

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been approved in the following manner:

1. On October 17, 2008 notice of this meeting was faxed to the Montclair Times, the Herald and News and the Star-Ledger. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
2. On this same date a copy of said notice was filed with the Township Clerk and was posted at the public bulletin board in the first floor main hall of the Board of Education building, 22 Valley Road.
3. Copies have also been mailed to all persons who have requested same at no cost.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50p.m. Mr. Barr moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), the Montclair Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1) – (9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss the following matters concerning: personnel matters, personnel report and out-of-district placements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion maybe disclosed to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

Seconded by Mr. Kautz and approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Barr moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Ms. Grill and approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

E. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:41 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Timothy Barr	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Staff Members	<u> 6 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 8 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 1 </u>	

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez thanked Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Barr and Mrs. Lombard for their hard work on the budget. He also thanked parents and community members for their continued support during these difficult economic times.

Dr. Alvarez mentioned that the 3rd Annual Spring Parent Conference on Saturday was a wonderful event. He attributed this success to the Department of Instruction, Sylvia Bryant, parent volunteers, and Ms. Grill for her presentation.

He mentioned that the Montclair High School's principal search is ongoing. The deadline for applications was Friday, April 3rd and over 125 applicants were received. Interviews will begin at the end of April. He added he expects to have selected a candidate by June 1st.

Dr. Alvarez introduced the MHS Student Coalition to give updates on activities in the high school.

Ruth Hertzberg, Maddie Fedder, Rachel Bradford of the MHS-Student Coalition gave the following updates about the activities in the high school.

- ▶ Seniors are looking forward to the senior option program and graduation.
- ▶ Preparations for AP testing in May are underway.
- ▶ The spring SVPA musical "*Suesical*" will be held the first and second weekends in May.
- ▶ All spring season sports have begun.
- ▶ The yearbook project has begun.

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

The Board had the first reading of the following policies:

- a. P-300/3010 Non-Instructional Operations
- b. P-3326 Payment for Goods and Services
- c. P-3541.32 District Owned Vehicles
- d. P-1100 Communicating with the Public
- e. P-3220/3230 State Funds; Federal Funds
- f. P-3325 Payroll Authorization
- g. P-3327 Relations with Vendors
- h. P-4112.8 Nepotism-Certified Personnel
- i. P-5131 Conduct/Discipline

The Board had the second reading of the following Policy:

- a. P-6171.4 Special Education

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

J. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Kautz moved to approve the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolution re: Approval of School Field Trips

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Education Accountability Regulations require approval of all school related field trips by the Board of Education and,

WHEREAS, the field trip must be directly related to instruction and classwork.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following field trips are approved:

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
SCHOOL	DATE	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
MHS	6-1-09	Transition	Stanton-Paule	Montclair State College	None	Dare to Dream Conference
MHS	4-18-09	9-12	Weber	Credit Sussie, NY	\$0	Euro-Challenge
Renaissance	4-17-09	7	Khan	Us Constitution Center, PA	\$10.00	American History Studies

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
SCHOOL	DATE	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
Renaissance	5-8-09	7	Garzon	US Constitution Center, PA	\$10.00	American History Studies
Renaissance	5-8-09	8	Jackson	Newark Penn Station	None	Tour parts of Newark, view the industrialization, urbanization & modernization of the city of Newark
Renaissance	4-4-09	7	Garzon	Robbinsville High School, NJ	None	Competition for DI
Renaissance	5-19 to 5-21-09	8	Geremia	Washington DC/	\$385.00	The students will be instructed throughout museum tours and monument night tours. The Arlington Cemetery will be lead by the 8 th Grade Team Leaders
Watchung	4-16-09	K-2	Olson	Human Needs Pantry, Montclair, NJ	None	We are doing a community service project(making soup & dropping it off)
Watchung	6-17-09	5	Arnold	Jackson Township, Six Flags, NJ	\$10.00	Prepare students for Life Science studies in class from UnitA (NJCCS 5.5 & NJCCS 5.2)
Watchung	4-16-09	2	Fee	Montclair Art Museum	None	Yearly scheduled 2ns grade program through MAM
Watchung	4-29-09	1-5 (SAIL)	Alvarez	Liberty Science Ctr. Jersey City, NJ	\$15.00	Learn from science exhibits and find solution to grade problems
Bradford	5-15-09	4	Spicer	Liberty Science Ctr. Jersey City, NJ	\$18.50	Exploration of energy and motion
Bradford	4-6-09	ABA classes	Parsons	Montclair State U.	None	Swim therapy
Bradford	4-13-09			Same as above		
Bradford	4-27-09			Same as above		

