

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 June 10, 2009, notice of this meeting was faxed to the Montclair Times, the Herald 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 6:30 p.m. Shelly Lombard 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 Settlement Agreements.

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 Shirley Grill and approved by a vote of 7-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Shirley Grill moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a vote of 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:55 p.m.

## F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

Staff Members            \_\_\_10\_\_\_  
Members of the Public    \_\_\_60\_\_\_  
Members of the Press     \_\_\_1\_\_\_

## G. MINUTES

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following minutes:

Public Board Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2009

Seconded by Carmen Taylor and approved by a vote of 7-0 with 0 abstentions.

**Leslie Larson** asked if Julie Cerf would clarify the statement in the minutes that no elementary seats would be gained and that Hillside would be overcrowded.

**Julie Cerf** responded that if Renaissance moves to Rand and Rand to the new school, the only seats gained would be in the new school. Julie Cerf also responded that if Rand became a K-2 school, children entering third grade would probably go on to Hillside; therefore placing additional students in that school.

## H. DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL REORGANIZATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION

**John Carlton** stated that he would like to summarize what had been discussed at prior meetings. Mr. Carlton commented that the Task Force has been meeting over the past year and has presented their recommendations. Mr. Carlton also noted that the Board has listened to members of the Rand and Renaissance communities, spoken individually to many and attended meetings held in different schools. Mr. Carlton stated that the Board had asked Dr. Alvarez if the recommendations from the Task Force and the feedback from the community were feasible.

Mr. Carlton noted that three areas were identified:

1. scheduling at new school – could it work
2. cost involved if Renaissance would move to Rand

3. a way in which Renaissance could better reflect the economic disadvantaged diversity we have in the district

*Dr. Frank Alvarez* stated that recommendations of the Task Force were taken very seriously, and he appreciated all their hard work over the past several months.

Dr. Alvarez noted that scheduling was a major issue. Dr. Alvarez stated that staggered opening and dismissal times were explored and that if a staggered schedule were put into place, one period of class time would be gained on either end.

Another concern was that if both Rand and Renaissance populations were moved into the new building, the new building would be at total capacity and there would be no room for growth. Full capacity could eliminate moving some special education classes into the building.

Dr. Alvarez stated that Dana Sullivan would explain the \$1.7 million of capital money that is being discussed for renovations at Rand. Dr. Alvarez also noted that a meeting is scheduled with representatives from the county office to determine exactly what modifications/repairs must be done to bring Rand up to code.

*Shirley Grill* wanted to be sure she had the correct numbers for students and classrooms presently at Rand and Renaissance. Ms. Grill stated that she believes Renaissance has 250 students and 12 classrooms and that Rand has 350 and 14 classrooms. She was told those numbers were correct.

*Dana Sullivan* presented the following information regarding the estimated \$1.7 million in capital funds. Mrs. Sullivan noted that the \$1.7 million would include:

- . removal of bathrooms in each classroom - room would then be used as storage space
- . removal of cubbies - replaced with lockers (depending on code regulations)
- . creation of additional common toilets
- . additional electrical and wiring for computers
- . replacement of furniture
- . creation of a science lab
- . creation of an art room
- . renovation of the media center
- . mechanical work to the building
- . masonry and waterproofing
- . floor replacement

Mrs. Sullivan stated that some of the above items may not be essential but it was felt that if the building was empty, this would be a good time to do them. Mrs. Sullivan noted that the amount of money estimated could be reduced depending on what items were eliminated. Mrs. Sullivan wanted everyone to understand that this work could not be done this summer and probably not until 2011 since none of this money was in the capital budget last year.

She stated that money would have to be included the capital budget for next year, plans would have to be submitted to Trenton for approval, specifications drawn up for the projects and projects put out to bid.

Shirley Grill asked Dana Sullivan what items were considered optional and what items would be considered essential by the State. Ms. Grill also asked Dana Sullivan if we could occupy the building in September of this year.

*Dana Sullivan* responded that we would be able to occupy the building in September and that we could request a waiver from the State for items we are proposing to do which they considered essential. Mrs. Sullivan stated that she did not think we would need to have a visit by the State since she felt that we did not have items in the building not up to code.

Shirley Grill asked Dana Sullivan if there were no common bathrooms on the first floor and just bathrooms in classrooms and Mrs. Sullivan responded that was correct.

*Dr. Weller* added that common bathrooms are on the lower and second levels and that the first floor bathrooms were just in classrooms.

*John Carlton* stated that it seems the cost could be lower than \$1.7 million depending on programs, cost of renovations and on mandatory essential repairs but noted that it is the Board's job to do what is right for the community long term.

*Shirley Grill* questioned whether it was appropriate to have middle school students in a building without common bathrooms.

*Dana Sullivan* responded that she thought it would meet code regulations. Dana Sullivan also stated that she felt an upgrade to the computer program would be good for the middle school and that it would be easier doing some of these projects while the building is vacant.

*John Carlton* asked Dr. Frank Alvarez to speak about research that was done on K-8 model schools.

