

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At **7:00 p.m.** *Mr. Rosenblum* 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 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 *Ms. Larson* and approved by a vote of 5-0.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

D. STATEMENTS

The meeting reconvened at **7:35 p.m.**

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

1. On Tuesday, July 3, 2012 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.

“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.”

E. THE PLEDGE OF THE ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at **7:40p.m.**

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____
Staff Members	_____12_____	
Members of the Public	_____100_____	
Members of the Press	_____5_____	

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Discussion of the 2013-2014 Budget

Mrs. Kuwlin spoke about the changes made to the 2013-2014 budget. She indicated that the Board accepts those changes.

Dr. MacCormack spoke about the new positions in the district that have been included in the 2013-2014 budget.

2. Elementary and Secondary Educational Act (ESEA) Waiver Presentation

Dr. MacCormack presented information to the Board about the ESEA Waiver. She outlined the plan for the district.

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Committee Reports

a. Finance, Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee

Mrs. Lombard updated the Board on the finance committees' previous recommendation to have a consultant review revenue opportunities.

Board of School Estimate

Ms. Kulwin announced the dates of the Board of School Estimate meetings

b. Policy and Legal Committee

None.

Legislative Committee

None.

c. Personnel Committee

None.

Negotiations Committee

None.

d. Curriculum Committee

None.

Special Education Committee

None.

I. COMMENTS

1. PTA

Beth Wolensky indicated that all PTA Councils in the district are all looking for new members.

2. MEA

Gayl Shephard read a statement about the town of Montclair and the public school in Montclair.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The Board allowed time for the public to comment on agenda items.

K. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolutions:

1. Resolution re: Adoption of the Revised School Calendar for 2013-2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required to annually adopt the school calendar for the staff, and

WHEREAS, the school calendar for 2013-2014 has been previously submitted to the board and public for input and was approved, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Montclair Board of Education adopt the Revised School Calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.

2. Resolution re: Approval of School Field Trips as *Amended*

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 class work,

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

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
5-14-13	Glenfield	7-8	Castaldo	Liberty Science Ctr. Jersey City	\$25	To promote language(receptive & expressive), engage learners with sensory opportunities & social interactions with peers
4-29-13	Glenfield	8	Castaldo	Montclair State	0	Promote gross motor skills learned in PT, promote idea of working as a team, moral.
3-27-13	Glenfield	7-8	Juliano	Woman's Club of Upper Montclair	\$5	Sing for a group of women who support and value the arts.
4-10-13	Edgemont	2	Pastorino	Legoland Discovery Center, Yonker, NY	\$12	Students will be engaged in several activities that involve the STEM curriculum. They will use mathematics & physics in order to build a car.
5-29-13	Nishuane	1	Goldsack	Great Swamp Outdoor Education Ctr. Chatham	\$15	Hands on experience with animal habitats – Life science 5.3,-5.3P.B.1 and 5.3.2.C.2

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
5-31-13	Nishuane	2	Fragale	Great Swamp Outdoor Education Ctr., Chatham	\$15	Same as above
5-31-13	Nishuane	K	Keller	Great Swamp Outdoor Education Ctr. , Chatham	\$15	Same as above
3-16-13	Hillside	4-5	D'Amico	Barclays Center, Brooklyn, NY	0	Drums of Thunder Halftime Performance for the Atlantic "10" Championship
4-26-13	Mt. Hebron	6-8	LaRosa	MHS	0	Participation in 3 middle schools Model UN competition
4-29-13	Mt. Hebron	6-8	Brooks	MSU	0	To practice fine and gross motor skills through a variety of activities prepared by MSU students.
4-3-13	Mt. Hebron	6-8	Brooks	The Funplex, East Hanover, NJ	0	To apply social skills in the community, socialize with peers with similar needs, practice fine and gross motor skills.
4-2-13	Mt. Hebron	8	Persad	Harlem, NYC	\$25	Students studied Harlem Renaissance and this trip is a culmination of this study.
3-28-13	Mt. Hebron	6	Harewood	Satish Indian Restaurant, Mtc.	\$20	Cultural experience to conclude our study of our ancient India Unit.
4-3-13	Bradford	k-5	Parsons	Funplex, East Hanover, NJ	\$20	Social skills, sensory needs, life skills, community skills, generalization.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
4-29-13	Northeast	4	McCormack	Sterling Hill Mines, Ogdensburg, NJ	\$15	Children will explore non-renewable resources and learn how these resources were extracted and used overtime.
4-2-13	MHS	10	English	Sterling Hill Mines, Ogdensburg, NJ	\$12.00	To learn about NJ history of mining, tour the mine, learn about florescent minerals

