Princeton Child Development	1	1	
Raritan Valley Academy			
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Rugby School	2	2	
Schoth School	1	1	
Somerset Academy			
Jamesburg Student	1	1	
Somerset Hills Residential	1	1	
Spotswood H.S. Jamesburg Student	1	1	
State Fac/DCF	1	1	
Jamesburg Student	1		+1
Summit Speech	1	1	
UMDNJ Jamesburg Student	1	1	
TOTAL Monroe Students	60	61	-1
TOTAL Jamesburg Students	13	14	-1

II. Home Instruction

Student Number	Rea.	Gr.	Teachers	Sch.	Start Date	End Date	Hours Per/wk
1.	CST	PS	Romano	ML	9-5-07		10
2.	CST	UG	Fletcher	OD	9-5-07		5
3.	Med	UG	Oskierko	OD	9-5-07		10
4.	Med	12	Butler, OSundstrom, Tolboom	HS	9-20-07		10
5.	504	5	Sidler	BS	9-5-07		5
6.	504	12		HS	9-5-07		10
7.	504	5	Bowman	BS	9-5-07		5
8.	Med	12	Mazzola, Ielpi, Schwartz, Castaldo, Minter	HS	10-25-07		10
9.	SUS	12	Lyons, Friedman	HS	10-25-07		4
10.	504	11	Schwartz, Basmajian, Romano	HS	9-5-07		10
11.	SUS	9	Fennessy	HS	11-12-07		10
12.	SUS	10	Quest, Marmorek	HS	11-26-07	11-27-07	2
13.	504	12		HS	11-28-07		10
14.	SUS	10	Marmorek, Quest	HS	11-27-07	11-28-07	2

15.	Med	10	Bergen Reg Med	OD	10-10-07		10
16.	CST	12	Ongaro, Cleary, Beagan	HS	10-29-07		10
17.	Med	12	Schwartz, Tolboom	HS	11-26-07		10

III. Fire Drills

Applegarth School -----	November 21 and 29, 2007
Barclay Brook School -----	November 2 and 5, 2007
Brookside School -----	November 27 and 30, 2007
Mill Lake School -----	November 5 and 14, 2007
Woodland School -----	November 14 and 27, 2007
Monroe High School -----	November 16 and 30, 2007

IV. Personnel

- A. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Patricia Rein**, advisor of the High School Photography Club, effective November 15, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- B. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Mr. Erich Smith**, maintenance mechanic for the district, effective January 4, 2008.
- C. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of **Ms. Kathleen Paige**, teacher of Family & Consumer Science at the High School, effective December 26, 2007.
- D. It is recommended that the Board rescind the contract of **Ms. Marie Marretta**, paraprofessional for the Falcon Nest Pre-School at the High School.
- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the return to work of **Mr. James Culver**, custodian at the High School, effective November 26, 2007.
- F. It is recommended that the Board approve an unpaid medical leave of absence to **Ms. Kathleen Pietz**, driver in the Transportation Department, effective November 26, 2007 pending further action of the Board.
- G. It is recommended that the Board approve an extension of a maternity leave of absence to **Ms. Carolyn Powers**, social worker for the District effective January 3, 2008 through June 30, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave be without pay except to the extent Ms. Powers is entitled to utilize any sick days she may have available.
- H. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the maternity leave of **Ms. Susan Abatemarco**, LDTC at the High School, retroactive to November 12, 2007 through May 1, 2008. It is further recommended that this leave be without pay except to the extent Ms. Abatemarco is entitled to utilize any sick days she may have available.

