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Subject: RE: REFERENDUM UPDATE

Good Evening,

I hope this email finds you well. Kindly note, the letters have been uploaded for your perusal. Please be advised that they will be made available to the public tomorrow. Additionally, Ms. Allen has provided an update which is summarized below:

***The Township CFO has very graciously committed to preparing and supplying the Supplemental Debt Statement to us by Thursday.**

***Our Bond Counsel has prepared final resolutions.**

***The County Election Board and Township Clerk have been given a heads up regarding the Special Board Meeting this Thursday.**

***Laura stated, "Jerry, Rich and I had a telephone conversation with our Financial Advisor this morning after our 9:30 meeting. He was able to get some of the information he needed to move ahead with the Preliminary Tax Impact Analysis. He also explained to us that the 40% state aid amount is reduced by 85%, bringing it essentially to 34%. This is something the State has been doing in recent years. That amount (34%) applies to the interest payments, as well as the principal payments. He expects to have this report to us by the end of the day tomorrow."**

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any updates received tomorrow or Thursday prior to the meeting, will be forwarded accordingly.

All my best,

Chari

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Subject: REFERENDUM UPDATE

Good Evening,

Allow me to share the good news we have received the Preliminary Eligible Cost letters from the state. A meeting is setup tomorrow to review the letters with the architect. These letters are the next step in moving towards the March referendum. Bond council is working on the state contribution to the projects.

Once this information is confirmed, I will inform the Board via email if it is prior to Thursday's Special Board Meeting.

Thank you and stay well.

Kindly,

Chari R. Chanley, Ed.S.

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SUCCESS IS ALWAYS A TEAM EFFORT!!



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Subject: Re: LRFP Minor Amendment

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Subject: Re: CE&C agenda

Katie -

Thank you for adding the legislation below. I look forward to discussing the details of the legislation.

I have already asked Mr Tufano to be on the Rec Advisory Board as he has experience on that and he indicated to me when he filled out his committee sheet that he would like to be the liaison to the township. However, every board member has the ability to attend any township meeting and come back to the board to discuss what is being done in the town that affects the district. Communication with the town council/Mayor will continue through the board leadership regardless.

Thank you
Chrissy

On Jan 14, 2023, at 8:12 AM, Kate Rattner <Kate.Rattner@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

This looks good to me!

One quick thing, I would possibly remove Rec next to Township liaison since it's also a separate item. And it doesn't have to be the same person.

On Jan 14, 2023, at 7:58 AM, Katie Fabiano <Katie.Fabiano@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Good morning, everyone,

Thank you for your input regarding Wednesday's agenda.

As for the liaisons- we can discuss the roles of the liaisons and appoint someone to the position. Once you have spoken with the mayor, the liaison can begin.

If there are no objections to the below additions, we can ask for the agenda to be posted.

- Referendum communication
- Township liaison (rec/council)
- Social Media/Website
- Recreation Advisory Board Liaison
- Legislative items

[A3384](#)

Establishes grant program for school districts to develop in-district and collaborative special education programs and services to reduce need to place classified students out-of-district.

[A4059](#)

"School Property Tax Relief Trust Fund Act"; appropriates \$2 billion.

[S2444/S1362](#)

Requires full-day kindergarten in all school districts and establishes uniform age requirement for enrollment in kindergarten.

[A2518](#)

Establishes the "School District Shared Service Task Force.

[A284](#)

Establishes flexible instructional day program to allow students to continue instruction at home when district must close its schools and to permit district to count flexible instructional days in meeting 180-day school year requirement.

All good things,
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Subject: Re: LRFP Minor Amendment

Hi Gail -

Do you have any questions about this? It is my opinion that Mr Tague provided information to assist the board prior to the meeting, and for that I'm thankful. As explained it's correcting an item listed that no longer exists. If you have a questions why it's listed or needs to be removed, please feel free to ask that.

As discussed at the new board member meeting, please refrain from emailing the entire board as a quorum discussing board business can violate Sunshine laws.

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Chrissy

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Subject: Re: CE&C agenda

Good morning Ms. Fabiano -

As this committee is now Legislative Action/Community Engagement, I would like to see the agenda reflect the purpose of the committee.

I would suggest adding current legislation affecting education to the agenda. We as a board should be updated on such legislation and decide when, as a board, we support or don't support legislation and how and when to contact our legislators. Additionally, the committee should discuss when and how we "engage" the community to do the same.

Additionally, I have not met with the Mayor yet so I would suggest removing township liaison from the discussion as there is no update.