*Dr. Frank Alvarez* responded that research found K-8 models:

- provided a very nurturing environment for students
- attributed towards an increase in student achievement
- allowed for staff to monitor students closely
- allowed for less transition (changing schools)

Dr. Alvarez stated that the committee explored other models and there were many pros and cons for each model. Dr. Alvarez stated that the concept of one building and one administrator was dismissed after discussions with focus groups. He also noted that smaller class size seemed to be a critical issue.

*John Carlton* stated that there were questions raised by the community regarding how compatible educationally the philosophy of Rand and Renaissance were.

*Dr. Frank Alvarez* responded that he felt the philosophies of both schools were very compatible - delivering instruction at age appropriate levels.

*Leslie Larson* commented as a former Rand and Renaissance parent, that when Rand started it was philosophically the same as Renaissance and she feels that the two schools will support and feed off each other.

*John Carlton* suggested that parents who signed up at schools for definite models will not be getting those models if programs are moved to the new schools and understands that parents feel threatened even though emotionally they understand changes must be made.

*Shirley Grill* stated she has had many discussions with parents regarding the important decisions that will be made long term. Ms. Grill noted this is the first time in fifty years a new school is being built and the Board has a real commitment to parents.

Ms. Grill added that she is concerned that if we invest dollars into Rand as a middle school, it will be a middle school for the next twenty years. Ms. Grill stated that she is trying to decide how we make the transition, maintain flexibility and make an investment in a building. Ms. Grill commented that the beauty of Renaissance is its size and dedication to students and would like this to continue.

*Leslie Larson* added that she has heard from several residents requesting that the Board be fiscally responsible in their decision knowing that compromises must be made.

*Shelly Lombard* stated that she too had heard the same request, mainly from Renaissance parents, requesting the Board be fiscally responsible in their decision.

#### COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

*Mary Emanuelli, 89 Norwood Avenue*, stated the Rand community wants to move into the new school in 2010. Ms. Emanuelli stated that the rand community wants staff, principal and program to remain in tact when and if they move to the new building.

Ms. Emanuelli noted that a poll was taken via their website regarding which model would be preferred – K-5 or K-8 and the result was that Rand be moved as a K-5 school. Ms. Emanuelli stated that by moving Rand as a K-5 school, maintaining the current staff, principal and program allows Rand to continue doing what the school does so well, allows the program to grow and maintains a smaller class size.

Ms. Emanuelli urged the Board to move Rand into the new school as a K-5 model and maintain Dr. Weller as Principal.

*Shirley Grill* commented that there are many scenarios that could be looked at -what if we moved grades 1-5 to the new school and started phasing in a grade 2-8 or grade 3-8 model for the new school and K-2 model for Rand or what if a K-1 model was housed in the

present Rand building. Ms. Grill also commented – what happens to sibling priority in the magnet programs.

**Monica Bartlett**, 33 Aubrey Road, a Rand/Renaissance parent, thanked the Board and Dr. Alvarez for taking their time and not making a quick decision.

Ms. Bartlett noted that it is her personal opinion Rand should move into the new school and Renaissance should move into the Rand building so that both schools can maintain their own identity and smaller class size. Ms. Bartlett stated that she has no objection to a K-8 model but wants to keep the Freedom of Choice option.

Ms. Bartlett stated the following would be gained if Renaissance moved to the Rand building:

- a dedicated lunch room, which also could be used as performance space
- an outdoor field/play area
- a library space
- additional classroom space
- continuation of a middle school experience

**Lisa Brenner**, 204 Orange Road, stated that a “do no harm” motto should guide the Board’s final decision. Ms. Brenner noted she felt a decision to merge into new K-8 school could do harm since Montclair has a track record for two separate schools (Rand and Renaissance) and there is no track record in Montclair for a K-8 model.

Ms. Brenner noted that she chose Renaissance because of the staff and Principal and stated Renaissance is a school and not a program.

Ms. Brenner questioned the financial rationale for merging the two schools since she felt improvements must be done at Rand regardless of the final decision. Ms. Brenner expressed her gratitude to the Board for allowing parents and community additional time for their input.

**John Carlton** noted that at one point Montclair did have a K-8 program and that financial costs will be dealt with in the capital and operational budgets.

**Lisa Prince**, 117 Buckingham Road, questioned whether the Board is committed to providing funds to move Renaissance to Rand and if the budget is reduced, what items will be deleted.

Ms. Prince questioned when and if Renaissance moves, when will the conversion occur – during the summer or during the school year.

**Shelly Lombard** stated the Board of School Estimate is comprised of two Board of Education members and three members from the Town Council – therefore the approval of the capital and operating budgets is not solely dependent on Board of Education approval.

**Todd Smith**, 226 Park Street, thanked the Board for their work and stated that he felt two schools under one leadership was not in the best interest of the town and students. Mr. Smith asked if any of the \$1.8 million Montclair received in stimulus funds could be used for additional expenditures or to enhance new programs in the new school.

**Dr. Frank Alvarez** responded there are very definitive guidelines for use of stimulus funds, and funds are strictly targeted for new programs addressing the needs of economically disadvantaged and special education students.

**Helen Donnelly**, 123 High Street, a Renaissance parent, thanked the Board for delaying their decision and their willingness to listen to the community.

Ms. Donnelly wanted to touch base on the following:

The advocacy for the Renaissance program – applauds staff and Principal

Importance of the distinction between the K-5 and 6-8 models – she feels the interim step into a 6-8 model is a very important step for students prior to entering high school. Ms. Donnelly wants to create two schools in an environment which they can flourish and wants to invest in both programs.

Give Renaissance an opportunity to be housed in the Rand building.

**Jill Stein**, 115 South Fullerton Avenue, thanked the Board for allowing additional time to render their decision.

Ms. Stein stated that families have chosen a magnet school they felt is best for their child, that all parents have the same goals for our children and all feel that a smaller learning community is the only place for our children.

Mrs. Stein noted that she has been a teacher and that the K-8 model does work in districts but doesn't know if Montclair can have two different models in the same building and how it will affect students down the road.

**Pam Calabrese**, 26 Wellesley Road, thanked the Board, Dr. Alvarez, teachers, parents and community for all their input and hard work in making a decision. Ms. Calabrese stated that the fiscal aspect is a very important factor and she would like to see additional detailed information, possibly published in the Montclair Times.

**Katie Calabrese**, 26 Wellesley Road, a Renaissance student, stated it is her understanding that if Renaissance moves to the new build, they would house the first floor but if Renaissance moves to Rand, they will have an entire building and it will truly feel like a school. Ms. Calabrese stated:

- Rand and Renaissance are two very different schools
- There is no problem of not having a common bathroom on the first floor in Rand since Renaissance now only has one main bathroom.

- Rand does not need many improvements – it is much better than Renaissance
- Renaissance just needs a new building – not a new school.
- Board should not consider a K-8 model because of costs

**Rich Goldberg**, 236 Midland Avenue, stated he felt the two schools could exist in the same building but not with the same administrator. Mr. Goldberg commented that it was his understanding that last week the Board was looking at a K-8 model and this week he understands that no decisions were made.

**John Carlton** responded that the idea was just being discussed and no decisions had been made.

**Shirley Grill** added that the new introduction of a K-8 model was being discussed as long term.

**Richard Richberg** added that Renaissance, because of the combination of forces - small size, caring teachers, principal and program, is so special for the community. Mr. Richberg thanked the Board for looking at alternatives and stated that students are getting a great education at Renaissance and believes that a K-5 model for Rand in the new school and placing Renaissance in Rand would be the solution.

**Elly Meeks**, 200 Christopher Street, wanted to be sure that the security guard and custodian would also be moved to the new facility along with the Renaissance staff.

**Rachel Shate**, 53 Watchung Avenue, commented that she feels it is a critical issue if both schools move into the new facility since the school would be filled to capacity and there would be no room for growth. Ms. Shate also stated that she feels if two schools are placed in the same building, down the road their separate identities would be lost.

Ms. Shate questioned why money for Rand's renovation was not in this year's budget since we knew years ago of the need. Ms. Shate stated that upgrades to the building should be prioritized prior to the students moving and thanked the Board for tabling the vote and hope they make the right decision.

**Dr. Frank Alvarez** was asked if stimulus funds received could be used for renovating a building. Dr. Alvarez responded that stimulus money cannot be used for construction but the money is targeted toward programs, services or resources for Special Education and Title I students.

**Wilfredo Benitz**, 169 Midland Avenue, stated he has heard all discussions and feels that all of our schools are great. Mr. Benitz added that he likes the program at Renaissance since it gives students a chance to walk through the streets of town and meet people of different societies.

**Shirley Grill** commented that none of the options address the achievement gap issue. Ms. Grill stated that we need to close the achievement gap and invest in at risk students and that no models address this because Renaissance is a special school.



Ms. Grill noted that \$1.7 million was taken out of the capital budget last year since it was felt that renovations to Rand could be done while the building was vacant – moving Rand to the new building and leaving Renaissance at Immaculate but with the serious asbestos problem at Immaculate, there is now a serious push to remove Renaissance from Immaculate. Ms. Grill stated that the Board could leave Renaissance at Immaculate and pay ¼ million dollars, have capital money available and have empty classrooms in the new building.

**Shelley Lombard** stated that the Board has a very difficult decision. Mrs. Lombard noted that they have heard from Renaissance parents and understand what they want but that some compromises must be made.

**Dana Sullivan** reported on additional costs of the Renaissance Program as:

Rental for Immaculate Conception - \$226,000  
 Sharron Miller Dance Studio - \$103,000  
 YMCA - \$21,000  
 Soccer Domain - \$55,000  
 After School programs – 2 ½ teachers – approx \$65,000 each

**Shelley Lombard** stated that there is much confusion about a K-8 model but her feeling is that the community wants to retain their current models at Rand and Renaissance and that many different issues emerge when people who will be impacted come forward.