- I. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the start date of **Ms. Pat Russo**, Special Education paraprofessional at Barclay Brook to read October 29, 2007. She was approved in the Superintendent's Report of November 14, 2007 effective October 24, 2007.
- J. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the suspension with pay of **Mr. John Karczewski** bus driver, retroactively from October 18, 2007 through November 15, 2007. The Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this action of the Board of Education.
- K. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the unpaid leave of absence of **Ms. Nawon Park**, ESL teacher at Mill Lake. Ms. Park was previously approved in the Superintendent's Report of November 14, 2007 for an unpaid leave of absence under FMLA effective December 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008. It should read unpaid leave of absence effective December 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- L. It is recommended that the Board approve a correction in the start date of **Ms. Melissa Hill**, Photography Club advisor, effective December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- M. It is recommended that the Board approve the modification in the contract of the following personnel at Applegarth School to reflect an additional section (due to a leave replacement) effective December 3, 2007 through December 21, 2007 (15 days):

Michele Murphy from 100% to 117%
 Cybele Posner from 100% to 133.33%
 Scott Weiner from 100% to 117%

- N. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated personnel at the following steps and guides:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Hours	Reason for hire
Nirva Baptiste	Special Ed paraprofessional	Off Site	Step 1 \$11.29/hr +\$1.00	11/26/07- 12/21/07	7 hours day	New position personal aide- 4 week assessment
Laurie Roth	Special Ed paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 1 \$11.29/hr + \$1.00	Retroactive to 11/15/07- 6/30/08	3.5 hrs/day	Correction to reflect \$1.00 extra special education
Tracy Lockwood	Special Ed paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 1 \$11.29/hr + \$1.00	Retroactive 12/5/07- 6/30/08	6.75 hrs/day	New position

Holly Daly	Special Ed paraprofessional	Barclay Brook	Step 1 \$11.29/hr +\$1.00	1/3/08- 6/30/08	3 hrs/day	New student in class
Edward Weiss	Bus Driver	Transportation	Step 2 \$19.24/hr	1/3/07- 6/30/08	6.0 hrs/day	Replacement position
Eleanor Walker	Bus Driver	Transportation	Step 2 \$19.24/hr	1/3/07- 6/30/08	6.0 hrs/day	Replacement position
Cathy Patten	Paraprofessional Falcon's Nest	MTHS	Step 1 \$11.29/hr	Retroactive to 11/26/07- 6/1/08	2 hrs/day	New Position
Delores McClain	Drama Producer (Production 2)	MTHS	Stipend	2007-2008	Stipend	

O. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated personnel at the following steps and guides:

Employee	Position	School	Salary Guide	Dates	Reason for hire
Amanda Mazuca	Spanish Teacher	Barclay Brook	Long term substitute rate \$150/day	1/3/08-6/30/08 (pending certification)	Leave replacement
Nicole Midura	Media Specialist	Barclay Brook	Step 8 MA	12/17/07- 6/30/08	Replacement position
Serena Fleming	Physical Education	Brookside	Step 1 BA \$42,535 75% prorated	1/3/07 – 6/30/08 pending certification	Replacement position
Susan Stasi	Social Studies	MTHS	Step 1 BA \$42,535 prorated	2/11/08-6/30/08	Leave replacement
Denise Rubino	Grade one	Barclay Brook	Step 1 BA \$42,535 prorated	2/1/08-6/30/08	Leave replacement
Erinn Mahoney	Vice Principal	Mill Lake School	\$82,000 prorated	On or before 2/12/08-6/30/08	Replacement position
Amy Farrell	Teacher of the Handicapped	MTHS	Step 1 \$42,535 prorated	12/3/07-6/30/08	Leave replacement
Kristen Palumbo	Teacher of the Handicapped ICS	Brookside	Step 1 BA \$42,535 prorated	12/17/07- 6/30/08	Leave replacement
Silvia Rego	Spanish-long term substitute	Applegarth	\$150/day pending certification	1/3/08-6/30/08	Leave replacement

