

Minutes of the Special Public Board of Education Meeting held on May 20, 2008 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Amy Antelis at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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Ms. Melissa Bonamici
Ms. Upasana Natarajan

STAFF

Dr. Ralph Ferrie, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dr. Veronica Geyer, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

BOARD ATTORNEY

Mr. Bertram E. Busch, Esq.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 5

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 May 16, 2008:

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

INTERVIEWING THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS TO FACILITATE A SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Members of the Board of Education interviewed Kathy Winecoff and MaryAnn Friedman associates with New Jersey School Boards Association as related to facilitating a search for a superintendent of schools. Next, Members of the Board of Education interviewed Dr. Judith Ferguson and Ronald Knauf, associates with Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, Ltd. as related to facilitating a search for a superintendent of schools. Then, Members of the Board of Education interviewed Jacqueline A. Roy (via speaker telephone), of J.A. Roy Associates as related to facilitating a search for a superintendent of schools.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Thomas Nothstein, 15 Nathaniel Street inquired as to how the Board determined which search organizations would be interviewed before the Board. Ms Antelis responded that Dr. Ferrie and Mr. Holliday were asked to identify search organizations that could provide this service. Then, Mr. Nothstein asked how many search organizations were contacted and if they were given a set of criteria to follow. Mr. Holliday responded that five search organizations were contacted; however, two search organizations did not submit a proposal. Next, Mr. Holliday stated that the criteria was left totally open ended so as not to place any restrictions or bias on any search organization. Lastly, Mr. Nothstein asked if there would there be a possibility of recruiting an interim superintendent and Ms. Antelis said that would be up to the members of the Board of Education to decide.

Ms. Joyce Ragucci, 121 Hoffman Road stated, that in her opinion, a national search organization is not essential.

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION

Mr. Tessler moved, seconded by Mr. Leary 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:

contract negotiations and lawyer-client privilege related to selecting an organization to facilitate a search for Superintendent of Schools.

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

Members of the Board of Education convened into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

Members of the Board of Education reconvened to the Public Meeting at 8:10p.m.

BOARD ACTION: THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE A SEARCH FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Mr. Braverman and seconded by Ms. Ostrager to approve the attached resolution authorizing a contract for extraordinary unspecifiable services to New Jersey School Boards Association to facilitate a search for a Superintendent of Schools. Roll Call – Motion Carried 9 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Braverman and seconded by Mr. Leary that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried. The public meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR