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hostility of the working environment of about 30 to 40 parents and teachers, New Jersey Department of Education, Cape May City Elementary School, the Cape May City School Board, as well as a group of county Board of Chosen Freeholders, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Cape May County Bridge Commission and the Federal Highway Administration. Public information sessions about the project were held in Cape May and Wildwood Crest.

Joe Romano, chief bridge engineer, of Michael Baker International, stated the project was in the early concept development phase following numerous meetings with stakeholders during the past month, a concept development report would be submitted to the NJDOT, which would be followed by the local preliminary engineering phase lasting two years.

Final design would take an additional two years. Romans said the project would be in Lower Township to Madison Avenue in Wildwood Crest. The project involves three bridges and one culvert, which will be extended to accommodate high tide changes. The Middle Thorofare Bridge, Upper and Future Thorofare bridges were constructed in 1935. The Middle Thorofare Bridge is classified as in poor condition, while the Mill Creek and Upper Thorofare bridges are classified as fair condition, but Romans said the bridges are safe to traverse.

“The county has been investing a lot of funds to maintain them over the years and hence one of the needs for this project,” Romans said.

A total of eight bridge designs have been offered, Romans said. Alternatives 1 has been chosen as the preliminary preferred design, he said. “This is a weatherly route across Upper Thorofare and Middle Thorofare, we cross over the existing bridge and avoid impacting the Fish and Wildlife,” Romans said.

He said the Middle Thorofare Bridge would have an 80-foot vertical clearance with an 80-foot horizontal width, pending Coast Guard approval. The new bridge would be a fixed bridge. The current drawbridge that requires frequent opening in the summer seasons.

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Split between school board, CMCEA grows

Sides publicly clarify positions at meeting

By JOHN ALVAREZ

CAPE MAY — The teachers association and school board president followed up on a letter they were not expressing no confidence in the administration in March with further statement.

At the end of an April 21 Cape May City Elementary School Board of Education meeting, the Cape May County Collaboration and school board President from Atlantic made a statement to clarify an event from its previous meeting.

Preschool teacher Kelly Holley, who is president of the CMCEA, stated a letter that she sent to the school board that the CMCEA wanted to reiterate to the public administration is not a grievance.

“The grievance only occurs when there has been a violation of the contract,” she said in the board, as well as a group of about 30 to 40 parents and teachers.

“Our letter was not re

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