Susanna Dieker	Occupational Therapist	Barclay Brook	\$65.00/hr 5 hrs per week	12/18/07- 6/30/08	Replacement position
Catherine Simmons	Language Art TAG	Applegarth	Stipend	Retroactive to 12/11/07- 6/30/08	New position
Renata Fiore	Language Art TAG	Applegarth	Stipend	Retroactive to 12/11/07- 6/30/08	New position
Denise Casilli	After School Basic Skills	Barclay Brook	MTEA negotiated contractual rate	12/13/07- 6/30/08 2 days per week	New position
John Gleason	After School Basic Skills	Barclay Brook	MTEA negotiated contractual rate	12/13/07- 6/30/08 2 days per week	New position
Kim Wasnesky	Social Worker	District	Step 3	1/3/08-6/30/08	Extension of contract-leave replacement
Robert Byrnes	Drama Director Production 2	MTHS	Stipend	2007-2008 school year	Advisory position

P. It is recommended that the Board approve an increase in hours for the following drivers in the Transportation department retroactive to December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Donna Poko	from 6 hrs/day to 6.25 hrs/day	extra time
Debra LaGola	from 6 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day	midday
Julie Magid	from 6 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day	midday
Roseann Bennett	from 6 hrs/day to 7.75 hrs/day	midday & end of day

Q. It is recommended that the Board approve a modification in the contracts of the following transportation paraprofessionals to reflect the special education rate (\$1.00 per hour) retroactive to September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Barbara LaRue
Nancy DeBella
Gloria Piatek
Karen Zambor

R. It is recommended that the Board approve the following appointments to be added to our 2007-2008 list of approved substitutes:

<i>Certificated</i>	
Francene Wilden	Substitute Teacher
Wendy Wittlieb	Substitute Teacher

V. Board Action

- A. Attached is the Report of Pupil Suspensions for the Month of November 2007.
- B. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of requests for Staff Professional Development.
- C. It is recommended that the Board approve the revision of the following bylaw:

164 Conduct of Board Meeting

- D. It is recommended that the Board approve the re-adoption of the following bylaws:

151 Organization Meeting
 152 Board Officers
 153 Annual Appointments
 154 Annual Motions and Designations
 161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation
 162 Notice of Board Meetings
 166 Executive Sessions

- E. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of changes for the 2008-2009 High School Program of Studies.

- F. **2007-2008 Violence/Substance Abuse/Estimated Violence/Vandalism Costs** previously reported for the period 7/1/07 through 12/10/07

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Incident</u>	<u>Cost to District</u>
11/1/07	MTHS	harassment, threat	
11/7/07	MTHS	fight	
12/3/07	MTHS	fight	

RE: Addendum to Superintendent's Report For December 12, 2007

DATE: December 12, 2007

IV. Personnel

- S. It is recommended that the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize stipends for Workstation Specialists for obtaining certain industry recognized certifications:

The following stipends would apply for the corresponding certifications:

Certification	Stipend amount
A+ Certification	\$750.00
MCSA (Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator)	\$1,500.00
MCSE (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer)	\$3,000.00

- T. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve a salary in the amount of \$92,658 retroactive to September 1, 2007 for Nancy Mitrocsak, Director of Food Services.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER 12, 2007

I. BOARD ACTION

A. BILL LIST

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$8,255,636.02 for October 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

B. BILL LIST – NEW HIGH SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2004)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,221.84 for October 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

C. BILL LIST–NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (BOND SERIES 2006)

It is recommended that the bills totaling \$1,455,199.73 for October 2007 be ratified by the Board. The bills have been reviewed by the Chairperson of the Finance/Buildings & Grounds/Transportation Committee and certified by the Board Secretary.

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 October 2007, 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 Board Secretary certifies that the October 2007 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. QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (Refer to attached documents for supplemental information.)

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION increasing the bid threshold and appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave boards of education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Holliday possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education desires to increase the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Monroe Township Board of Education, in the County of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey hereby increases its bid threshold to \$29,000 (twenty nine thousand dollars); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Wayne Holliday as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Wayne Holliday's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

F. TRANSFER #3

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve Transfer #3 as presented for fiscal year 2007/08. A copy is attached hereto.

