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August 16, 2024

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Anonymous

RE: OPRA Request dated August 9, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam:

As custodian of records for the Monroe Township Board of Education ("Board" and/or "District"), I am writing this letter in response to your request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) submitted via email August 9, 2024 and received on August 12, 2024.

More specifically, the Board responds to your request below:

"Records requested:

Please produce the Closed Session minutes for November 2021, December 2021, and October 2023 Board of Education Meetings."

Enclosed please find a copy of the records responsive to your request. Please note that the records, which consist of seven (7) pages, have been redacted to protect material that is confidential and/or otherwise not subject to disclosure under OPRA. The legal basis for each redaction is as follows:

- Page 2: attorney-client privilege; and
- Page 6: confidential inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative or deliberative material pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

This correspondence and the foregoing information constitute the Board's full and complete response to your OPRA request and therefore, your OPRA request is closed.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldstein

Lisa Goldstein
OPRA Secretary

SUCCESS IS ALWAYS A TEAM EFFORT!!

Board Members Present

Ms. Michele Arminio
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Karen Bierman
Mr. Ken Chiarella
Mr. Adi Nikitinsky
Mr. Andy Paluri
Mr. Paul Rutsky
Ms. Rupa Siegel
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano

Staff Members Present (only present for the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying and investigation discussions)

Ms. Chari Chanley
Dr. Adam Layman
Mr. Michael Gorski

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Mr. Richard Bauch, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

The Board of Education convened into the first closed session meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Adi Nikitinsky was the temporary Board Secretary for this portion of the meeting. Ms. Bierman was not present for this discussion.

- Discussion on Acting Superintendent of Schools Contract

Members of the Board reviewed the proposed contract for Chari Chanley, Acting Superintendent of Schools, which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

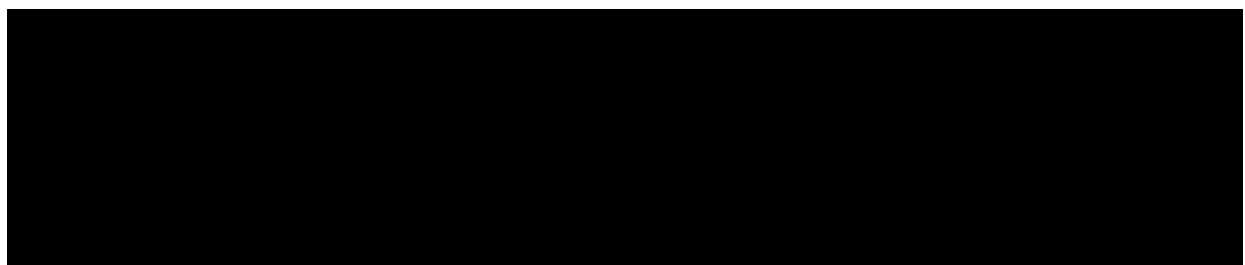
Second closed session meeting:

The Board of Education convened to closed session at 10:50 p.m.

- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Ms. Chanley gave a report on the results of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigations. The Board will affirm, reject or modify the superintendent's decision at the next Board of Education meeting.

- Consideration for investigation on potential interference of Ms. Chanley's contract



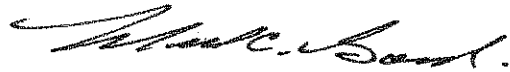
Mr. Adi Nikitinsky was the temporary Board Secretary for the following portion of the meeting:

- Board discussion on permanent Superintendent of Schools position and review of applications.

Board members began reviewing the applications for permanent Superintendent of Schools and decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review the application packets for permanent superintendent of schools candidates. The committee will be comprised of three to five members of the Board which will be determined at the discretion of the Board President.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Gorski, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board Members Present

Ms. Michele Arminio
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Karen Bierman
Mr. Adi Nikitinsky
Mr. Andy Paluri (only present for the HIB and investigation update)
Ms. Rupa Siegel (only present for the HIB and investigation update)
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe
Mr. Peter Tufano

Staff Members Present

Ms. Chari Chanley
Dr. Adam Layman (only present for the HIB investigations)
Mr. Michael Gorski (only present for the HIB investigations)

Attorney Present

Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

The Board of Education convened into closed session meeting at 10:35 p.m.

- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

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Mr. Adi Nikitinsky was the temporary Board Secretary for the following portion of the meeting:

- Update on board authorized investigation from Porzio Compliance Services, LLC

Board members were informed that the investigation is ongoing, interviews have been scheduled and a report is due at the end of February

- Superintendent Search Update

Members of the Board received an update from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Superintendent Search.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board Members Present

Ms. Carmen Alvarez
Ms. Kathleen Belko
Ms. Gazala Bohra
Ms. Gail DiPane
Ms. Katie Fabiano (not present for one of the Confidential Personnel Matters)
Ms. Kate Rattner (not present for one of the Confidential Personnel Matters)
Ms. Michelle Scott
Mr. Peter Tufano
Ms. Chrissy Skurbe

Staff Members Present

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Dr. Adam Layman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools (not present for one of the Confidential Personnel Matters)

ATTORNEY PRESENT

Mr. Vito Gagliardi, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.

The Board of Education convened into the first closed session meeting at 6:34 p.m.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

- Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
- Matters protected by attorney/client privilege.
- Board Vacancy
- Confidential Personnel Matter

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Matters of attorney client privilege were reviewed by board members no action necessary

Discussion of how to move forward with the board vacancy; process was reviewed as directed by the county superintendent and the board decided on the process and matter taken to full board meeting for action.

The Board of Education convened into the second closed session meeting at 10:39 p.m.

- Confidential Personnel Matter

The Superintendent made a presentation to the board, the board discussed next steps and the president of the board will move forward.

The closed session meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Belko
Temporary Board Secretary
Monroe Township Board of Education

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Supplement added June 12, 2024: The Board majority determined that public interviews would not be necessary.



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