

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

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Michele Arminio
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Ms. Jill DeMaio
Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
Ms. Patricia Lang
Mr. Andy Paluri
Mr. Steven Riback
Ms. Rupa Siegel
Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Robert Goodall, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dori Alvich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 23

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and the roll call, the Board Secretary 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 7, 2019:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Mark Klein 7 Crenshaw Court - requested that members of the public be notified with they only have 30 seconds left while speaking at public forum. Mr. Klein reported that the Edison Board of Education is suing their township zoning and planning boards and indicated that it doesn't make sense that Monroe doesn't have a case to sue. Mr. Klein also spoke of pending construction in Monroe.

Jyoti Pulimamidi 5 Whitson Lane – stated that the Board should be looking at raising more funds to increase the Budget to provide more services for the students. Ms. Pulimamidi suggested administration look at ways to bring community after school activities into the District to raise funds. Lastly, Ms. Pulimamidi stated that she would like to be a member of the new ad hoc committee if there is room available.

MTHS Student V.P.- inquired what actions have been taken regarding restoring the after school busing.

Rodger Meaney 22 Harrigan Avenue – spoke in regards to the curb and sidewalk fund that builders contribute to when they do not install sidewalks. Mr. Meaney suggested submitting an OPRA Request to the town regarding such.

Sri Rachakonda 20 Jake place - spoke in regard to re-instating the after school busing. Mr. Rachakonda inquired why it wasn't included when the other transportation cuts were restored. Mr. Rachakonda stated that it is unfair that some but not all of the transportation cuts were not restored.

Pradeep Melam 4 Jake Place – inquired about the proposal for the after school busing and why it wasn't presented at the BG&T meeting earlier this evening. Ms. Kolupanowich responded that a recommendation to the full Board will be forthcoming from the Finance Committee after the scheduled meeting on June 19th.

Krishna Teknale 11 Jake Place – inquired about the surplus in the Budget and the anticipated tax revenues from new students coming into the district. Mr. Teknale also inquired about the possibility of the District consolidating with other school district.

Vish Pothapu 47 Green Ash Street – inquired about the process of starting a new club and the funds that would be needed.

Surendra Anchula 22 Jake Place – inquired about the transportation for TAG students and the plan for courtesy busing for the 20/21 school year. Next, Mr. Anchula inquired if any STEM programs have been cut to restore the courtesy busing.

Prakash Parab 33 Dayna Drive – inquired about a law that would allow the District to exceed the 2% cap due to the increase in student enrollment that the District is facing. Mr. Parab reported that he and approximately fifty other residents have written letters to the legislators and suggested that the Board invite legislators to attend the board of education meetings so they can hear the frustrations of the residents.

Gazala Bohra 1 Miko Drive – spoke in regard to the TAG program and suggested that it be held during the school day and not a before or after school.

Chrissy Skurbe 21 Preakness Drive – spoke in regard to the transportation cut of the after school busing and potential effects that it may have on students. Ms. Skurbe questioned some decisions that the Board has recently made regarding Schoology and employee raises and asked why they couldn't approve something that effects all middle and high school students.

Komal Desai 5 Lily Court - stressed her disappointment that the after school busing has not been restored.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Mr. Riback that Board Action Items A-B as listed in the Superintendent's Personnel Report be approved by consent roll call. Roll Call 10-0-0-0-0. Motion carried. A copy of the Personnel section of the Superintendent's Report is attached to the official set of minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiarella and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the members of the Board of Education appoint Steve Riback as Temporary Board Secretary for the remainder of the meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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):

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Superintendent Contract Negotiations

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 Mr. Paluri that the members of the Board of Education go into closed session. Motion carried.

Ms. Arminio objected that there is no public forum after the closed session meeting this evening to provide the public an opportunity to comment on any action that may be taken.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.
Returned to Public Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Lang and seconded by Ms. Siegel that the members of the Board of Education approve the previously submitted Employment Contract between the Monroe Township Board of Education and Dr. Dori L. Alvich for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 at an annual salary of: (1) \$187,405 for the 2019-2020 school year; (2) \$191,153 for the 2020-2021 school year; and (3) \$195,454 for the 2021-2022 school year, which Employment Contract has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1. It is further recommended that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Dori L. Alvich as Superintendent of Schools in the Monroe Township School District in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Employment Contract. The Board President, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the attesting witness, is authorized to execute the aforementioned Employment Contract on behalf of the Board. Roll Call 7-3-0-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio, Mr. Chiarella and Mr. Tufano voting no.

Dr. Alvich thanked the Board for having faith in her and stated that she is looking forward to continuing the work they have done the last five years together.

Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education held on June 11, 2019 at the Monroe Township High School

Mr. Paluri thanked Mr. Goodall for stepping up in a time of crisis and for all his efforts and service to the District, especially with the referendum.

Ms. Kolupanowich announce that a finance meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Kolupanowich stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. DeMaio and seconded by Mr. Rutsky that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Michael C. Gorski, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The video recording of this meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education can be found on the district website or <https://monroetv.viebit.com/>.



Tuesday, June 11, 2019
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	Jun 11, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information
	Ms. Michele Arminio
	Mr. Ken Chiarella
	Ms. Jill DeMaio
	Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
	Ms. Patricia Lang
	Mr. Andy Paluri
	Ms. Rupa Siegel
	Mr. Peter Tufano
	Mr. Steven Riback

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sreeja Mamillapalli
 Mr. Manan Shah

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	Jun 11, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	4. STATEMENT
Access	Public
Type	Information

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5. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
Meeting	Jun 11, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	5. PUBLIC FORUM
Access	Public
Type	Information

See Note 3.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject	A. PERSONNEL
Meeting	Jun 11, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS
Access	Public
Type	

I. PERSONNEL (It is recommended that the Board approve the attached personnel items A through B)

A. It is recommended that the Board approve the following certificated staff at the following step on guide (*pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirement):

Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
Emily Ann O'Connor*	MTMS	teacher of science	Step 1 BA \$51,592	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	Resignation replacement tenure track
Edward Kendall*	Oak Tree	teacher of physical education	Step 2 BA \$51,842	11-120-100-101-000-060	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer replacement tenure track
Meghan Cobb*	High School	teacher of industrial arts/technology	Step 1 MA \$51,592+\$3450	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/1/19-6/30/20	Resignation replacement tenure track
Lindsey Burrell*	Brookside	elementary band Director/Instrumental	Step 1 BA \$51,592	11-120-100-101-000-020	9/1/19-6/30/20	Retirement replacement tenure track
Myra Dabkowski*	HS	teacher of mathematics	Step 7 BA \$57,252	11-140-100-101-000-070	9/1/19-6/30/20	New position tenure track
Casey Danback*	Mill Lake	teacher of grade 1	Step 1 MA \$51,592+\$3450	11-120-100-101-000-040	9/1/19-2/4/20	Leave replacement
Nicole Prinzo*	Barclay Brook/Brookside	Social Worker	Step 2 MA \$51,842+\$3450 120%+20 days	11-000-219-104-000-093	7/1/19-6/30/20	New position – tenure track
Meaghan Wheeler*	MTMS	teacher of social studies	Step 3 BA \$52,092	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	Retirement replacement tenure track
Jennifer Miele*	MTMS	teacher of social studies	Step 3 BA \$52,092	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	New position tenure track
Samantha Goldberg*	MTMS	Social Worker	Step 2 MA \$51,842+\$3450 115%+10 days prorated	11-000-219-104-000-093	7/16/19-1/24/20	Leave replacement
Brittany Dove	MTMS	teacher of special education	Step 1 BA \$50,927 pro rated	11-213-100-101-000-093	Retroactive 6/5/19-6/13/19	leave replacement extension of contract
Gabrielle Sarcone	Oak Tree	teacher of grade 1	Step 2 BA \$51,842	11-120-100-101-000-060	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer

Steven Manahan	MTMS	teacher of social studies transition	Step 3 BA \$52,092	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	current special ed position transitioning to social studies
Lisa Zimmer	Brookside	teacher of basic skills	Step 7 BA \$57,252	11-230-100-101-000-093	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position
Danielle Rispoli	Oak Tree/Applegarth	teacher of basic skills	Step 6A BA+15 \$54,852+\$1,750	11-230-100-101-000-093	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position
Kerrilyn Sidler	Woodland	teacher of basic skills	Step 10B BA \$82,102+15 yr long, eff. 5/20	11-230-100-101-000-093	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position
Allison North	MTMS	teacher of science	Step 11 BA \$86,927+20 year longevity \$1705	11-130-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position
Alyssa Mortillaro	MTMS	teacher of spec. ed – autistic	Step 5 MA \$52,592+\$3450	11-214-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer
Jursy Wallace	MTMS	teacher of spec. ed. – ICR/RC	Step 4 BA \$52,592	11-213-100-101-000-080	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer
Christina LaQuay	Oak Tree	teacher of grade 2	Step 11 BA \$86,927+15 year longevity \$1405 eff. 11/19	11-120-100-101-000-060	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer
Kara Matakchiera	Woodland	teacher of grade 5	Step 2 MA \$51,842+\$3450	11-120-100-101-000-030	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer from Mi Lake
Melissa Fletcher	Mill Lake	teacher of grade 3	Step 10B MA+30 \$82,102+\$4350+15 yr. long 11/15/19	11-120-100-101-000-040	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position
Jennifer Biddick	Mill Lake	teacher of spec. ed./Pre-K	Step 7 MA+30 \$57,252+\$4350	11-216-100-101-000-093	9/1/19-6/30/20	Transfer to new position

B. It is recommended that the Board approve the following non-certificated staff at the following guides (*pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirement):

Name	School	Position	Salary	Account No.	Effective Date	Reason
Susan Dugan	PPS	Confidential Secretary	\$62,500+10yr longevity \$1,000	11-000-219-105-000-093	7/1/19-6/30/20	Retirement replacement
Dawn Young*	PPS	secretary	Step E \$39,168.56+\$2,000 base adjust. 37.5 hrs/week	11-000-219-105-000-093	Retroactive 6/17/19-6/30/19	Resignation replacement
Jolanta Chrusciel*	TBD	custodian	Step Entry+2 nd shift+Black Seal (salary pending negotiations) 8 hrs.	11-000-262-100-000-	7/15/19-6/30/20	Retirement replacement
Linda Modzelewski	TBD	custodian	Step Entry+2 nd shift+ +20 long. (salary pending negotiations) 8 hrs.	11-000-262-100-000-	7/1/19-6/30/20	Retirement replacement

Executive File Attachments
[resumes.pdf \(640 KB\)](#)

7. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

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Category 7. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Access Public

Type

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8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 19, 2019

Subject A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 19, 2019

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Category 8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 19, 2019

Access Public

Type

The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **A. NOTES**

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Category 9. ADJOURNMENT

Access Public

Type Action

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.