G. CHANGE ORDER #1 – SEACOAST BUILDERS CORPORATION

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the Monroe Township Board of Education and Seacoast Builders Corporation in the amount of \$29,421.00 due to revised requirements of the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority after the bid award to Seacoast Builders Corporation transpired.

H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STREETLIGHT MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND FIXED COST AGREEMENT WITH JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT FOR THE NEW OAK TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education (“Monroe”) is in the process of constructing the new Oak Tree Elementary School and the design for the school provides for parking lot and street lighting to be supplied by Jersey Central Power and Light (“JCP&L”), as more particularly shown on Drawing SP-1.1, Site Layout and Dimension Plan, revised to February 2, 2007, as prepared by The Prisco Group; and

WHEREAS, JCP&L has submitted a Streetlight Modification Agreement dated October 22, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Monroe Business Administrator/Board Secretary, which provides for the installation of fixtures at \$405.45

per fixture, at a total cost of \$15,407.10, and monthly charges in accordance with Tariff rates; and

WHEREAS, JCP&L has submitted a Fixed Cost Agreement dated October 29, 2007, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Monroe Business Administrator/Board Secretary, which provides that JCP&L will install 38 - 250 Watt HPS Cobra Head Street Lights on 33-30' fiberglass standards with 6' brackets at a cost of \$66,760.30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of the Monroe Township Board of Education are authorized to sign the original of the aforesaid Streetlight Modification Agreement and the original of the aforesaid Fixed Cost Agreement which are attached herein.

I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE TITLE INSURANCE FOR LAND ON WHICH THE PROPOSED NEW MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Chicago Title Insurance Company has provided a title commitment to the Township of Monroe for property designated as Block 59, Lot 1.01 on the Municipal Tax Map of the Township of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe and the Monroe Township Board of Education have entered into an Interlocal Agreement whereby title to the subject property is to be conveyed to the Monroe Township Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the purchase of title insurance protecting the Monroe Township Board of Education from Chicago Title Insurance Company at a cost of \$9,403.00 for limits in the amount of \$3,400,700.00, the appraised value of the land.

J. AUTHORIZATION TO BID

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education authorize Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for and solicit bids for the installation of a closed circuit security system at Oak Tree Elementary School.

K. RESOLUTION – STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

It is recommended that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education filed a Site Plan Application with the County of Middlesex for the High School field replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Review Committee of the Middlesex County Planning Board has reviewed and approved the Site Plan Application, as more particularly set forth in a letter dated October 30, 2007, the original of which was directed to the Monroe Township Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 2 of the letter of October 30, 2007, requires the Monroe Township Board of Education to enter into a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and copies of all documents are on file in the Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement is necessary as a condition to the construction and installation of a new synthetic field at the existing football stadium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary/Business Administrator to sign the following Stormwater Maintenance Agreement.

Prepared By. Edwards Engineering Group County
Planning Board File #MO-SP-198

STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education, a New Jersey Public Agency, with offices at 423 Buckelew Avenue, 2.9 in Block 50, as shown on the Tax Map of Monroe Township, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, and;

WHEREAS, as a condition of the approval of the site plan granted by the Land Development Review Committee of the Middlesex County Planning Board, said approval dated October 30, 2007, and said approval requires the filing of a Restrictive Covenant in a form of the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement which requires the lot owners to maintain any detention facilities on the Premises; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, covenants, conditions and other good valuable considerations; of the site plan application entitled "Monroe High School Stadium Field Replacement Project", dated June 15, 2007 and last revised November 19, 2007; hereby declares that said Lot 1.21, Block 49, herein the above description, shall be held, sold and conveyed subject to the following restrictions, covenants and easements which shall run with the land and be binding

upon all parties who have any right, title or interest in the land, or any part thereof, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns and shall insure to their benefit; and the benefit of the Middlesex County Planning Board;

1. After the completion of the stormwater drainage system and any and all drainage swales/ detention/ retention/ drywells/ recharge facilities by the owner of the premises as they may from time to time be, shall be responsible for the continuing and perpetual maintenance of the stormwater management facilities and piping located on its premises in accordance with the site plan as prepared by William B. Edwards, P.E., of Edwards Engineering Group, PO Box 8437, Somerville, NJ 08876, entitled "Monroe High School Stadium Field Replacement"; which was approved by the Middlesex County Planning Board.