Mrs. Lombard commented that the recommendation seems like it is two schools sharing one building. Mrs. Lombard noted that the process is a messy one and a huge one.

Mrs. Lombard stated that safety is a major concern for Renaissance remaining at Immaculate and will be when the students move to another substandard building. Mrs. Lombard added that now everyone wants to make the building work but what will happen in a couple of years when work must be done while students are in the building.

Mrs. Lombard suggested that at budget time, different concerns will emerge – increase in taxes, etc. but stated that the Board's first priority is the students and whatever their decision will be, everyone will have to live with it long term.

**Robert Kautz** reiterated the Board's comments last week that no decision has been made.

Mr. Kautz noted that there were as many as four proposals on the table and some of the items were:

- two separate schools being housed in one building
- each school maintaining their own identity
- number of principals for the building
- capacity of the new school
- moving Rand into new school
- budgetary consideration of renovating Rand for Renaissance

- renovations to building during school year

Mr. Kautz stated thanked everyone for all their input and noted that the concerns/suggestions brought to the Board had been heard and will be taken into consideration. Mr. Kautz noted that the Board was asked to keep the process simple and to retain the individual integrity of each school.

*Carmen Taylor* also stated that the Board has not made any decision and will do their best to select the best model for the new school.

*John Carlton* advised that the Board knows there must be a change. Mr. Carlton stated looking ahead at the budget, it appears it will be a 6% increase and to reach the 4% cap, there must be some cuts; i.e. teachers, technology etc. Mr. Carlton suggested that the community look at what is valued and how dollars are spent on what is valued most.

Mr. Carlton stated that the next step in the process is to gather in smaller groups and discuss some details. Mr. Carlton noted that they are going to do their best to meet the time frame and make the best decision for our students. Mr. Carlton thanked everyone for their input and assured them that the Board listened.

*Dr. Frank Alvarez* advised that the Board considered many different options that were presented to them. Dr. Alvarez stated that the Board has heard input and will deliberate on the findings of the Task Force as well as input received from the community. Dr. Alvarez advised that small group meetings will be held to continue discussions and hopes to have a decision by December 14 so that decisions then can be made on the budget process. Dr. Alvarez encouraged everyone to visit Montclair's website for periodic updates.

Dr. Alvarez noted that the Board did not cut \$1.7 million out of the budget but the decision came from the Board of School Estimate. Dr. Alvarez stated that everyone is striving for fiscal responsibility in a difficult economic time.

*John Carlton* acknowledged the Rand and Renaissance leadership and thanked Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins for all their hard work in this process.

## I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. On Wednesday, representative groups from all schools as part of the Johns Hopkins model, met to see how the school review would evolve into a different model that involves more people at the table and is representative of all the initiatives across the district.
- b. A meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee met last week and this group has enabled us to set some direction for special education programs.

- c. The Board received over 140 applicants for the Watchung Principal vacancy. Dr. Patterson has met with Watchung parents and staff and a recommendation is anticipated at the December 14 meeting.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

L. COMMENTS

1. PTA -

Sally Coughlin, on behalf of PTA stated:

Thursday is State of the School Address  
 PTA is beginning work on school tours  
 PTA Council – working on parent to parent seminars  
 PTA believes parents are a strong asset to schools and communities

2. MEA -

Dennis Murray, on behalf of MEA stated he:

Could identify with Renaissance parents regarding small learning communities  
 Could identify with Rand parents regarding keeping staff in tact  
 Listened to Board comments and parent input – true democracy  
 Feels the more input you receive – the better decision making

Mr. Murray spoke on American Education Week, which is held the week prior to Thanksgiving and invited the public to visit their schools.

Mr. Murray stated that the MEA supports any decision the Board makes with regard to the new school – fiscal, social and educational and thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Task Force.

M. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following resolution:

a. 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						
DATE	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
2/17/10	MHS	10/12	E. Kalacheva	Neve Galerie, NYC	\$25	To expand the students' knowledge of German speaking countries through art.
3/28/10	MHS	9/12	M. Blackburn	MSU	\$20	Education/Arts
3/5/10	MHS	9/12	M. Blackburn	MSU	\$20	Education/Arts
1/3/10	MHS	9/12	B. Blackburn	MSU	\$20	Education/Arts
12/5/09	MHS	10/12	L.Panayev	Seton Hall University, NJ	–	Academic lecture on foreign policy for the diplomatic corps program
12/3/09	MHS	9/12	B. Ennis	Teacher Retirement Club. Mtc	–	Community Spirit
12/15/09	MHS	9/12	W. Wingren	Doubletree Hotel , Somerset, NJ	\$300	To compete in the Rutgers University Model United Nations Conference
12/3/09	MHS	10/11	Burroughs	MSU	–	Expose AVID students to college environment
11/24/09	MHS	10/12	Burroughs	Van Vleck House	–	AVID Retreat
12/15/09	MHS	10/12	Fyfe	Rockefeller Ctr, NY	–	Lifeskills, communication skills & social skills, character Education
4/9/10	MHS	9/12	M. Blackburn	State Theater New Brunswick	\$25	Education/Arts
12/9/09	MHS	11/12	Hobbs	Morris County College, NJ	–	College Tours
10/30/09	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	Wachovia Center, Philadelphia	–	76er's Halftime Show
1/22/10.	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	Boston, Mass	–	Halftime Show for the Boston Celtics.....
1/24/10	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	Madison Sq. Garden NY	–	Knicks Halftime Show
11/21/09	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	East Rutherford, NJ	–	Nets halftime show
12/6/09	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	East Rutherford, NJ	–	Giants halftime show
11-17/ 11-24	Hill	4/5	McHugh	Various locations Schedule attached	–	Traveling performance to grow & refine performance

