

Minutes of the Public Board of Education meeting held on June 9, 2008 at the Monroe Township High School.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Lew Kaufman at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Amy Antelis, Board President
Mr. Marvin Braverman

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Ms. Patrice Faraone

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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Ms. Melissa Bonamici
Ms. Upasana Natarajan

STAFF

Mr. Wayne Holliday, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 3

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 June 6, 2008:

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

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA FOR THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Ms. Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association Field Service Representative discussed with members of the Board of Education the following topics:

1. Superintendent Search Calendar;
2. the advertisement for a Superintendent of Schools; whereby, members of the Board of Education determined that the advertisement would be placed in “The Star Ledger”, professional journals, and various web sites;
3. the application process;
4. then, Members of the Board of Education discussed and submitted essay topics for perspective applicants;
5. lastly, members of the Board of Education discussed the importance of an applicant to have a doctoral degree; members of the Board of Education determined that a doctoral degree should be required.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION

Ms. Kolupanowich 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:

Personnel: Interview candidates for the position of Interim Superintendent.

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 6:45 p.m.

Members of the Board of Education reconvened to the Public Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Leary that Members of the Board of Education appoint Mr. Joseph King as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2008, subject to the negotiation of an employment contract acceptable to the parties, pending further action of the Board. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Board Attorney, acting on the Board's behalf, are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to implement this action of the Board of Education. Motion Carried Unanimously – 8 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Ostrager and seconded by Mr. Tessler that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried Unanimously. The Special Public Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYNE HOLLIDAY
BOARD SECRETARY/
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

MOVE TO JUNE 25,..... GET STUDENT PLAQUE..... HOMOKI????

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Board President Kathy Kolupanowich, Superintendent Dr. Ferrie, Board Member Mr. Kaufman and Supervisor of Athletics/Student Activities Mr. David Kirk honored and presented plaques to students for their participation in the following sports: Boys Tennis; Golf; Baseball; Girls Spring Track; Boys Spring Track; and Softball.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Board President Kathy Kolupanowich spoke about the achievements and future plans for Student Board Members Ms. Antonello, Mr. Malvone and Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard presented a plaque to Student Board Member Mr. Leonard. Ms. Kolupanowich, also, thanked the students for their contributions to the Board of Education as Student Board Members.