Thank you,

Chrissy

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Agenda:
Referendum communication
Township liaison

All good things,
Katie Fabiano
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Subject: LA&CE Committee Agenda
Attachments: LA&CE Agenda 1.18.23.pdf

Good morning,

Attached please find the LA&CE Committee Agenda.

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Subject: Re: Finance agenda

We should probably add Referendum update as a standing item during the lifespan of the referendum to address any questions on that front.

This meeting we can add better color to the explanation concerning how the state aid is calculated and about the \$ per household data for tax increase etc.

Moving forward we would want to understand the progression of bond process etc.

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Subject: Finance agenda

Good afternoon,

Attached for your review please find the finance committee meeting agenda for next week. The agenda will be released on Tuesday.

Enjoy the weekend.

Nancy

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Subject: Useful information for tomorrow's meeting

Good morning -

I wanted to share some information shared by the administration to a board member who had some questions yesterday. I think it is beneficial to all board members to have these answers as you may have the same questions. I have reached out personally to the other board members to share this information so not to risk violating the sunshine laws.

All the best

Chrissy

1. Is the "proposal question" exactly what will be written on the ballot? It is unclear if the ballot question is the entire proposal, the first paragraph, or none of the above. Yes, the proposal question is exactly what will be written on the ballot. It would be the 3 paragraphs under "Proposal".
2. It states the final eligible costs as approved by the commissioner that are eligible for debt service is \$51,293,339 and that additional costs are not eligible for further State support. Is the 34% described below based on the ~\$51.2 million or the ~\$103.6 million? It is based on the \$51.2 million.
3. What is the LRFP minor amendment we are asking DiGroup Architecture to prepare? Will we see the amendment before voting on Thursday?-- The LRFP was due for its 5-year Major Amendment, regardless of the referendum. The timing just happened to coincide with the referendum update. We submitted a Major Amendment which included the referendum projects and it was approved by NJDOE. We noticed that the approved copy listed old trailers that had been removed from elementary schools and notified NJDOE. Furthermore, the relocated main office spaces at the MS referendum project, although shown on the schematics which the Board reviewed and approved, and NJDOE approved were missing from one of the worksheets. The NJDOE requested that we submit a Minor Amendment to correct these items rather than retracting the 5-year Major Amendment approved LRFP. Anytime you make an edit to the LRFP it must be done via a minor amendment. Nothing has changed from the Middle School referendum design or educational specification reviewed and approved by the Board.
4. Have we confirmed that voters who cannot go to a polling place on March 14th will be able to vote with a mail-in ballot/absentee ballot? The last part of the proposal specifically states "no person shall vote at the election elsewhere than at the polling place designated..." but I cannot confirm if this just means you can't vote at a polling location you aren't assigned to, or if only ballots at polling locations will be counted.
Board of elections sends out notices for military/absentee ballots which is why they require 60 days advance notice.
The language is just that you can only show up in person at your assigned polling place

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Gail -

While I did not feel it was appropriate to take time out of last night's Board of Education meeting to address what you incorrectly recounted from the Jan 12th meeting, I will respond here.

At the adjournment of the Jan 12th meeting, you began shouting at me. I did not know what you were saying so I walked over to you, in front of many of our fellow board members and members of the public. You were shouting that what I did was wrong and I calmly stated that I ran the meeting, I explained that Ms. Bierman called the vote on the motion on the table and you shouted at me that I put her up to it. I told you I did not, but you would not accept it. You went on to tell me that you are a new board member and do not understand how our board runs. You said although you were a board member for 18 years, our board is different, and you didn't know how we ran. I explained that if you did not know what to do, you could have abstained on voting, to which you shouted back at me that an abstention does not count as a "yes" vote. I agreed with you that it didn't count as a "yes" vote and said again, if you are not prepared or do not understand what the vote is on, then you should have abstained.

You were yelling at me that I was disrespectful. I did at that time express my disappointment with an email you sent to our facilities director before the meeting that was not only extremely unprofessional and disrespectful but could have been seen to violated Open Public Meetings Laws as you emailed a quorum of the board, which you have been advised not to do many times of you since being sworn in. You told me your email was meant as a joke and I informed you that was not how it was received and reminded you that communication should go through the Superintendent.

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My answer was simple - I said this exactly. "What should we tell a student in the high school who cannot take a course they so desperately want for college - that we have to wait an entire extra school year to complete the addition to the high school that would allow them to take these course because a senior citizen in our town is on a beach and can't be bothered to vote". I was very emotional about it because it became clear to me that you could care less about our students. I ended my conversation with you saying it was sad that you were anti-student because first and foremost our responsibility is to educate students.

It was clear from our conversation that you are against the referendum and for some reason you think "snowbirds" would be the ones voting NO to the referendum and that is the vote you are so desperately worried about.

