

From: Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US
Sent time: 12/13/2022 02:36:25 PM
To: Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us; Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us
Subject: FW: Referendum update

To the Board Leadership,

FYI

From: Gerald Tague <Gerald.Tague@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 10:09 AM
To: Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Cc: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Subject: FW: Referendum update

Good Morning Ms. Arminio,
With regard to your inquiry below, be advised that the Township of Monroe will conduct a **Special Election for Board Referendum** in March 2023. There are no other township elections slated for this date that we are aware of.
Regards,

Jerry Tague
Monroe Township School District
423 Buckelew Avenue
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
(732) 521-1500 ext. 5107
(732) 521-1628 fax

From: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Gerald Tague <Gerald.Tague@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Subject: Fwd: Referendum update

Kindly,

Chari R. Chanley, Ed.S.

Superintendent

Monroe Township Schools

chari.chanley@monroe.k12.nj.us

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Date: December 12, 2022 at 5:34:41 PM EST
To: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Referendum update

what election is the township conducting in March? Please advise, Michele Arminio

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2022, at 1:56 PM, Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. Kindly be advised that while Mr. Tague was in discussions with Monroe Township Clerk/Registrar, Ms. Patricia Reid, we have learned that the Township will not be holding an annual election in April, but rather in November and therefore the opportunity to conduct our election in April appears to be impacted. While the statute allows for a referendum vote in April, it does so only if the township is holding an election on that date. The Statute allows for a referendum vote in March regardless of any Township election.

In an effort to be proactive, I contacted board counsel, Mr. Gagliardi to request his assistance, as an associate of his firm Mr. David Hespe was the former New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

We have communicated to the Department of Education our need to move up our application to be approved for a March 14th Referendum. The circumstances regarding the township's inability to allow for an April 18th referendum (although this date was one of the six offered as vote dates) due to the fact that they were not holding any elections in April was detailed in the communication. The gravity of this situation was further detailed, as we explained time is of the essence.

Presently, we have completed all our required paperwork and have been notified by the Department of Education that we are in the queue for approval for the March 14th Referendum date.

We have been notified that Mr. Gagliardi will follow up with the DOE by mid December. To that end, I will reach out to him and request an update prior to next Wednesday's board meeting.

As we are updated on this process, the board will be informed. We are hopeful that the March 14th date will be approved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kindly,

Chari R. Chanley, Ed.S.

Superintendent

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent time: 12/14/2022 12:13:55 PM

To: Kevin.Higgins@monroe.k12.nj.us; Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us; Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us; [REDACTED]

Subject: [External Email] [REDACTED] Algebra II Placement

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Monroe Township IT Department

Good afternoon all,

I am writing to you out of concern for my son's current math education. Last week, [REDACTED] father and I met with [REDACTED] in hopes of transferring him out of [REDACTED] class and into either a non math class, or another Algebra class with a different teacher.

[REDACTED] is currently failing with grades in the [REDACTED]--this is not and never has been the norm for him. Every grade previous and current (in every subject) has been honor roll/principal's list his entire school career. His father and I feel very strongly that there is a disconnect between [REDACTED] teaching style and [REDACTED] learning style. [REDACTED] is looking at colleges, as this is his junior year. As you know, this stain on his report card could ultimately impact his future.

We are concerned for a few reasons. 1) [REDACTED] simply isn't learning in this class, and the only option offered was for him to stay after school, and "possibly" have notes provided for him. Neither of these options solve the issue within the classroom. 2) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that this year has been difficult due to the amount of children per classroom. As a district, is this something that is being addressed? If so, what is the solution? 3) We were advised that there was not a single classroom that [REDACTED] could be switched to. This appears to be in direct conflict with board's mission statement, "The Monroe Township Board of Education commits itself to add children by preparing the to reach their full potential and to function in a global society through a preeminent education". How is he reaching his full potential within this class? 4) During our meeting with [REDACTED], we were told it is district policy that all junior's take Algebra II and there was no way he could be removed. We looked at the district policy, and it simply states "mathematics", not Algebra II. [REDACTED] is currently taking [REDACTED], which already counts as a math.

