

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

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Michele Arminio
Mr. Marvin Braverman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Ms. Jill DeMaio
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Ms. Patricia Lang
Ms. Dawn Quarino
Mr. Steven Riback
Mr. Frank Russo

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Paul Rutsky

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - approximately 17

After the Pledge of Allegiance a motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Ms. DeMaio that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education appoint Mr. Steven Riback as temporary Board Secretary for this meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. Motion carried.

After the roll call, Mr. Riback 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 18, 2018:

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

Ms. Arminio raised a concern that there was only one public forum listed on the agenda. Ms. Arminio stated that according to board policy there should be three public forums, therefore she objects to the format of the agenda this evening.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Mr. Rutsky to approve the motion to authorize professional development. Roll call 9-0-0-1-0. Motion carried with Ms. Lang recusing.

MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN INSURANCE CONSORTIUM THROUGH NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP

A motion was made by Ms. Lang and seconded by Mr. Rutsky to approve the motion to participate in Insurance Consortium through New Jersey Schools Insurance Group. Roll call 8-0-2-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Braverman and Mr. Russo abstaining.

MOTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ms. Arminio and seconded by Ms. Lang to approve the motion to become a member of the Fair Funding Action Committee.

Ms. Kolupanowich gave a brief synopsis of the New Jersey School Board Association's Advocating for Your District's Funding presentation that she attended last night which brought about the resolution to join the Fair Funding Action Committee.

After much deliberation by the Board which included ways to get information from this committee distributed to the public and how the Board should fight this fight, a roll call was taken to approve becoming a member of the Fair Funding Action Committee. Roll Call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Mr. Braverman to sue the State for fair funding. Roll call 8-1-1-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Braverman voting no and Mr. Rutsky abstaining.

A motion was made by Ms. Lang and seconded by Ms. Arminio to amend the previous motion made by Mr. Chiarella, to develop a plan; including cost; timeline and desired outcomes in order to bring to our July meeting to further discussion regarding filing a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey. Roll call 9-0-1-0-0. Motion carried with Mr. Rutsky abstaining.

PUBLIC FORUM

Anthony Prezioso 8 Equestrian Way - suggested that the Board sue the state for discrimination, as he believes that the district children are being discriminated against with the lack of State funding they receive. Next, Mr. Prezioso inquired when Dr. Kozak received his letter stating that he would not be renewed. Ms. Kolupanowich responded that it is a personnel matter and confidential and she will not be speaking on it.

Victor Cooper 525 Abbott Court - stated that he supports Mr. Chiarella in his efforts to sue the State. Mr. Cooper expressed support for Dr. Kozak's contract.

Andy Paluri 16 Saint James Street – thanked the Board for the contract offered to the MTEA and commended Mr. Rutsky for his knowledge and representation that he brings to the Board. Next, Mr. Paluri provided an update from the fair funding committee and clarified some items regarding suing the State.

Prakash Parab 33 Dayna Drive – spoke in regard to the lack of state aid funding. Mr. Parab inquired about Dr. Kozak's contract. Next, Mr. Parab inquired about the armed security guard

policy and the homework policy. Lastly, Mr. Parab inquired what the next referendum will contain.

Chrissy Skurbe 21 Preakness Drive – inquired about the policy regarding public forums during board meetings. Ms. Skurbe also spoke in regards to suing the State for fair funding.

Krishna Tekale 11 Jake Place – inquired why the superintendent’s contract is a confidential matter and the status and details of the superintendent search.

Ira Nelson 87 Crescent Way – spoke in support Mr. Chiarella’s idea of suing the State for lack of fair funding. Mr. Nelson also inquired about the reasons the referendum was voted down.

Ram Ranganath 6 Owens Drive – inquired what the procedure was for the appointment or lack of appointment for a superintendent. Mr. Ranganath also stressed disappointment with the progress of the next referendum.

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):

- School Ethics Issues/Personnel & Matters Falling Within the Attorney-Client Privilege with Respect to these Subjects.

Following closed session, action may be taken. The discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public at such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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

Ms. Quarino and Mr. Russo were not in attendance for a portion of the closed session meeting.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:27p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Mr. Braverman dismissed himself from the meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Ms. Lang that the Monroe Township Board of Education directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, through the Human Resources Department, to initiate the posting for five school days, of the position of Acting Superintendent of Schools. The position start date of July 1, 2018. I further move that in the event that there are no qualified internal applicants meeting Board approval, the Board directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through the Human Resources Department, to advertise for five school days the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools with the position start date of July 1, 2018. Roll call 6-1-0-0-3. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio voting no.

Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education held on May 23, 2018 at the Monroe Township High School

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Lang and seconded by Ms. DeMaio that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Gorski".

