



MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AD HOC Committee

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Masuk High School

1014 Monroe Turnpike

- Present: David Ferris - Board of Education Chairman
Christine Cascella - Board of Education Vice Chairman (arrived at 6:07 PM)
Jerry Stevens - Board of Education Member
- Also Present: Joe Kobza - Superintendent
Sheila Casinelli - Assistant Superintendent
Ron Bunovsky - Director of Finance
Jen Parsell - Director of Student Support Services
Dan Kroffsik - Director of Facilities
Steve Kirsch - Board of Finance
Jonathan Formichella - Town Council
Tim Piedmont - Parent
Megan Damato - Parent
Mike Ganino - Citizen
- Absent: Steve Swensen - Principal, Masuk
Leigh Ances - Principal, Fawn Hollow
Sue Dixon - Monroe Education Assn.
Ralph Franco - Monroe Education Assn.
Rebecca O'Donnell - Board of Finance
Bill Holsworth - Director of Economic Development

I. Call To Order

Dave Ferris called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

II. Report of the Chairman

Chairman Ferris shared some background on how the St. Jude School building came to the Board of Education as a possible solution to our bursting buildings. St. Jude was purchased by the Town for a town building, a Community Center.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the [April 10, 2025, Minutes](#) - Vote anticipated

Dave Ferris asked for a motion to approve the April 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve the April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

No discussion.

Motion: (J. Stevens)

Second: (C. Cascella)

Motion Passed 3 (D. Ferris, J. Stevens, C. Cascella) - 0

IV. Public Participation

Chairman Ferris shared a statement about public participation.

The Committee welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments in terms of time. Three (3) minutes per speaker is allotted. The Chair has the discretion to limit the overall public comment portion of the meeting based on the number of participants or if time constraints warrant it. Speakers should state their name and address for the record. Participation is an opportunity for the Committee to listen to comments from the community regarding items on the agenda for this meeting. Feedback from the citizens of Monroe is important and helps to inform this Board of community perceptions and concerns. On select occasions, the Chair may find it helpful to provide feedback or call upon a district administrator to clarify a statement made in Public Participation. However, it should not be the expectation that the Committee will respond to comments or questions offered during Public Participation given the time constraints and structure of the meeting agenda. Specific questions may be forwarded directly to facilitiesstudy@monroeps.org. Written statements are always welcome, and copies will be provided to the Committee Members. **Immediate replies to questions/concerns should not be expected (Chair's discretion).**

None.

V. New Business

Michelle Miller, of Silver Petrucelli and Associates, shared these [presentation slides](#) addressing the following:

A. Review Options for Utilizing St. Jude

St. Jude school, as an option for a public school building, was discussed with the committee. Committee members shared their comments and concerns in a discussion that followed..

B. Review Program Plans for Elementary Schools

Each elementary school and Chalk Hill were reviewed with programming classrooms shown and discussed in more detail.

A discussion followed about the bonding process for any project within the Town of Monroe.

The Committee discussed any other possible use of St. Jude for the Board of Education.

Dave Ferris asked Christine and Jerry if they had any other motions for tonight. They did not have any other motions.

Dave Ferris asked to keep this committee active until the Board of Education decides to go with any possible renovation projects for the schools.

Dave will ask at the June 2, 2025 Board of Education meeting for summer dates for a special meeting of the Board of Education where the Facilities AdHoc Committee will be invited to discuss the facility options.

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Ferris asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:19 PM

Motion: (Jerry)

Second: (Christine)

Motion passed: 3 (D. Ferris, C. Cascella, J. Stevens) - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Stevens

Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Secretary