

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

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Michele Arminio
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

A motion was made by Ms. Lang and Mr. Tufano that the members of the Monroe Township Board of Education appoint Steve Riback as temporary Board Secretary for this meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. Roll call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion called.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – approximately 20

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and 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 September 20, 2019:

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

Ms. Kolupanowich explained the process of filling the board vacancy; the Board’s obligation to fill the vacant seat; the advertisement for potential candidates, and the interview process set for this evening.

PUBLIC FORUM-

Pradeep Melam 4 Jake Place - inquired if the October 3rd meeting was a special meeting and if committee meetings can be scheduled before that. Ms. Kolupanowich responded yes and committee meetings have been scheduled for October 7th.

Betty Saborido 2 Barrymore Drive –stated that she sent in a letter of intent and resume last Tuesday, and she was notified that it was never received. Ms. Saborido expressed her disappointment that it had not been received and she would not be interviewed.

Anthony Prezioso 8 Equestrian Way – stated that the nepotism and cronyism needs to stop.

Prakash Parab 33 Dyana Drive – suggested that a stamped receipt be given if someone delivers something to the Board or District. Mr. Parab spoke about the modular classrooms that Edison installed. Lastly, Mr. Parab suggested that someone go visit them and see what the costs and timeframe associated with installing them are.

Lou Masters 9 Mikayla Court – stated that the Ad Hoc Committee is exploring modular classrooms. Mr. Masters spoke about the application process for potential candidate applications.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

Members of the board of education interviewed Mr. Louis Masters for the vacant position on the board of education. Board President Kolupanowich asked Mr. Masters six questions and board members were provided the opportunity to comment or ask Mr. Masters a question on each.

Mr. Tufano inquired what time Mr. Masters received the response from Mr. Gorski that his application was received. Mr. Masters responded that he believes it was 12:41 p.m.

Mr. Paluri inquired if Ms. Saborido's application was received after the deadline of September 20th. Ms. Kolupanowich stated that as of this afternoon the application still hasn't been received. Ms. Arminio clarified that she was under the assumption that Ms. Saborido's application had been received when she emailed her request that she be given the opportunity to interview this evening.

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):

- Appointment of a public official: Discussion of candidate(s)

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. Paluri and seconded by Mr. Rutsky that the members of the board of education convene into closed session. Motion carried with Mr. Tufano opposing. Mr. Tufano read a statement as to why he will be voting but not participating in the closed session meeting discussion.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:46 p.m.
Returned to Public Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Rutsky and seconded by Ms. DeMaio that the members of the board of education approve the following resolution by consent roll call:

WHEREAS, following the resignation of Mr. Ken Chiarella from the Monroe Township Board of Education (“Board”) on August 21, 2019, the Board actively sought candidates for this open seat, reviewed one letter of interest and resume and interviewed the candidate, and having identified a qualified candidate to fill this vacant seat on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Louis C. Masters to fill the seat recently vacated by Mr. Chiarella, effective immediately and continuing through the 2020 Board Organization Meeting tentatively scheduled for January 2, 2020.

Roll call 6-1-2-0-0. Motion carried with Ms. Arminio and Ms. Lang abstaining and Mr. Tufano voting no.

Ms. Kolupanowich congratulated Mr. Masters on his appointment. Mr. Masters thanked the Board for the interview process this evening, wished Mr. Chiarella well with his recovery and clarified some rumors on social media about him.

Mr. Tufano dismissed himself from the meeting.

Ms. Kolupanowich advised that Mr. Masters will be sworn in at the October 3rd special meeting.

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, October 3, 2019.

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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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, September 24, 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.

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
Meeting	Sep 24, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information
	Ms. Michele Arminio
	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. Kayleigh Craver

Mr. Manan Shah

4. STATEMENT

Subject **A. STATEMENT**

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Category 4. STATEMENT

Access Public

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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

See Note 3.

6. INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

Subject **A. INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY**

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Category 6. INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

Access Public

Type

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARD VACANCY

7. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

Subject **A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

Meeting Sep 24, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category 7. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Access Public

Type

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8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019

Subject A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019
Meeting Sep 24, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category 8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019
Access Public

Type

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2019 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Subject A. NOTES
Meeting Sep 24, 2019 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
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.