

Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education which was held virtually on June 14, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Adi Nikitinsky at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Michele Arminio (joined at 7:30 p.m. due to weather related issues)
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Karen Bierman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Mr. Adi Nikitinsky
Mr. Andy Paluri
Ms. Rupa Siegel
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano (joined at 7:15 p.m. due to weather related issue)

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 95

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 and electronic notice provided by having the date, time, and place thereof posted June 11, 2021:

1. At all schools,
2. On the District website at <https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/>,
3. Home News Tribune,
4. Cranbury Press, and
5. Filed with the Clerk of the Municipality.

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STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS

District administration congratulated and acknowledged the following students on the following academic and athletic acknowledgments and achievements:

Completed Half-Marathon; 1:51:38

Pratham Rao

Mathematics League Championship -2nd place

Mahanth Komuravelli

Math Olympiad 4th Place; 2nd Highest Score

Gold Pin - Mahanth Komuravelli (Highest individual score with 25/25 correct)

Math Olympiad

Gold Pin - Arnav Akavaram Silver Pin - Akilan Prabhu

Career Technology Student Association

NJ TSA State Competition Biotechnology 2nd Place

Aditya Alvekar Tanishi Pandya Shivam Patel

Computer-Aided Design (CAD) 2nd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Elijah Gotovsky

Construction Challenge 2nd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Natalia Andrade Nivedha Deepak Sunandita Krishnadeas Sanjay Lokesh

Data Science and Analytics 3rd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Ishanvi Desai Mahesh Himakuntala Teesha Kaw

Data Science and Analytics 2nd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Akshara Karthik Taanya Kumar Simran Singh

Mass Production 1st Place NJ TSA State Competition

Ishika Agarwal Raji Nikitha Avudaiyappan Abhinav Rajesh

Mechanical Engineering 3rd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Ankita Ahlawat Eshaan Daniel Lishika Khanna Abhishek Terala

Microcontroller Design 2nd Place NJ TSA State Competition

Venkata Kaushik Adiraju Abishek Anand Evan McAuliffe

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Saharsh Medichalam

Tunush Siva

Cultural Awareness & Leadership

Publication Mercer County Community College's Aspirations Magazine

Natalia Delgado

State of New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy

Portuguese - Michelle Alves

Italian - Peter Angelo

Victoria Dalton

Davide Maioriello

Michael Valentine

Spanish - Connor Bassi

Marimar Duran

Shilpa Gidugu

Gabriela Gomez Menendez

Meera Raju

Sofia Ramirez

Krishna Nair

French - Allyson Fu Kara Offenberg

Tamil - Selvadharsan Selvakumar

Latin - Abigail Semsel

Priya Thadkapalli

Two languages: French and Tagalog

Justin Siochi

Two languages: Hindi and Spanish

Ipsa Mishra

National English Honor Society Scholarship Recipients \$1,000.00

Taylor Brown

Keerthana Talla

National English Honor Society Scholarship Recipients \$3,000.00

Vishwa Bhatt

Harshini Ganesh

Ipsa Mishra

Language & Composition Letter Published in the New York Times

Nivriti Agaram

Speech & Debate Qualified National Speech & Debate Tournament (1 of 4 from NJ)

Jeet Patel

Key Club

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's

Matthew Yuro

(Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award ~ Barrie H. Werfel Outstanding Board Member

Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Award ~ John Johnson Memorial Scholarship)

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's Lieutenant Governor of Division 8

Steven Yuro

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New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's Lieutenant Governor of Division 19

Kenneth Sicat

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's Elected District Treasurer

Eric Wong

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's 1st Place

Club Video ~ Environmental Awareness Contest ~ Back to School Poster Contest
Sana Kakumanu

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's Governor's Scholarship

Taylor Brown

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International's 1st Place Digital Poster Contest

Lindsay Harrington

NJ District Board of Key Club International's DECON Distinguished Officers Award

Taylor Brown Ethan Henley Lauren Lisojo
Grace Ferguson Francesca Dinicola

Video Production / Public Service Announcement Contest 2nd Place \$750 Scholarship

Shannon Woo

Economics & Finance Team - 3 teams placed 2nd, 3rd, and 5th in New Jersey

Faizaan Ayub Suraj Biju Gabe Kelmanskiy Anurag Nimmala
Nishk Patel Raj Patel Shiven Patel Anirudh Reddy
Raj Shah Tanav Sureddy Max Zhang

NJ Department of Consumer Affairs 2021 Consumer Bowl Middlesex County Champions

Maya Govindu Nishk Patel Anurag Nimmala Tanav Sureddy Tej Velaga

NJ FBLA Top Chapter Award

Ms. Deanna Dale, FBLA Advisor

Middlesex County Administrators Association Outstanding Student Award

Matthew Yuro

Nominated and Participated in NJ Student Virtual Roundtable with the Commissioner of Education

Olivia Toto

GMC Scholar Athletes

Joanna Giustino Aidan Judge

GMC Sportsmanship Award

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Christian Cipolletta Rosaleen Regan

2021 NJSIAA Scholar Athlete

Audrey Lynch

Boys Basketball Taylor Family Pod Winners

Christopher Kobierowski Aidan McLaughlin Jacob Labaska Connor Gabilanes
Nicholas Laughery Jonathan Okocha Joshua Okocha Elijah Okocha
Ryan Zurawiecki Myles Marabuto Aidan Lane