Michael C. Gorski, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



**Wednesday, May 23, 2018
MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING 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
7:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	A. BOARD MEMBERS
Meeting	May 23, 2018 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information

- Ms. Michele Arminio
- Mr. Marvin Braverman
- Mr. Ken Chiarella
- Ms. Jill DeMaio
- Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
- Ms. Patricia Lang
- Ms. Dawn Quarino
- Mr. Steven Riback
- Mr. Frank Russo

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sreeja Mamillapalli

Ms. Stefani Scalisi

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	May 23, 2018 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	4. STATEMENT
Access	Public
Type	Information

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5. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Subject	A. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Meeting	May 23, 2018 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	5. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Access	Public
Type	

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:

NJSBA

Board Member	Date	Title of workshop	Workshop fee	Transportation
Patricia Lang	June 1, 2018	School Security & Student Safety Conference	\$99.00 for NJSBA Members	\$25.00

6. MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN INSURANCE CONSORTIUM THROUGH NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP

Subject **A. MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN INSURANCE CONSORTIUM THROUGH NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP**

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Category 6. MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN INSURANCE CONSORTIUM THROUGH NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP

Access Public

Type

NEW JERSEY SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP EDUCATIONAL RISK & INSURANCE CONSORTIUM - NORTH INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT RESOLUTION TO JOIN / RENEW MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq., enables boards of education to join with other boards of education in school board insurance trusts for the purpose of forming self-insurance pools;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ("NJSIG") is a joint insurance fund authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Monroe Township Board of Education, herein after referred to as the "Educational Institution," has resolved to apply for and/or renew its membership with NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution certifies that it has not defaulted on a claim, and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of its application to NJSIG;

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution desires to secure protection, services, and savings relating to insurance and self-insurance for itself and its departments and employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Educational Institution finds that the best and most efficient way of securing this protection and services is by cooperating with other boards of education in the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. This agreement is made by and between NJSIG and the Educational Institution;
2. The Educational Institution joins with other boards of education in organizing and becoming members of NJSIG pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-3(a), for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2018, and ending July 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.;
3. In consideration of membership in NJSIG, the Educational Institution agrees that for those types of coverage in which it participates, the Educational Institution shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities of each and every member of NJSIG to such agreement arising from their participation in NJSIG. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the Educational Institution is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to NJSIG in accordance with the bylaws thereof, the plan of risk management, this Agreement and any applicable statute or regulation;
4. The Educational Institution and NJSIG agree that NJSIG shall hold all monies paid by the Educational Institution to NJSIG as fiduciaries for the benefit of NJSIG claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations;
5. NJSIG shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable;
6. By adoption and signing of this resolution, the Educational Institution is hereby joining NJSIG in accordance with the terms of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership, effective the date indicated below, for the types of insurance as indicated in the Insurance Binder issued by NJSIG;
7. The Educational Institution hereby ratifies and affirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of NJSIG, and as from time to time amended by NJSIG and/or the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking and Insurance, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re-executed contemporaneously herewith;
8. The Educational Institution agrees to be a participating member of NJSIG for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership, including, but not limited to the NJSIG's Plan of Risk Management;
9. The Educational Institution under its obligations as a member of NJSIG agrees to allow for safety inspections of its properties, to pay contributions in a timely fashion and to comply with the bylaws and standards of participation of NJSIG including the plan of risk management;
10. If NJSIG, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the Educational Institution agrees to reimburse NJSIG for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand;
11. The Business Administrator is hereby authorized in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., to execute such contracts and documentation with NJSIG as is necessary to effectuate this resolution; and,
12. The Business Administrator is directed to send a certified copy of this Indemnity and Trust Agreement and Resolution to Join / Renew Membership to NJSIG.

7. MOTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE

Subject	A. MOTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE
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Category	7. MOTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE

Access Public

Type

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE

Whereas, pursuant to the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA), the Monroe Township School District is an underfunded school district;

Whereas, attention must be called to the Commissioner of Education, legislators, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, demanding that our public schools are funded equitably;

Whereas, the Fair Funding Action Committee is recognized as a statewide fair school funding activist organization with the ability to coordinate and connect other underfunded school districts statewide;

Whereas, the Fair Funding Action Committee’s objective is to achieve full and equitable school funding for all of New Jersey’s Public Schools through the allocations of state school aid in accordance with SFRA, without applying adjustment aid (“Hold Harmless Aid”) or enrollment growth caps in time for Boards of Education to construct their next school budgets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby becomes a member of the Fair Funding Action Committee.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
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Category	8. PUBLIC FORUM
Access	Public
Type	Information

See Note 3.

9. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject	A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Meeting	May 23, 2018 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	9. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Access	Public
Type	

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10. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Subject **A. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS**

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Category 10. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Access Public

Type
DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **A. Notes**

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Category 11. ADJOURNMENT

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NOTES

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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.

To the extent the Jamesburg Representative inadvertently votes on any other matter, his vote shall not be counted.

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.