What is interesting to me is that both of the previously failed referendums in 2018 and 2019 were held in March. I do not ever remember hearing you oppose the March date, so your opposition now is clear that it is not about the date of the vote but the actual referendum plan, as you made very clear during your campaign you did not support.

I am very disappointed that an elected official to our board of education would use a Board of Education meeting to spread complete disinformation as you did last night. I am thankful that I have advocated and served my community for almost 2 decades and the community knows that you said was completely made-up as I have supported many candidates for the Board of Education that either had no kids in the district or even no kids at all.

I am going to ask you respectfully to stop making false accusations about me at Board of Education meetings. What you did last night was take private action as a board member to undermine the administration by stating false information to try and influence the vote on the referendum that you have made abundantly clear, you do not support.

Regards,

Chrissy Skurbe

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Subject: Closed session minutes
Attachments: Draft 12.14.22 Closed Session Minutes.pdf

Good morning,

Attached please find the closed session minutes for the December 14, 2022, which you will be asked to approve at the January 25th meeting. **This copy is being presented to the nine members that are not conflicted and will be filed with the Official Minute Book.**

A redacted copy will be placed in BoardDocs and provided to Ms. Rattner.

Thank you ~ Have a great weekend.

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Subject: Re: LA/CE agenda for Wed. 1/18

Received. Thank you.

Kindly,

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Subject: Finance committee notes January 2023
Attachments: finance notes_january 2023.pdf

please find attached and post accordingly.

Kind Regards,
Karen

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Sent time: 01/27/2023 04:43:35 PM
To: Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us
Cc: Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: Re:

Thank you for your comments. I will take them under consideration.

From: Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Gail DiPane <Gail.DiPane@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Cc: Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject:

Gail -

While I did not feel it was appropriate to take time out of last night's Board of Education meeting to address what you incorrectly recounted from the Jan 12th meeting, I will respond here.

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Subject: Bill list
Attachments: Bill list for 1-25-23 Board Meeting.pdf

Good afternoon,

The attached Bill List was added to the Finance Committee Meeting Agenda which initiated the BoardDocs notification.

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Subject: LRFP Minor Amendment
Attachments: LRFP_Major Amend Approval 11_15_2022.pdf NJDOE Email Pertaining to LRFP Minor Amendment.pdf LRFP Minor Amendment Instructions and Request Form.pdf

Good Afternoon Ms. Skurbe,

AS previously reported the LRFP was due for its 5-year Major Amendment, regardless of the referendum. The timing just happened to coincide with the referendum update. We submitted a Major Amendment which included the referendum projects and it was approved by NJDOE. We noticed that the approved copy listed old trailers that had been removed from elementary schools and notified NJDOE. Furthermore, the relocated main office spaces at the MS referendum project, although shown on the schematics which the Board reviewed and approved, and NJDOE approved were missing from one of the worksheets. The NJDOE requested that we submit a Minor Amendment to correct these items rather than retracting the 5-year Major Amendment approved LRFP. Anytime you make an edit to the LRFP it must be done via a minor amendment. Nothing has changed from the Middle School referendum design or educational specification reviewed and approved by the Board.

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This looks good to me!

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Subject: Revised Board Agenda
Attachments: School Calendar 2023.2024.pdf Monroe BOE -- Sidebar Agreement with MTSAA re_ Director of Innovative and Equity Programs Community Relations Partnerships and Careers~1.pdf Revised Agenda.pdf Bid Tabulation Sheet - Grounds Maint. 1.18.23.pdf Addendum Bill List 1-25-23.pdf

Good afternoon,

The following revisions have been made to the agenda:

10 member vote Superintendent's Personnel Recommendation

U. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the following certificated staff at the following step on guide:

1. Stacey Fretta – step correction, Step 1 to 11 (clerical error)

52. Charles Disken – 17% additional section (added)

Superintendent Board Action 10 member vote

F. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted 2023-2024 school calendar. (see attached)

The school calendar was revised to include "Christmas/New Years" the week of December 25th-29th. Additionally, MTHS Parent/Teacher Conference time was removed, November 27th & 30th.

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Policy and Regulation 5200 Attendance has been pulled from the agenda and will be revisited by the policy committee in February.

O. *It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board approve the previously submitted Sidebar Agreement between the Monroe Township Board of Education and the Monroe Township School Administrators' Association.(see attached)

Business Administrator's Report

Item B – the resolution was updated to included the following statement:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards the Ground Care Maintenance work to Boss Landscaping, LLC in a total contract amount of \$140,000.

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Under Items C & D - the correct Transfer # is 5 and the reports are for November 2022.

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