

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
 HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
 ATRIUM OF THE GEORGE INNESS ANNEX
 141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

- I. The meeting was opened at **7:04p.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 Wednesday, February 29, 2012 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.

“Please be advised that this meeting is considered a public meeting under the law and may be taped, broadcasted, used or reproduced in ways and in mediums beyond the control of the Board of Education. Individual statements and opinions expressed are solely those of the speakers and do not necessarily represent the Montclair Board of Education.

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data regarding yourself or others during this public meeting, this information may be collected and used by others. Accordingly, the Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Speakers should therefore carefully evaluate their statements for individual consequences under the law, and should obtain any appropriate professional advice prior to speaking.”

- II. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at **7:06 p.m.**

III. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jerry Fried	_____x_____	_____
Renee Baskerville	_____x_____	_____
Nick Lewis	_____x_____	_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____

Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	
Staff Members	<u> 3 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 4 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 1 </u>	

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Baskerville moved to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- A. Budget Workshop Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 2011
- B. Public Budget Hearing Monday, March 28, 2011
- C. Public Meeting Thursday, March 31, 2011

Seconded by **Mrs. Lombard** and approved by a vote of 5-0.

V. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET

Dr. Alvarez stated that the budget process was much easier this year. There were a couple of things that happened concerning the fund balance and additional increases to state aid. He indicated that the budget, based on budget assumptions that the administration developed, contains no cuts to programs and restores some of the positions cut in the past. He added that the budget also supports some current initiatives and expands on some of the educational programs.

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the following highlights of the budget:

- No increase to tax levy
- Additional revenue identified from fund balance and state aid
- Additional resources provided for instruction and student support
- No reduction to existing programs or staff
- \$1.9 million under state CAP of 2% - almost \$3million under State adjusted CAP
- \$950,000 deposit into Capital Reserve account

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the following break down for sources of revenue of the budget:

Source	Actual 11-12	Proposed 12-13	% Change
Local tax levy	\$97,509,698	\$97,509,698	0%
Basic state aid	\$4,648,780	\$6,586,651	41.7%

Extraordinary aid	\$425,000	\$600,000	41.2%
Spec ed Medicaid	\$79,459	\$80,853	1.8%
Fund balance	\$3,280,919	\$5,646,392	72.1%
Prior year's PO's	\$42,233	0	-100%
<u>Other revenue</u>	<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$106,321,089	\$110,758,594	4.2%
Adult School	\$499,520	\$557,554	11.6%
Education jobs fund	\$299,536	\$0	-100%
<u>Special revenue</u>	<u>\$4,379,511</u>	<u>\$2,913,122</u>	<u>-33.5%</u>
Total Budget	\$111,499,656	\$114,229,270	2.4%

Mrs. Sullivan stated that although more state aid was received than anticipated, percentage of the budget supported by state aid is still well below the percentage from years ago.

Mrs. Sullivan stated that last year the tax levy decreased by 3.6%, and this year there is a flat tax levy.

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about changes to the operating budget as follows:

- Deposit into capital reserve in the amount of \$950,000
- Staffing additions in the amount of \$828,000
- Programs/Services in the amount of \$243,000
- One-time expenses in the amount of \$1,219,000
- Health insurance in the amount of \$926,000
- Aides (added during 11-12) in the amount of \$150,000
- CO Admin (vacancies during 11-12) in the amount of \$122,000
- Property /liability insurance in the amount of \$48,000
- Loss of Education jobs funds in the amount of \$299,000
- Other salary increases (returns from LOA's, etc) in the amount of \$120,000
- Decrease in all other accounts (\$505,000)

Total increase to the operating budget amounts to \$4,400,000

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about some of the following staffing additions made in the district:

- .8 Full Time Equivalent Mandarin Teachers were added and \$213,315 was added to the budget due to loss of the FLAP grant.