2. In the event that the owner shall fail to maintain the stormwater drainage system and any and all drainage swales/ detention/ retention/ drywells/ recharge facilities in reasonable order and condition, as may be determined periodically by a designee of the County of Middlesex and/or the Middlesex County Planning Board, the designee of the County of Middlesex and/or Middlesex County Planning Board may serve a written notice to the owner setting forth the manner in which the owner has failed to maintain the stormwater drainage system and any and all drainage swales/ detention/ retention/ drywells/ recharge facilities in reasonable condition, and said notice shall include a demand that such deficiencies or maintenance be cured within thirty-five (35) days thereof. If the deficiencies set forth in the original notice or in the modification thereof shall not be corrected within said thirty-five (35) days or any permitted extension thereof, the County of Middlesex, in order to preserve the stormwater drainage system and any and all drainage swales/ detention/ retention/ dry wells/ recharge facilities and maintain the same may enter upon and maintain same for period of time as the County may determine in its sole judgement.

IF, the County enters upon or maintains the stormwater drainage facilities at its discretion, then any cost and expenses including fees from Counsel in the above noted process shall be at the sole cost and expense of the owner. The County and/or its agents and/or its designees shall be held harmless and free of any liability of any kind whatsoever by the owner from any and all acts taken under the authority of the Restrictive Covenant in the form of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement if such actions are taken in good faith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Monroe Township Board of Education has signed, sealed and delivered the Restrictive Covenant in the form of a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement on _____, day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

APPLICANT:

(Type name of Person Attesting Witness and Title)

(Type name of Person , Corporation and Title)

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

Signed and sworn to before me on

_____, _____ 20____.

Notary Public

L. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

EXEMPT SERVICES – Awarded without competitive bidding as provided for under provisions of the Public School Contract Law:

1. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education appoint Dr. Thomas Vona to provide 20 days, not to exceed \$300 per day for state-mandated mentoring of alternate route teaching candidates.
2. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the enclosed agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and Applied Behavioral Concepts to provide specialized after school services.
3. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the Professional Services Agreement effective December 3, 2007 between Teachscape, Inc. and the Monroe Township Board of Education. Please refer to attached document for supplemental information.
4. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the firm of “Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company” to perform the 2007/08 audit in the amount of \$32,900 and the ASSA in the amount of \$3,850.00. It is further recommended that the firm of “Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company” be approved to perform other services during fiscal year 2007/08 as needed. Other services as may be required during the contract period, as requested, will be billed at rates as indicated below and determined by the degree of skill required for the respective services:

Partners or Principals	\$110.00 to \$150.00
Managers or Supervisors	\$85.00 to \$105.00
Staff Members or Para-Professionals	\$50.00 to \$80.00

Please refer to the enclosed document for supplemental information.

M. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES AS PART OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS LIGHTING PROJECT

It is recommended that Members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education awarded a Contract for sports lighting and scoreboard and Field House (concession building) electrical service upgrade; and

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light (“JCP&L”) has submitted an Agreement for Installation of Electric Distribution Facilities dated October 12, 2007, in accordance with the electrical design detailed on Drawing C2, Schematic Pole Location & Conduit Routes and Drawing C3, Field House Schematic, both revised to June 27, 2007, as prepared by Edwards Engineering Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement is on file in the Office of the Monroe Township Board of Education Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that JCP&L will install 1 Span #2 AL Primary, 3-75 KVA 277/480 Volt Bank, Connect Customer Owned UG Service with a balance of \$9,061.11 which becomes the Revenue Offset Allowance and payments as more particularly set forth in the form of Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that the President and Secretary of the Monroe Township Board of Education are authorized to sign the aforesaid Agreement.