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12/9/09	Hill	3/5	Colucci	Valley Regency, NJ	–	Luncheon provided by Lions Club where Spec. Ed students can practice appropriate social skills
11/14/09	Hill	4/5	D'Amico	Rutgers University	–	Halftime Show
11/24/09	Mt.H	6/8	Pichardo	JCC Theatre, Jersey City	\$20	This program will bring knowledge & entertaining of Spanish music & Dance
12/10/09	Mt. H	6/8	Inserra	Bergen Performing Arts Ctr., NJ	\$24	To view a production of classic short stories that are literary based
12/8/09	Mt. H	6/7/8	LaRosa	MHS	–	Model Congress Competition
12/4/09	Glen	6/8	Washington	Union Congregational Church, Mtc.	–	Robotics competition
12/17/09	Glen	8	Miller	Clary Anderson Arena, Mtc.	–	½ way read your way
12/8/09	Glen	6	Dominick	Montclair Art Museum, Mtc.	\$12	To enrich our unit in LA class who read from the mixed up
11/24/09	Glen	7/8	Ochoa	Jewish Community Ctr. Clifton, NJ	\$25	Culture and sample Spanish cuisine
11/11/09	Glen		Scribner	Mtc. Human Needs Food Pantry, Mtc.	–	Students will take a symbolic walk from Glenfield to the food pantry to deliver collected \$
3/19/10	Glen	7	Harris	Bodies Exhibition, NYC	\$75	Study of human biology and skyride
2/26/10	Glen	6/8	Washington	Princeton University, NJ		National Science Bowl
2/3/09	Glen	7	Gill	Bodies Exhibit, NYC	\$100	Read Your Way
6/11/10	Glen	7	Hancharik	Independence Hall, PA.	\$105	Students will be able to see first hand the history of Philly & the founding of our country. We will be visiting Independence Hall, Institutes, Museums, tours
3/9/- 3/10/10	Glen	8	McCarthy	Gettysburg, PA	\$200	Studying the Civil War is part of the required NJ State Curriculum Standards. This trip provides them with an

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						invaluable insight into its most important battle
12/2/09	Brad	2/5	Russo	MSU	\$15	As a part of the social studies curriculum, we will be studying different winter holidays and cultural celebrations
12/2/09	Brad	K	Klimik	MSU	\$8	Study of the Nutcracker
11/25/09	Brad	K/5	Paison	Shooting Stars Gymnastics, Wyckoff NJ	\$15	Common to the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum disorder is an impairment in sensory regulation. Students are greatly benefited by increased experiences with fine & gross motor activities.
12/9/09	Brad	Spec. Ed	Colucci	Valley Regency, Clifton	–	Social Skills
12/9/09	North	Spec Ed	Colucci	Valley Regency, Clifton	–	Social Skills
12/9/09	North	4	McCormack	Hackensack Meadowlands, NJ	\$15	Environmental Ctr to study NJ geography/ecology through the study of bird migration
2/10/10	North	4	McCormack	Liberty Science Ctr. NJ	\$15	Students will explore many science related exhibits.
2/1/10	Ren	7	Korotkin	Metropolitan Opera, NYC	\$8	Students will experience a full dress rehearsal of a major opera relating to our music, opera & arts
12/11/09	Ren	8	Hittel	Liberty Science Ctr. NJ	\$18	The study of science through various exhibits
2/26/10	Ren	8	Jackson	Tenement Museum, NYC	\$9	Students will learn how and under what conditions immigrants.
2/19/10	Ren	8	Jackson	Tenement Museum NYC	\$9	Same as above.....
6-4-10	Ren	8	Hittel	Camden Aquarium, NJ	\$17	To supplement the earths water unit in the science curriculum
12/9/09	Rand	Spec Ed	Colucci	Valley Regency, Clifton, NJ	–	Social Skills
1/22/10	Rand	4	DuMont	Jockey Hollow Unit of Morristown NHP, Morristown,	\$10	Studying NJ's role in the American Revolution

