

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
ATRIUM OF THE GEORGE INNESS ANNEX
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

I. The meeting was opened at 7:10 p.m. and the following statement was read:

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

1. On Thursday, February 10, 2011 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.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:11 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jerry Fried	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Renee Baskerville	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Rich Murnick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Staff Members	<u> 6 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 35 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 2 </u>	

IV. DISCUSSION OF THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

The Board of School Estimate allowed time for discussion on topics of the budget.

V. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE PROPOSED 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Board of School Estimate allowed time for members of the public to discuss topics of the budget.

VI. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE MEMBERS

Dr. Baskerville thanked the Board of Education for their diligence in presenting a budget that was well thought through and transparent. She thanked the Board for revisiting the proposed changes to the bus routes and not moving forward with the pay to play proposal.

Dr. Baskerville stated that it is never effective to make decisions in the budget that will affect the least advantaged. She is not in favor of any group of people not being provided health benefits. She stated that she is not comfortable with the proposal to outsource the aides.

Mr. Murnick thanked the public for speaking on matters that are of importance. He stated that he is happy that transportation and pay to play were taken off the table. He spoke about the way that the budget is going to address Pre-K in the future but that he looks forward to those discussions. He concluded that he awaits recommendations from the Ms. Grill and the Revenue Generating Committee.

Mayor Fried indicated that the issue of the aides is the lingering difficult decision that have been made and hopes that something can be worked out at the union level. He stated that he stands by the Board of Education under the leadership of Mrs. Lombard in coming up with a budget that attempts to be sustainable going forward. He stated that the \$1.7 million decision concerning the aides was to try to give the Board of Education flexibility going into next year and the following year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. *Dr. Baskerville* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Mrs. Lombard* and approved by a vote of 4-0.