- 2.0 Full Time Equivalent High School Teachers –SLC’s in the amount of \$100,000.
- 3.0 Full Time Equivalent SAC’s –Elementary in the amount of \$150,000.
- 1.0 Full Time SPED-Inclusion Specialist in the amount of \$90,000
- 2.5 Full Time MS Literacy Teachers in the amount of \$125,000
- 1.0 Full Time MS Match Coaches in the amount of \$50,000
- .4 Full Time MS Math/SCI Teachers in the amount of \$25,000
- .5 Full Time Elementary Physical Education Teachers in the amount of \$25,000
- 0.6 Full Time Nurse in the amount of \$30,000
- 1.0 Nurse’s Aide in the amount of \$25,000

Total Staffing increase of 12.8 Full Time Equivalent Positions amounts to \$828,315

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the other increases to the budget as follows:

- IMANI in the amount of \$36,000
- MS after school programs in the amount of \$17,000
- Sister to Sister program in the amount of \$5,000
- SPED-Pre-k child find in the amount of \$60,000 (reallocation)
- Teachers College Partnership in the amount of \$80,000
- Summer programs in the amount of \$14,570
- Elementary report card revision in the amount of \$10,000
- Education Excellence for NJ – teacher evaluation in the amount of \$20,000

Total other increases to budget programs amounts to \$242,570

Mrs. Sullivan also spoke about the one -time expenses as follows:

- Server Virtualization in the amount of \$130,000
- Mt. Hebron infrastructure in the amount of \$100,000
- Mt. Hebron learning labs in the amount of \$140,000
- Technology Equipment for all schools in the amount of \$300,000
- Planetarium upgrade in the amount of \$75,000
- MHS facilities improvements in the amount of \$100,000
- Textbooks in the amount of \$374,000

The total of the one- time expenses amounts to \$1,219,000

VI. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 CAPITAL BUDGET

Mrs. Sullivan stated that the **Capital Budget** is a 5-year model for planning purposes but we are requesting approval for 1-year which is the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$3.8 million and include the following:

Roofing in the amount of \$749,000
HVAC in the amount of \$50,000
Site Improvements in the amount of \$40,000
Environmental in the amount of \$50,000
Heningburg Field in the amount of \$933,000
Other Projects in the amount of \$2,047,000

Mrs. Sullivan went on to explain about the costs for roofing and health and safety repairs as follows:

- Roofing
 - High School Auditorium and Science in the amount of \$690,000
 - Bradford in the amount of \$59,000
- Other
 - Boiler replacement and repairs to central heat plant in the amount of \$575,000
 - Sidewalks/Concrete repairs in the amount of \$336,000
 - Masonry/Waterproofing in the amount of \$283,000
 - Exhaust Repairs in the amount of 15,000
 - Kitchen Repairs in the amount of \$110,000

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the costs for educational/aesthetics as follows:

- Mt. Hebron in the amount of \$370,000
 - Renovate classroom into Project Lead the Way Lab
 - Nishuane Gym in the amount of \$18,000
- Painting
- Renaissance Carpet and Floor Replacement in the amount of \$55,000
- Heningburg Field in the amount of \$933,000
- Renovate and install Artificial Turf

Mrs. Sullivan concluded that other projects included in the capital budget include the following:

- District Wide Repairs
- HVAC repairs in the amount of \$50,000
- District wide Site Improvements in the amount of \$40,000
- Environmental Issues in the amount of \$50,000
- Floor Replacements in the amount of \$50,000
- Security in the amount of \$30,000
- Window repairs in the amount of \$20,000

- High School Cafeteria
 - Lights and ceiling replacement in the amount of \$63,000
- George Inness
 - Door replacements gyms and locker rooms in the amount of \$63,000
- Nishuane
 - Clock Replacements in the amount of \$28,000
- Northeast
 - Gutter replacement in the amount of \$16,000

VII. RECEIVE COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET

Timothy Barr of 2 Windomere Road expressed his concerns about the funding of the Adult school and Pre-K.

Selma Audicevic expressed her concerns about the Mayor's comments of placing self- imposed limits on capital projects in the capital budget.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At **8:05p.m.** **Mr. Lewis** moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by **Dr. Baskerville** and approved by a vote of 5-0.