We are requesting, as extremely concerned parents, that [REDACTED] be removed from [REDACTED] class and be placed in either another Algebra class, or an elective, so that he can retake Algebra II next year.

We appreciate you looking into this, and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

From: Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US
Sent time: 12/14/2022 03:25:27 PM
To: Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us; Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us
Cc: Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US
Subject: Re: Lock down notification to Board members

Dear Vice President Bierman,

I have a great deal of respect for the work you do and the time you personally spend in your role as a board member.

Is it your position that board members are not to be apprised of district incidents? Who are the arbiters of what information should be doled to all board members? Who are the members of the "board leadership".

To your point about "Weekly Confidentials" please review the most recent weekly outputs. There is no substantive information in those "weekly confidential". I would even argue that there is nothing confidential in content. Please forward me "the pertinent and salient details of their challenges, needs, and accomplishments."

The Monroe Township District Board of Education is a whole and complete body. No board member should be marginalized because of dissenting opinion or position different from the majority. Each board member is a duly elected representative of the residents of Monroe Township. In order to properly represent constituents each member is entitled to the same and all information.

Michele Arminio

From: Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 9:10 AM
To: Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Cc: Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Subject: Re: Lock down notification to Board members

Thank you Karen!

Excellent idea.

On Dec 13, 2022, at 8:23 AM, Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

I can confirm my knowledge of the incident came from a parent notification from the principal of the high school.

We are aware many incidents occur in the buildings and not each is (or can be or should be) brought specifically to the attention of the board at the moment. We all hear about things from parents with kids throughout the district and see items on social media. It's a large and active district and a lot happens any given week. We are immediately made aware of the more significant incidents where the district had to engage law enforcement or there was a situation where children may have been in harm's way or there is a potential for litigation.

This one was not such a situation and it was one of those abundance of caution items that was handled and then communicated to parents for awareness and to counter social media hyperbolism.

Respectfully, I think for comfort of the board in being knowledgeable to items the community may be discussing we should put some responsibility on the director of security to provide more details in the weekly confidential that highlight the incident rates and district responses, etc. The weekly confidential is an excellent tool for the key leaders of our district administration to convey the pertinent and salient details of their challenges, needs, and accomplishments and help keep the board apprised and engaged. I'd ask you to consider shaping that communication to encompass a wider reach of the district activities.

Kind Regards,

Karen

From: Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>

Cc: Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>; Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: Re: Lock down notification to Board members

Michele - I tried to call you, but again your mailbox is full and I cannot leave you a message.

There is no email that you are requesting as I misspoke when you put me on the spot at the Policy Committee meeting. Mrs Chanley did not send me or any board member an email - the only email I received was as a parent from Dr Higgins. I was mistaken.

Mrs Chanley, as well as Dr Laymen, addressed your questions about when a shelter in place is communicated to the full board. I feel they both successfully explained the protocol and procedure followed by the administration.

Please be reminded, the role of the board is not to micromanage the administration. Board members are elected in part to ensure schools are run well, not run the schools.

Have a good evening.

Chrissy

On Dec 12, 2022, at 5:38 PM, Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Dear President Skurbe,
Please forward are the original email requested. My inquiry remains unanswered: RE: Lock down notification to Board members
Please forward me the incident notification to the Board of Education members regarding the recent lockdown that recently occurred. .
Were all Board Members informed? I understand that the high School Principal sent out notification to parents.
Sent from my iPhone Michele Arminio

On Dec 6, 2022, at 9:47 PM, Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us> wrote:

Michele -

The Superintendent answered your questions during the Policy Meeting and explained her protocols and procedures for when she alerts the Board.

Have a good evening.

Chrissy

From: Michele Arminio <Michele.Arminio@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 5:52 PM
To: Chrissy Skurbe <Chrissy.Skurbe@monroe.k12.nj.us>; Chari Chanley <Chari.Chanley@Monroe.K12.NJ.US>
Cc: Karen Bierman <Karen.Bierman@monroe.k12.nj.us>
Subject: RE: Lock down notification to Board members

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