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12/1/09	Rand	3	Gilman	NJ Museum of Agriculture, No Brunswick NJ	\$13	Lenape exhibit connects to our Native American Unit & Montclair My Home Town Unit
5/19/10	Nish	K	Foster-Clark	Turtle Back Zoo NJ	15	Students will receive hands on experience of animals & habitats discussed through science curriculum
12/29/09	Nish	Spec Ed	Schmeding	Valley Regency, NJ	–	Social skills
5/12/10	Nish	1 & 2	Martire	MSU	\$15	Students will compare/contrast the book to the literature based performance.
3/9/10	Nish	1&2	Martire	Liberty Science Ctr. NJ	\$15	Students will spend the day observing/interacting in various exhibitions
12/9/09	Watch	Spec Ed	Colucci	Valley Regency, NJ	–	Social skills
12/9/09	DLC	Spec Ed	Colucci	Valley Regency, NJ	–	Social Skills

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

Seconded by Robert Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

**Conference and Travel tabled until after the Board re-convened in Executive Session**

N. BUSINESS

Shelly Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution re: Monthly Budget Reports and Bills and Claims

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 3, the Montclair Board of Education certifies that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a), and that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11 (c) 4, after review of the board secretary’s monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the Board each month, the Montclair Board of Education certifies that no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the attached Bills and Claims for the months of November 2009 in the amount of \$4,394,164.82 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of October in the amount of \$888.50 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 for the month of November 2009 and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Budget reports for the months of October 2009 and the Secretary’s Report for the month of October 2009, and the Treasurer’s report for the month of September.

Seconded by Shirley Grill and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

2. Resolutions

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Approval of Submission of Initial Application for Substandard Facility for Off-Site Use – Salvation Army Community Center, 2009-2010 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1 requires approval of the County Superintendent for off-site facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has been offered space by the Salvation



Army Community Center for use by special education students transitioning from 12<sup>th</sup> grade into adult life at age 21 to work with them in a collaborative relationship with our Transition Program, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Community Center, located at 13 Trinity Place, has space available in classrooms 4 and 5 which include a fully functioning kitchen and a coffee shop room designed with job training in mind,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a substandard facility renewal application (attached) for an off site location.

b. Resolution re: Rejection of Bids for Sale of 1986 GMC Jimmy

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45 states that a Board of Education may reject all bids for the sale of personal property if the bids are deemed to be too low and the rejection of bids is deemed to be in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared, advertised, and sealed bids received on November 3, 2009, for the sale of a 1986 GMC

Jimmy. One (1) company received copies of the bid and one (1) bid was received. Results of the bid are shown on Attachment A, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the rejection of the bid because the bid was too low.

c. Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Classrooms – Bradford, Nishuane and Northeast Schools for 2009-2010 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.2(h)4i provides that individual toilet rooms shall be provided in each pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classroom, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.2(h)4ii provides for an alternate method of compliance by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, approves an alternate method of compliance for Bradford, Nishuane and Northeast, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator will forward a copy of this resolution to the County Superintendent of Schools.

d. Resolution re: Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its

public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Montclair Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Montclair Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

- e. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Bradford School Foundation/Masonry Waterproofing

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform foundation and masonry waterproofing at the Bradford School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- f. Project Application and Schematic Plans for George Inness High School Annex Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace classroom floors, waterproof masonry and replace roofing at the George Inness High School Annex, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, some of the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

g. Project Application and Schematic Plans for High School Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform Library re-roofing, masonry waterproofing, floor replacement, and electrical renovation work at the High School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, some of the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

h. Project Application and Schematic Plans for High School Amphitheater Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform renovation work at the High School Amphitheater, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was

previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- i. Project Application and Schematic Plans for High School Technology Room Air Conditioning

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform air conditioning and ventilation work at the High School Technology Room, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- j. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Glenfield School Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace the Cafeteria floors, and upgrade the Food Service area ventilation system at the Glenfield School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education

approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- k. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Glenfield School Classroom Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to renovate the Home Economics Classroom at the Glenfield School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- l. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Hillside School Site Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to repair and replace exterior walks, stairs, walls, and paving at the Hillside School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, some of the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

m. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Hillside School Masonry  
Waterproofing

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform exterior brick masonry pointing and waterproofing work at the Hillside School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

n. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Mount Hebron School  
Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace the emergency generator, perform foundation waterproofing at the Library, and expand the intercom system at the Mount Hebron School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, some of the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the

Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- o. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Mount Hebron School Display Board Replacement

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace visual display boards at the Mount Hebron School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- p. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Northeast School Art Room Sink Replacement

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace the Art Room sink at the Northeast School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- q. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Northeast School Roof Replacement & Masonry Waterproofing

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace the roof and waterproof masonry at the Multi-purpose Room wing at the Northeast School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education

approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- r. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Nishuane School Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform foundation waterproofing at the elevator, and waterproof masonry parapets and cornices at the Nishuane School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

- s. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Rand School Fire Alarm System Improvements

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to perform fire alarm system work at



the Rand School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- t. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Edgemont School Food Service Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to renovate the Food Service areas at the Edgemont School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

- u. Project Application and Schematic Plans for Floor Replacement at the Montclair Community Pre-K

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to replace a classroom floor at the Montclair Community Pre-K / Administration Annex, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting Debt Service Aid by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

Seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

Shelly Lombard asked what do we use the Salvation Army Community Center for and what is the cost.