N. TRAVEL EXPENDITURE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education is required pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A: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 New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA)

and National School Boards Association (NSBA) and set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of board members' duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs sponsored by NJSBA and NSBA 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 and NSBA 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 and NSBA programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within 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 equal to that of the Federal Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate is a reasonable rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in the NJSBA and NSBA 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 school board members listed at the following NJSBA and NSBA training and informational programs, and the cost 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 and NSBA training programs and informational events:

Program Name	Date	Board Member	Event Cost (per person)	Hotel (Per night)	# nights	Meals
NJSBA QSAC Mandatory Training	After 1/22 web-based	Rita Ostrager	\$32.00			
NJSBA QSAC Mandatory Training	After 1/22 web-	Amy Antelis	\$32.00			

	based					
NJSBASponsored Legislative Reception	1/8/08	Amy Antelis	Parking			
NSBA 35 th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference (2/3,4,5, 2008)	2/2 – 2/5	Amy Antelis	\$570	\$195 plus taxes and parking	4	\$54 per day for 3 days
NSBA 35 th Annual Federal Relations Network Conference (2/3,4,5, 2008)	2/2 – 2/5	Kathy Kolupanowich	\$570	\$195 plus taxes and parking	4	\$54 per day for 3 days

O. RESOLUTION- HIGH ROAD SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education has entered into Contracts with High Road School, an approved private school for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, High Road Schools of New Jersey, Inc., has notified the Monroe Township Board of Education that it is changing its name to New Road Schools of New Jersey, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Monroe Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes an assignment of all agreements with High Road School to New Road Schools of New Jersey, Inc., and further authorizes the Board President and Board Secretary to sign any and all documents necessary to recognize the assignment.

P. SALE OF DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Business Administrator/Board Secretary Wayne Holliday to advertise for and to accept sealed bids for the sale of the following district equipment and vehicles:

89 iMacs
 1988 Dodge Snow Commander Pick-up; Vin – 1B7KW2455JS797621
 1984 Dodge Snow Commander Pick-up; Vin – 1B7KW34WXES372030
 LM Laser Master/Rip Station with monitor and keyboard
 LM Laser Master Press Mate – FS Film Setter
 AB Dick Printing Press – Model 9849
 Multilith Offset Printer – Model 1250
 Challenge Paper Cutter
 NuArc Platemaker Model FT26V3UP

Q. RESOLUTION – APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

It is recommended that members of the Board of Education approve the following resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:24-7

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE (the “Board”) has heretofore authorized the construction of a new Monroe High School, including any necessary improvements, upgrades, appurtenances, equipment, furniture and site work pursuant to the provisions of Title 18A, Education, of the New Jersey Statutes and by virtue of a proposal adopted by the Board of Education on September 26, 2007 and approved by the legally qualified voters of the Monroe Township School District at a special school election held on December 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its review and/or approval of a nonconforming maturity schedule in connection with its proposed authorization of not to exceed \$41,900,000 School District Bonds, Series 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes:

(a) the maturity schedule limitation set forth in N.J.S.A.18A:24-6 will adversely affect the financial position of the Board;

(b) it is in the public interest to construct the high school and to adopt a nonconforming maturity schedule;

(c) said construction of the high school and said adoption of a nonconforming maturity schedule are for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the Monroe Township School District;

(d) the amounts to be expended for said construction of the high school are not unreasonable or exorbitant;

(e) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the Monroe Township School District and will not materially impair the credit of the Board or substantially reduce the Board’s ability to pay punctually the principal of and interest on its debts and to supply other essential public improvements or services; and

(f) the proposal will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD, as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Board's Financial Advisor, the Board's Bond Counsel and other representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Board in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The application is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Local Finance Board.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by N.J.S.A. 18A:24-8.

Section 4. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Board's Bond Counsel and/or Financial Advisor to be included in the application.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above action authorizes the Business Administrator to sign and administer contracts and/or purchase orders.

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
Prepared by

DECEMBER 12, 2007
Meeting Date