Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education held on June 7, 2018 at the Monroe Township High School

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

Mr. Steven Riback

Mr. Frank Russo (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Paul Rutsky (arrived at 8:45 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE ABSENT

Ms. Dawn Quarino

Ms. Patricia Lang

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - approximately 11

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. Riback as temporary Board Secretary for this meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio opposing.

After the roll call, the 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 June 1, 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 concerned 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.

PUBLIC FORUM

Krishna Tekale 11 Jake Place - spoke in support of Dr. Kozak and his performance in the district. Next, Mr. Tekale inquired about the process and status of a new referendum. Lastly, Mr. Tekale inquired about the selection process for the steering committee.

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Prakash Parab 33 Dayna Drive - inquired about the superintendent renewal process and spoke in support of Dr. Kozak. Mr. Parab stated his disappointment with the board of education in the past several months.

Raghu Chitturi 23 Green Ash Street - spoke in support of Dr. Kozak and requested transparency from the board of education. Mr. Chitturi also inquired about the status of the referendum and the new superintendent's contributions toward it.

Chrissy Skurbe 21 Preakness Drive – spoke in regards to the superintendent interviews and deliberation process listed on the agenda this evening. Ms. Skurbe stressed her concerns regarding the assistant superintendent's potential appointment.

Ram Ranganath 6 Owens Drive – spoke in support of renewing Dr. Kozak.

Naga Vajha 15 Harvestview Drive – inquired about the reasons the referendum failed and the status and timeline of a new one.

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):

• Acting Superintendent Search/Deliberation Process

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 Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Ms. Arminio that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio opposing.

Ms. Arminio stressed her concerns relating to the closed session subject stating that it is a dubious procedure.

Mr. Chiarella inquired if they would be voting after closed session discussion and stated that he believes that Mr. Russo should be able to vote as he is no longer conflicted.

Mr. Russo was not in attendance for the closed session discussion and was informed by Ms. Kolupanowich that he was unable to vote this evening on superintendent issues as he is still a conflicted board member.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:37p.m. Returned to Public Meeting at 11:55 p.m.

Mr. Braverman dismissed himself from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Gorski, CPA

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Merchant.



Thursday, June 7, 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.

Any member of the public may record the proceedings of a public meeting of the Board in a manner that does not interrupt the proceedings, inhibit the conduct of the meeting, or distract Board Members or other observers present at the meeting.

The Board will permit the use of tape recorders, still or movie cameras, or videotape cameras only when notice of such intended use has been given to the Board Secretary one day in advance of the meeting. Any video recording device must be located and operated from inconspicuous locations in the meeting room as determined by the presiding officer of the meeting. The presiding officer may also limit the number of video recording devices if he/she determines the number and position of the video recording devices will be an unnecessary intrusion to the meeting. In this event, preference will be given based on the order in which prior notice requesting to record the meeting was provided to the Board Secretary.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject

A. BOARD MEMBERS

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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

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4. STATEMENT

Access

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5. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject

A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)

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5. PUBLIC FORUM

Access

Public

Type

See Note 3.

6. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject

A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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7. ADJOURNMENT

Subject

A. NOTES

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7. ADJOURNMENT

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Action

NOTES

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Note 2: The Jamesburg Representative shall be eligible to vote on only those matters specifically designated in <u>N.J.S.A</u> 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.