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
SCHOOL	DATE	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
Edgemont	6-17-09	4	Plaskow	Ellis Island, NY	\$6.00	Study of immigration to Northeast
Nishuane	5-7-09	2	Scally	Museum of Natural History, NY	\$15.00	Culminating activity on Science units: dinosaurs, ocean life, forest (standard 5.5)All students will investigate the diversity of life and needs of organisms
Rand	4-3-09	2-3	Harms	Mt. Hebron	None	Dr. Jennings invited students to attend a special performance of Aladdin, Jr.
Rand	6-1-09	5	Sinclair	Independence Hall, PA	\$30.00	As a culminating activity to our colonial revolutionary studies we visit these historic places. Our visit to the zoo culminates our research on endangered species, their habitats, and conservation efforts
Rand	5-29-09	4	D'Andrea	Fairview Lake	\$20.00	Environmental science learning extension and character ed. Team building activities
Northeast	4-7-09	Self-contained 3,4,5	Landau	Jenkinson's Aquarium, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ	\$6.00	As part of the global studies curriculum the children are studying Australia, They will observe a live coral reef and habitants
Northeast	4-29-09	K	Beatty	Newark Airport, NJ	\$6.00	Enrichment for our language/reading & social studies curriculum

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
SCHOOL	DATE	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
Northeast	4-30-09	2	Rebelo	Montclair Art Museum	None	Visit a museum and have better understanding of art
Hillside	4-18-09	4-5	D'Amico	Madison Square Garden, NY (Drums of Thunder)	None	Half time show for the Michael Jordan classic

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the field trips are approved in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education Accountability Regulations.

- 2. Resolution re: Approval of Acceptance of the No Child Left Behind Consolidated Subgrant SIA-A Allocation for Fiscal Year 2008

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve acceptance of the funding awarded through the No Child Left Behind consolidated subgrant, *Title I School Improvement Fund, Part A (SLA Part A)* for fiscal year 2008,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the No Child Left Behind consolidated subgrant, *Title I School Improvement Fund, Part A (SLA Part A)* award for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$21,302.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	A YE	N AY
Timothy Barr	_____x_____	_____
John Carlton	_____x_____	_____
Shirley Grill	_____x_____	_____
Robert Kautz	_____x_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____
Ronald Riddick	_____x_____	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____ <u>ABSENT</u>

K. BUSINESS

- 1. Resolutions

Mr. Barr moved to adopt the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Adoption of Board Policies P-6171.4 Special Education

WHEREAS, Board of Education policy requires two readings before policies are adopted, and

WHEREAS, the first reading of these policies took place on March 16, 2009 and

WHEREAS, the second reading is today, April 6, 2009,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education adopts the Board Policies P-6171.4 Special Education.

- b. Resolution re: Purchase of Electric Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID# E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services, (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation service through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the effective period from April, 2009 through March, 2011, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period" issue one or more requests for bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in wholesale electric market, participating members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service for no more than two years at a time in each service territory to one or more electric power supplies that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the participating member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided basic generation service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Electric Generation Services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall not exceed two-years; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801 –ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 ct seq.) shall be valid until March, 2011 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission.

- c. Resolution re: Approval of Submission NJSBAIG's 2009 Safety Grant Program Application in the Amount of \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve application of submission of Safety Grant Program funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the NJSBAIG's 2009 Safety Grant Program application for \$5,000.00.

- d. Resolution re: Approval of Submission of the No Child Left Behind Amendment Application for FY 2009

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve application of submission of No Child Left Behind Amendment Application,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the attached No Child Left Behind Amendment Application for FY2009.