Dana Sullivan responded that we use it for special education programs for students age 18 to 21 to meet who are working out in the community.

Shelly Lombard questioned the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan in the capital budget.

Dana Sullivan responded that these are items that we are planning to do this summer and were in last year's capital budget.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

3. Contract Awards

Carmen Taylor moved to approve the following contract awards:

- a. Award of Contract for Clock System Replacement at Various Schools

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 October 20, 2009, for Clock System Replacement at Various Schools. Five (5) companies received copies of the bid and four (4) bids were received (see Attachment A).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the recommendation of Board's Architect, Richard Rigolo, AIA, and awards a contract for Clock System Replacement at Various Schools to Bingham Communications, Incorporated, 819 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, 07009, in the total amount of \$23,209.35.

b. Revised Renewal of Contract for Food Service 2009-2010 School Year

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18A:18A-5, contracts for food services provided by a food management company pursuant to procedures established by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture are exempt from the bidding requirements, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared, advertised, and sealed proposals received on July 10, 2008, for Food Service for the 2008 2009 School Year. Nine (9) companies received copies of the request for proposal and one (1) proposal was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education award a contract to Aramark, 1101 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107. Aramark agrees to reimburse the Montclair Board of Education for the amount, if any, by which the Montclair Board of Education's subsidy is greater than the Projected Subsidy of \$22,920 for the Current Year ("Montclair Board of Education's Excess") up to an amount equivalent to Aramark's Management Fee for the Current Year. The Montclair Board of Education shall be responsible for the amount, if any, by which the Montclair Board of Education's Excess exceeds Aramark's Management Fee for the Current Year. Aramark shall be reimbursed for all Reimbursable Costs (as defined below) incurred by Aramark in providing services pursuant to this contract. In addition, Aramark shall receive a management fee of \$.0650 per meal or meal equivalent served payable on a monthly basis (the "Management Fee") and an administrative fee of \$35,000 (flat fee) payable on a monthly basis. For the purpose of computing the foregoing meal count, the number of National School Lunch Program meals, School Breakfast Program meals, and After School Snack Program served to children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts including special function receipts and ala carte sales, other than from sales of National School Lunch Program meals, School Breakfast Program meals, and After School Snack Program meals served to children, shall be divided by \$1.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count. This contract award is made pursuant to the

terms and conditions of the specifications as advertised and in accordance with pertinent Federal and State regulations, which meets all of the requirements of the Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, as required by Federal regulations and that this contract shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

Seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

Shelly Lombard questioned what the revision was that was made to the food service contract.

Dana Sullivan responded that the contract was revised because the wording in the resolution had to agree with the contract wording.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Shirley Grill	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>

#### 4. Change Orders

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following change orders:

- a. Resolution re: Change Order #1 for Classroom Renovations at Glenfield 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 June 9, 2009, for Classroom Renovations at Glenfield School. The contract was awarded to GPC, Inc., 20 East Willow Street, Millburn, New Jersey, 07041, in the total amount of \$230,500.00 (base bid of \$223,000.00 plus alternate #1 for \$7,500.00).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 as follows:

- b. Change Orders #1, #2, & #3 For Theater Renovations At George Inness 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 June 24, 2009, for Theater Renovations at George Inness School. The bid was awarded to Bismark Construction Corporation, 207-209 Berkeley Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, 07107, in the total amount of \$551,000.00 (base bid of \$570,000.00 plus alternate #2 for \$10,500.00 and less alternates #8 for -\$8,000.00, #11 for -\$10,000.00, #12 for -\$2,000.00, #13 for -\$9,500.00).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change orders #1, #2, and #3 as follows:

<u>Change Order #1:</u> Per field conditions, repair A/C plenums in theater where street erector cut ducts to install handlers.	\$521.21
<u>Change Order #2:</u> Patch auditorium floor with pour floor, front section of existing floor where plywood does not match heights	\$1,810.00
<u>Change Order #3:</u> Remove old black out shades. Patch walls 5. wRerever mounted.	<u>\$1,835.00</u>
e s	Total Change Orders
	\$4,166.21
b. Change Order #3 for Structural Steel and Ornamental Iron Work 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 Structural Steel and Ornamental Iron Work for New Elementary School. A contract was awarded to J.G. Schmidt Steel, 211 Central Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, 07055, in the total amount of \$1,663,600.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #3 as follows:

▪ Lintel material necessary for the window opening between 205C and Media Center.	\$310.00
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Total Amount of this change order:	\$310.00

c. Change Order #4 for Play Area Renovations at Northeast 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 June 10, 2009, for Play Area Renovations at Northeast School. The contract was awarded to Turco Golf, Inc., 212 Orange Avenue, Suffern, New York, 10901, in the total amount of \$119,000.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #4 as follows:

o Half of \$493.00 cost to repair fence, per Artistic Fence quote dated 9/24/09.	(\$246.50)
Total Amount of this change order:	(\$246.50)

Seconded by Carmen Taylor and approved by a roll call vote:

Ronald Riddick questioned what the renovations were at George Inness.