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the field trips are approved in accordance with the New Jersey Department of education accountability regulations.

Seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____ x _____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____ x _____
Robin Kulwin	_____ x _____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____ x _____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____ x _____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____ x _____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____ x _____	_____	_____	_____

L. BUSINESS

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

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11³, 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 month of March, 2013 in the amount of \$2,469,784.82, a Supplemental Bills and Claims

list for the month of February, 2013 in the amount of \$317,637.80, the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of February, 2013 in the amount of \$137,681.45

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair for the month of March, 2013 in the amount of \$8,800,000.00

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges Receipts of the attached Budget Reports for the month February, 2013, and the Secretary's Report for the month February, 2013 and Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2013.

Seconded by *Mrs. Rosenblum* and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Resolutions

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Adoption of 2013-2014 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education's budget be approved for the 2013-2014 School Year as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenues	Debt Service	Total
2013-2014 Total Expenditures	\$111,297,935	\$2,264,862	\$ 0	\$113,562,797
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$13,788,237	\$2,264,862	0	\$16,053,099
Taxes to be Raised	\$ 97,509,698	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 97,509,698

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to advertise said budget in the Montclair Times in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the public hearing be held at the George Inness School, Montclair, New Jersey, on March 21, 2013, at 7:00 PM for the purposes of conducting a public hearing before the Board of School Estimate on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year.

b. Resolution re: Authorization of School Bonds for Capital Purposes

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has reviewed the Long Term Capital Needs Plan 2013-2014 through 2017-2018, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education does hereby determine, after careful study and due deliberation, that it is necessary to raise funds for district-wide technology improvements, environmental projects district-wide, site improvements district-wide, and district-wide HVAC repairs, and

WHEREAS, the needs identified in the capital plan have also been identified in the District's Long Range Facility Plan, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the total amount estimated to be necessary for said projects for 2013-2014 is \$2,784,000 (attached), plus Section 20 costs of \$116,000 related to the issuance of bonds, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Montclair Board of School Estimate forthwith.

c. 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						
CONFERENCE	DATE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
Dream Deferred Preparate	5/1/13- 5/3/13	Mark Walters	Guid.	\$887.00	Presenting topic 'The Five Steps - From 'At Risk' to 'At Promise.' Will provide and come away with ways and means to close/lower achievement gap of underrepresented student groups.	Teaneck, NJ

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES						
CONFERENCE	DATE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
45 th Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference	4/15/13- 4/16/13	Gisela Aultmon	Trans.	\$606.00	This conference will provide professional development in the area of pupil transportation.	Atlantic City, NJ
Visualizing and Verbalizing	8/21/13	Karen Plaskow	Edge.	\$389.00	This training will promote the delivery of instruction by teaching new strategies for reading comprehension.	Buffalo, NY
NJ Technology and Engineering Education Association 2013 STEMS Conference	5/10/13	Louis DeBello	Brad.	\$135.00	The goal of this workshop is to provide additional resources and strategies for teaching the STEMS curriculum to upper elementary and middle school aged students.	MSU, Montclair, NJ
27 th Technology Conference and Expo	5/10/13	Daniel Taylor	Mt. Heb.	\$170.00	Scheduled seminars are focused on STEM/STEAM framework, implementation and management. They will also provide creative ideas and assist with problem solving.	MSU Montclair, NJ
Inaugural New Jersey Basketball Coaches Clinic	4/12/13	Bianca Brown	MHS	\$300.00	This clinic will help to expand on my knowledge in teaching basketball concepts, fundamentals and strategies to further	Roselle, NJ

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES						
CONFERENCE	DATE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
					build and strengthen the MHS Girls' Basketball program.	

