

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON

**MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019 AT 6:30 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
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- A. STATEMENTS Page
1. Meeting Notice
- B. ROLL CALL AT
- C. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
1. 2019-2020 Budget
- E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
- The Board will allow time for the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.
- F. BUSINESS OFFICE
1. Adoption of 2019-2020 Tentative Budget
- G. PUPIL SERVICES - None
- H. OPERATIONS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES
1. Approval of the First Reading of the Following Policy
- A. P2320 – Independent Study Programs (proposed renaming Alternate Learning Programs and Opportunities)
- I. DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - None
- J. PERSONNEL - None
- K. BOARD COMMENTS
- L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES
- The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the George Inness Annex Atrium at 141 Park Street. The meeting will go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm when it will re-open to the public.
- M. ADJOURNMENT

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ADOPTION OF 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Montclair Board of Education’s tentative budget be approved for the 2019-2020 School Year utilizing the 2019-2020 state aid figures and a health care cost adjustment to the 2% tax levy increase totaling \$122,000.00 and that the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018-2019 Total Expenditures	\$128,320,769	\$3,744,300	\$ -0-	\$132,065,069
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$ 9,403,664	\$3,744,300	\$ -0-	\$ 13,147,964
Taxes to be Raised	\$118,917,105	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$118,917,105

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12, the Montclair Board of Education is required to adopt a policy related to travel expenses for board employees and board members that ensures local, State and/or Federal funds are spent on travel that is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12(P), specifically, annually in the pre-budget year, the Board shall establish a maximum travel expenditure amount for the budget year, which the school district shall not exceed in that budget year; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall also include the maximum amount established for the pre-budget year, \$85,000.00 and the amount encumbered to date is \$53,008.02 as of March 8, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum expenditure, including all travel for the 2019-2020 school year that is supported by local and state funds, shall not exceed a total amount of \$85,000.00.

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APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education approves the first reading of the following Policy;

- A. P2320 - INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS (propose renaming Alternative Learning Programs and Opportunities)

District Policy

2320- INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS (propose renaming **Alternative Learning Programs and Opportunities**)

Section: Program
Date Created: December, 2016
Date Edited: **March, 2019**

The Board of Education authorizes **alternative learning programs and opportunities** (commonly known as **Option II**) aimed at achieving the Common Core and New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for promotion and graduation purposes in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1.

The Board of Education supports the goal of providing a quality education for each student in the Montclair Public School District. It recognizes the global nature of contemporary education. The Board values highly the notion that, as much as possible, high school students will be encouraged to be the architects of their own understandings.

Appropriate assessments for all **alternative learning programs and opportunities** shall be planned for individuals and/or a group based on specific instructional objectives aimed at meeting or exceeding the Common Core and New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. The Principal shall certify completion of an alternative learning program and opportunity based on a pre-approval application process, specific instructional objectives and an approved assessment of the specific instructional objectives.

Therefore, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop **alternative learning programs and opportunities for students within and outside of the Montclair High School schedule**. The goal of providing flexibility for program options that allow students to reach their educational goals and for exercising control that maintains integrity commensurate with the Montclair High School program of studies should be addressed in program development.

The Principal may utilize a performance or competency assessment to approve student completion of **alternative learning programs and opportunities**, including those occurring all or in part prior to the student's high school enrollment.

Alternative learning programs and opportunities shall be approved in the same manner as other approved **programs and/or** courses. **All alternative learning programs and opportunities** shall be on file in the school district and subject to review by the Commissioner of Education or designee.

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1 et seq.

Adopted: 8 March 2019