- e. Resolution re: Approval of Salaries for No Child Left Behind Grant for 2008-2009 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the following list of salaries charged to the No Child Left Behind Grant (NCLB) for the 2008-09 school year:

Name	SCHOOL	CHARGED SALARY	AMOUNT OF SALARY NCLB TO NCLB	% OF LOCAL FUNDS	% OF FUNDS
TITLE I:					
Amy Foust	Nishuan	\$90,393	\$90,393	100.0%	0.0%
Janice Cuerrero	Rand	\$65,840	\$65,840	100.0%	0.0%
Rosalind Thompson	Glenfield	\$87,999	\$87,999	100.0%	0.0%
Tiffany Swords	Mt. Hebron	\$54,237	\$33,790	62.3%	37.7%
Rhonda Smith	Glenfield	\$83,404	\$9,758	11.7%	88.3%
Shalina Taneja	Mt. Hebron	\$72,783	\$72,783	100.0%	0.0%
Valerie Hampton	Nishuane	\$92,793	\$19,580	21.1%	78.9%
TITLE II-A:					
Grace Ko	Nishuane	\$53,299	\$53,299	100.0%	0.0%
Mary Paolazzi	Nishuane	\$60,413	\$60,413	100.0%	0.0%
Kimberly Dillman	Rand	\$67,116	\$44,752	66.6%	33.4%
TITLE IV:					
Andrew Evangelista	High School	\$103,626	\$13,300	12.8%	87.2%

- f. Resolution re: Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses

WHEREAS, New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 23B and Board of Education policy require approval of the Board of Education prior to expending Board of Education funds for travel and related expenses, and

WHEREAS, the travel must be directly related to the employee's or Board member's current responsibilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board members and employees are approved for travel-related reimbursements for an amount up to the estimated cost indicated:

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES			
<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Differentiated Instruction	Charles A. Cobb	\$1,688.00	Differentiated instruction is a major district initiative. Understanding by Design is an important Renaissance initiative developed by Grant Wiggins and ASCD.
Robotics	Joanne Petrigliano	\$1,295.20	Chaperone for Robotics competition.
Business Writing and Grammar Skills	Tanequea Decosta-Baker Gina Zazzarino	\$312..61 \$282.16	This workshop is designed to improve written communication skills, proofreading techniques, and business grammar.
A Special Need for Sex Education	Kate Stanton Paule Leslie Wallace	\$100.00 \$100.00	This training is specifically designed for teaching students with developmental disabilities.
Outstanding Technology Projects to Enhance Content Learning	Saalik Cuevas Abigail Hoffman	\$199.00 \$199.00	To enable planning for fall science projects pertaining to earth's structure and spring projects pertaining to the U.S. Constitution.
Public Sector Labor Relations Law	James Patterson	\$110.00	Legal compliance is essential for the efficient operation of the district.
Administrative Professionals Series	Diane Bertrand	192.60	This program is designed to facilitate support staffs dealings with difficult people and situations, the secretaries role in public relations, school climate, and stress management.
High Scope International Conference	Linda Colucci	\$335.00	Attending this conference is to assure that Pre-k standards are met.
2009 NJASA/NJSBA Spring Conference	Frank Alvarez	\$520.00	Professional development in ethics, law, and governance. Gain knowledge in preparing students for the 21 st Century, using educational futuristic as a major aid.

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES			
CONFERENCE	EMPLOYEE	COST	PURPOSE
NJ Council for Exceptional Children	Barry Schwartz	\$50.00	To attend poster sessions about teaching special education students.
NJ TESOL-NJBE 2009 Spring Conference	Pasquale Lino Martire	\$130.00	To promote the deliver of instruction by providing up-to-date information and continuing education for ESL teachers.
Century Consultants 2009 Users Conference	Ed Lebida Eileen Gilbert Mary Abell	\$75.00 \$75.00 \$75.00	To improve skills working with the student management program.
Special Education Law Conference	James Scagliotti Rebecca Ross	\$165.00 \$206.54	This session will provide an update on legal issues in special education regarding programs, services, discipline, student records and changes in 504 regulations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that reimbursement will be made for expenses that are in accordance with Board of Education policy and for which original receipts are submitted to the Business Office.