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 *Mrs. Wilson* and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Contract Awards

Ms. Larson moved to approve the following resolution:

- a. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Professional Services – Nursing Services 2012-2013 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated or awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", and

WHEREAS, the nature of these contract awards generally relate to the provision of professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of professional services for nursing services for an out of district special education student,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby appoint the firm of Loving Care Agency, Inc., for a period effective March 19, 2013, through June 30, 2013, (68 days) at the rate of \$55/hr. for a total amount of \$28,050.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall be authorized to issue a contract to Loving Care Agency, Inc.

b. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Auditorium and Science Wing Roofing at the High School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 14, 2013, for Auditorium and Science Wing Roofing at the High School. Eighteen (18) companies received copies of the bid and fourteen (14) bids were received (see attached).

Superintendent's Recommendations: The apparent low bidder, Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc., did not properly meet the requirements in the specifications. Therefore it is recommended that the Montclair Board of Education awards a contract for Auditorium and Science Wing Roofing at the High School to the next lowest bidder, Patwood Roofing, 3 Peckman Road, Little Falls, New Jersey, 07424, in the total amount of \$486,335.00 as per legal counsel.

c. Resolution re: Award of Transportation Contract for the 2013-2014 School Year (Renewal)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-5(B) authorizes the awarding of a contract to other governmental agencies without benefit of advertising and bidding, and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Services Commission has provided transportation service to out-of-district special education students of Montclair and has offered these same services for the 2013-2014 school year at the same administrative fee of 4%,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education award a contract to the Essex County Educational Services Commission for transportation of eligible students for whom applications are submitted by the Montclair Board of Education, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board President and the Board Secretary be authorized to execute the contract attached and issue a purchase order for this contract effective July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Seconded by *Mrs. Wilson* and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Change Orders

Approval of Change Order #2 for Central Plant Boiler Installation Phase II

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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, advertised, and sealed bids received on July 12, 2012, for Central Plant Boiler Installation Phase II. The contract was awarded to Pennetta Industrial Automation, 428 Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07306, in the total amount of \$337,000.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #2 in the credit amount of \$2,800.00 as follows:

The Contract is changed as follows:	
Provide a credit for reduced painting work	(\$2,800.00)
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Total Amount of this change order:	(\$2,800.00)

Seconded by **Mr. Rosenblum** and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Resolution re: Approval the Personnel Report

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of March 18, 2013 including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

Seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolutions:

6. 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 March 18, 2013.

7. Resolution re: Revised 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 March 18, 2013.

8. Resolution re: To Resolve 005238 Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded Settlement Agreement regarding the matter of 005238

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

9. Resolution re: To Resolve 008331 Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded Settlement Agreement regarding the matter of 008331

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

M. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Kulwin stated that she was really pleased with Dr. MacCormack's presentation and that it was well presented and well thought out.

Mrs. Lombard agreed with Mrs. Kulwin and was pleased with Dr. MacCormack and her teams' mastery on student assessment and budget process.

Ms. Larson indicated that she was pleased with the transparency, honesty, and thoroughness of the budget allows the Board to know where to implement plans of action.

Mr. Rosenblum indicated that he was happy at the way that things are coming together in a unified way with the budget and the plan for students.

N. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next *public* meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 and will open at 7:00 p.m. in public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public session at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Atrium of the George Inness Annex, 141 Park Street.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At *Mrs. Lombard* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio
Interim Board Secretary