All GMC Winter Track Team

Taylor Enes Kristin Giordano Michelle Tota

Girl Golf – 1st Team All Conference

Tanisha Bohra

Girls Track – All Conference

Michelle Tota Amelia Artz Abah Sagoe Angeline Thomas

Boys Track – All Conference

Jaden Enis Michael Rodriguez

Softball – All Conference Team

Abigail Pawlowski

Boys Tennis Coach of the Year

Matthew Olszewski

Boys Tennis – Conference Champion & All Conference Team

Aarav Modi

Boys Volleyball Coach of the Year

Ms. Victoria Stec

Boys Volleyball – All Conference Team

Anish Shah

Girls Lacrosse - Coach of the Year

Ms. Debra Razzino

Girls Lacrosse – 1st Team All Conference

Gianna Calandrucchio Audrey Estavillo

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Girls Lacrosse – 1st Team All Conference Team & GMC Defensive Player of the Year

Celia Braswell

Girls Lacrosse – 1st Team All Conference & GMC Player of the Year

Kaley Battoglia

Girls Lacrosse – Red Division Champions

Kaley Battoglia	Graciella Berecksy	Celia Braswell	Elisabeth Braswell
Gianna Calandrucchio	Julia Calandrucchio	Allison Depalma	Emily Deworsop
Audrey Estavillo	Vennela Gangasani	Francesca Giannola	Ava Palmer
Kristin Giordano	Caroline Guerin	Brielle Kwitowski	Eesha Patel
Pooja Patel	Rosaleen Regan	Isabella San Andreas	
Nicole Turco	Hailey Wilson		

Boys Baseball Red Division Coach of the Year

Mr. Sean Field

Boys Baseball Red Division Champions

Justin Holmes	Aidan Lane	Ryan Lockhart	Harrison Lollin
Christian Lucadamo	Karan Patel	Ian Pedulla	Gregory Petrow
Matteo Salesi	Shaun Siegel	Nicholas Sellari	Paul Syverstsen
Christopher Urbanik	Garrett VanBuren	Jacob Veczko	Joshua Weinstein
Brandon Weiss	Trevor Wallace	Ryan Zurawiecki	
Christopher Wisniewski			

Boys Lacrosse – Red Division Coach of the Year

Mr. Joseph Yannone

Boys Lacrosse 2nd Team All Conference

Timothy Tuen	Christian Cipolletta	Christian Updale
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Boys Lacrosse 1st Team All Conference

Connor Gabilanes	Zachary Lacerte	Christopher Pucciarelli
Zach Seppi	Anton Updale	

Boys Lacrosse GMC Player of the Year

Christopher Pucciarelli

Boys Lacrosse U.S. Lacrosse All-American

Zach Seppi

Boys Lacrosse Red Division Champions

Matthew Bass	Jordan Lacerte	Luke Brzozowski	Zachary Lacerte
Anthony Cioffi	Christian Cipolletta	Christopher Pucciarelli	
Christopher Chaves	John Saloom	Tyler Scott	John Ciriak

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Maximilian Lobrow	Erjon Cosaj	Zachary Seppi	Jonah Dias
Frank Tallerico	Timothy Tuen	Collin Dominguez	Giovanni Tufano
Brian Enos	Anton Updale	Anthony Gabilanes	Christian Updale
Conner Gabilanes	Varun Magadum	Christian Herrmann	Jacob Weiss
Devon Kennedy	Spencer White	Christopher Kondrit	Evan Winfough

PUBLIC FORUM

Doug Poye 4 Tamarack Road – stated he was impressed with the presentation and the achievements of so many students. Mr. Poye congratulated all. Next, Mr. Poye asked the Board to be fair as they begin the evaluation process for Dr. Alvich.

Virginia McGuiness 325 Nantucket Rd. (Comment submitted electronically) – requested that the Board provide a fair evaluation of the superintendent.

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):

- 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.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Tufano and seconded by Ms. Bierman that the Board of Education appoint Board Vice President Adi Nikitinsky as temporary Board Secretary for this meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1. Motion carried.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:18 p.m.

Returned to Public Meeting at 10:04 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

Ms. Arminio stated that the next public meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Education will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Paluri and seconded by Mr. Chiarella that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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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/index.php?folder=Board+of+Education>



**Monday, June 14, 2021
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
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 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	3. ROLL CALL
Access	Public
Type	Information
Ms. Michele Arminio Ms. Kathleen Belko Ms. Karen Bierman Mr. Ken Chiarella Mr. Adi Nikitinsky Mr. Andy Paluri Ms. Rupa Siegel Ms. Chrissy Skurbe Mr. Peter Tufano	

JAMESBURG BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE (See Note 2)

Mr. Paul Rutsky

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kayleigh Craver
Ms. Samaara Jain

4. STATEMENT

Subject	A. STATEMENT
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	4. STATEMENT
Access	Public
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5. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Subject	A. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	5. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS
Access	Public
Type	STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITIONS

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Subject	A. PUBLIC FORUM (See Note 3)
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	6. PUBLIC FORUM
Access	Public
Type	See Note 3.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Subject	A. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	7. CLOSED SESSION
Access	Public
Type	

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8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 16, 2021

Subject	A. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 16, 2021
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	8. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 16, 2021
Access	Public
Type	

The next scheduled Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2021 7:00 p.m. and will be an in-person meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Subject	A. NOTES
Meeting	Jun 14, 2021 - MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Category	9. ADJOURNMENT
Access	Public
Type	Action

NOTES

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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 can do so by following the instructions below:

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