Dana Sullivan responded that the change order for \$4,166.21 was for changes to duct work for air conditioning and for additional patch work to floor and walls.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

5. Approval of Personnel Report

**Tabled Until After the Board Re-convened in Executive Session**

6. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve P.R.'s Educational Program

**Tabled Until After the Board Re-convened in Executive Session**

7. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve S.B.'s Educational Program.

**Tabled Until After the Board Re-convened in Executive Session**

O. COMMENTS

1. Members of the Public –

*John Lytle*, 40 Union Street, a Renaissance parent, stated that he was not concerned about students being near Montclair High School.

Mr. Lytle asked the Board to consider the long term perspective and to look at outside services in a realistic manner when looking at all options.

P. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 14, 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 Inness Annex, 141 Park Street.

At 10:50 p.m., the Board returned to executive session to discuss;

Personnel reports

Conference and Travel

Special Education Settlement

The Board went back into Public Session sat 11:03 p.m. and moved to approve the Personnel Reports, Conference and Travel and Special Education Settlement.

Carmen Taylor moved to approve the following amended Personnel Reports:

1. Resolution re: Approval of Amended Personnel Report I

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of the November 16, 2009, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

Seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	_x_	_____

Shirley Grill	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>

Shelly Lombard moved to approve the following amended Personnel Reports:

2. Resolution re: Approval of Amended Personnel Report II

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of the November 16, 2009, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

Seconded by Shirley Grill and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Shirley Grill	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>          </u>	<u>  x  </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Shirley Grill moved to approve the following as settlement agreement:

1. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve S.B.'s Educational Program.

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement in the matter of T.B. and S.B. on behalf of S.B., 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 Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>



Shirley Grill	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u>   x   </u>	<u>          </u>

## GENERAL RESOLUTION

Carmen Taylor moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution re: Approval of Conference and Travel – amended

WHEREAS, New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 23 B 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:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Board Member/ Employee</u>	<u>School/ Depart.</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Educational Purpose</u>
We The People	Susan Thomas	Ren	\$30.00	Teaching of the US Constitution, Bill of Rights, US history & citizenship for a middle school competition at Rutgers University.
Annual Meetings 2009-2010	Joanne Petrigliano	HS	\$32.00	Provides information and opportunities in music education. Topics will include standards/curriculum, college connections & regional and state events.
PRISM MSU	Carly Turley	Rand	\$70.00 \$70.00 \$70.00	Promotes the delivery of instruction for self-contained classroom. The workshop will provide new hands on activities and methods of implementing curriculum more effectively.
PRISM	Janis Vascimini	Rand	\$70.00	Will help increase the content knowledge of the classroom teacher and will help

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				implement EM game/activities.
Facing Challenges-Overcoming Obstacles	Keith Breiman	HS	\$50.00	More & more H.S. students are exhibiting severe symptoms of emotional disturbance. D.B.T. is a cutting age therapy approach.
State Aid & Budget Preparation	Dana Sullivan	CO	\$100.00	Stay updated on state aid and budget preparation laws & procedures.
2010 FLENJ Spring Conference	K. Rolandelli G. Aurian V. Chang	Nish	\$175.00 \$175.00 \$175.00	To learn the latest methods & best practices from other world language teachers and specifically elementary world language teachers.
Facing the Challenges Overcoming the Obstacles	L. Csuka	HS	\$50.00	Will educate counselors on resources in community in order for potential referrals to be made for students as needed in the future.
Beyond X'S & O'S	Brian Hillman	Mt. Heb	\$50.00	Improve coaching practice and game strategies for the girl's basketball program.
Be the Best You Are	V. Tauriello	Mt. Heb	\$100.00	As assistant varsity softball coach this clinic will further her knowledge and better her understanding in AV aspects of the game. This clinic has put together staff experts who have not only enjoyed success on the field, but have built their reputations as teachers & coaches.
Practical Strategies for Teaching Academic Vocabulary	Jennifer Bailey	Ren	\$214.00	Will enable her to better implement the strategies already in use for building more cogent vocabulary skills.
How to be an Outstanding Communicator	Nina DeRosa Sonya Rold	CO	\$40.00 \$40.00	Learn key communication skills that are essential to work more effectively with others; project poise and confidence; get ideas recognized, accepted, and implemented, and build leadership potential.
National Teachers of English	Virginia Weaver	Mt. Heb	\$240.00	

Writing on Demand: Increasing Students Success When Writing to Prompts on Writing Assessments	Susan Knopping	HS	\$199.00	Improve students' critical thinking skills, strategies, to help students be confident they are addressing the prompt, strategies to assist students to check for structure, points and elaboration, models for modes of writing use in on-demand writing.
The Arts: Taking the Lead in Implementing the Revised CCCS	Joanne Petrigliano	HS	\$675.00	This series of workshops is designed to provide participants with the concepts of UBD project based learning 21 <sup>st</sup> Century skills in order to develop lessons & units of study in the area of V& P arts.

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 Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___x___	_____

#### Q. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 p.m. Shirley Grill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Sullivan  
Board Secretary