Seconded by Ms. Grill approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	
Timothy Barr	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>ABSENT</u>

2. Change Orders

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following change orders:

- a. Approval of Change Order#1 Contract for Video Surveillance and Access Control Systems at the High School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 are subject to the bidding requirements of New Jersey Statutes 18A:18A-4 or are to be purchased under a State of New Jersey contract through the provisions of N.J.S. 18A:18A-10.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on November 20, 2008, for Video Surveillance and Access Control Systems at the High School. The contract was awarded to Open Systems Integrators, 207D Woodward Road, Manalapan, New Jersey, 07726, in the total amount of \$207,444.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 for custodial overtime on 2/27/09 in the credit amount of -\$195.00.

b. Approval of Change Order #3 for General Construction for New Elementary School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 are subject to the bidding requirements of New Jersey Statutes 18A:18A-4 or are to be purchased under a State of New Jersey contract through the provisions of N.J.S. 18A:18A-10.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by The Thomas Group, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 19, 2008, for General Construction for New Elementary School. The contract was awarded to Niram, Inc., 91 Fulton Street, Unit #4, Boonton, New Jersey, 07005, in the total amount of \$12,949,800.00 which includes the base bid of \$12,377,000 and alternates totaling \$572,800.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #3 for \$8,623.00 for labor, material and equipment needed to provide temporary power for the site trailers, including generator and fuel.

c. Approval of Change Orders #1 and #2 for Renovations at the High School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 are subject to the bidding requirements of New Jersey Statutes 18A:18A-4 or are to be purchased under a State of New Jersey contract through the provisions of N.J.S. 18A:18A-10.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on February 28, 2008, for Renovations at the High School. The contract was awarded to Pakis Construction, 86 James Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, in the total amount of \$438,800.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approve the change orders totaling -\$1,099.13 as follows:

CO #1 – Custodial overtime on 10/10/08 and 8/4/08	-\$480.00
CO #2 – Custodial overtime on 10/23/08	-\$619.13

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	
Timothy Barr	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>ABSENT</u>

Ms. Grill moved to approve the following resolutions:

3. Resolution re: Approval of the Personnel Report

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the Board approved the actions contained in the attached revised Personnel Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the revised Personnel Report of April 6, 2009, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

4. Resolution re: Approval of Out-Of-District Placements

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the attached Out-of-District Placements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the actions attached in the Out-of-District Placements of April 6, 2009.

5. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve L.M.’s Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement in the matter of R.M. and K.L. on behalf of L.M., vs. the Montclair Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

6. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve L.O.’s Educational Program

WHEREAS, that attorney for the Board of education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement in the matter of P.O. and C.O. on behalf of L.O., vs. the Montclair Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Seconded by Mr. Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	
Timothy Barr	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>ABSENT</u>

L. COMMENTS

1. Members of the Public

None.

2. Board Members

Mr. Kautz expressed his appreciation to Mr. Barr and Mrs. Lombard for serving on the Board of School Estimate. He stated that during budget season everyone’s minds are focused on just that and admonished all not to forget about what is being accomplished in the schools. He indicated that celebrating students for their achievements and accomplishments should always gain attention. He thanked all of the volunteers for their hard work in continuing to help to make the Montclair school system a success.

Mr. Riddick thanked all who attended the budget hearings. He commended the Board of School Estimate members for their presentation and work on the budget. He stated that the he was disappointed with the lack of civility that was displayed and that this conduct could spill over to the children who observe everything that parents say and do. He added that the job of the Board of Education is to educate the children. He commended Dr. Alvarez and Mrs. Sullivan for the job they do every year to assist in educating the children of Montclair.

Ms. Grill thanked Board members, Dr. Alvarez, and Mrs. Sullivan for their hard work on the budget. She mentioned that there were a lot of parents that attended the parent conference on Saturday that are supporters of the budget.

Mr. Barr expressed his disappointment in some of the comments directed towards Central Office administrators. He stated that they are appreciated for the work that they do in the district. He congratulated the DOI on their success of the parent workshop.

Mr. Carlton thanked Board members, Central Office administrators and staff for their compassion and hard work that they devote to the success of this district and education of the children of Montclair. He thanked everyone for their support during this most difficult time.

M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 and will open at 6:30 p.m. in public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the George Innes Annex, 141 Park Street.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:26p.m. Mr. Carlton moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Barr and approved by a vote of 6-0.