

Minutes of the Special Public Board of Education meeting held on June 2, 2008 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Amy Antelis at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Ms. Rita Ostrager

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

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  
Dr. Christopher Tienken, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Veronica Geyer, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel  
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Assistant Business Administrator

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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 30, 2008:

1. At all Schools,

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

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Antelis suggested that members of the Board of Education begin a discussion as to whether advertising for an interim superintendent should be done internally, or both internally and externally. Dr. Ferrie indicated that the cost for an advertisement in the Star Ledger is approximately \$1,700. to \$2,000. Mr. Braverman stated that the advertisement should be only internal and that to advertise externally would be a waste of money. Ms. Faraone questioned whether there were any internal candidates that might be interested. Mr. Leary stated that in his opinion it is necessary to go beyond an internal advertisement. Then, Mr. Kaufman suggested that the Board should first internally canvass and then externally advertise if necessary. Mr. Chiarella, Mr. Tessler, and Ms. Leonard all stated they agreed with Mr. Kaufman. Ms. Antelis, also, agreed and suggested that Dr. Ferrie internally post for the position. Furthermore, Ms. Antelis suggested that the Board should convene a Special Public Board Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> to interview any internal candidates.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

#### BOARD ACTION

Mr. Kaufman made a motion seconded by Ms. Leonard that Dr. Ferrie post internally, with a submittal due date of June 6<sup>th</sup>, for the position of Interim Superintendent. Roll Call – All yeas – Motion Carried.

Mr. Kaufman moved seconded by Ms. Leonard to recommend that the Board authorize a Special Board of Education Meeting to convene on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; whereby, the purpose of the special meeting is for the potential appointment of an Interim Superintendent and to discuss and establish criteria for a new Superintendent of Schools. Roll Call – All Yeas – Motion Carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman and seconded by Mr. Tessler that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The Special Public Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Gorski, CPA  
ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR