

Minutes of the Remote Special Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held on May 7, 2020.

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

ATTENDANCE

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

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Dori Alvich, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Adam Layman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael C. Gorski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 13

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 May 1, 2020:

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

SUSPENSION OF BYLAW

A motion was made by Mr. Riback and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the Board of Education suspend the operation of Bylaw #0164 and Bylaw #0167 to: (1) Permit the Board to conduct only one public forum at this evening's public meeting; (2) Limit public forum to no more than ten minutes in duration; and (3) Limit the statements made by each member of the public to no more than one and one-half minutes' in duration. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Riback and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that the Board of Education appoint Kathy Kolupanowich as Temporary Board Secretary for the discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Prakash Parab – spoke regarding the three plans for the referendum. Mr. Parab requested that all the plans include an increase in the student capacity for the high school.

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):

- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Appeals
- MTSAA negotiations
- Superintendent Evaluation

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.

Ms. Arminio requested that the Board allow a public forum if any action is taken after the closed session meeting.

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

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:11 p.m.
Returned to Public Meeting at 10:48 p.m.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Riback stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Riback and seconded by Mr. Tufano that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Gorski, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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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/> .



Thursday, May 7, 2020
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

Virtual On-Line
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.
The presiding officer shall determine when any recording device interferes with the conduct of a Board meeting and may order that an interfering device be removed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Subject	A. BOARD MEMBERS
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Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information
	Ms. Michele Arminio
	Mr. Ken Chiarella
	Ms. Jill DeMaio
	Ms. Kathy Kolupanowich
	Mr. Adi Nikitinsky
	Mr. Andy Paluri
	Mr. Steven Riback
	Ms. Rupa Siegel
	Mr. Peter Tufano

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kayleigh Craver

Mr. Manan Shah

4. STATEMENT

Subject **A. STATEMENT**

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Category 4. STATEMENT

Access Public

Type Information

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5. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject **A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)**

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Category 5. PUBLIC FORUM

Access Public

Type Information

See Note 3.**6. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

Subject **A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

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Category 6. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Access Public

Type

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Executive File Attachments
 Draft Memorandum of Agreement - 2020-2023 ms.pdf (327 KB)

7. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Subject **A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

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Category 7. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Access Public

Type

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Subject **A. NOTES**

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Category 8. 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.