

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.  
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At **7:15 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, out of district placements, and legal matters.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be 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 **7:38 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	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
Tanya Coke	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
	(Arrived at 8:05 pm)	
Robin Kulwin	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u>    x    </u>	<u>          </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u>          </u>	<u>    x    </u>
Staff Members	<u>    20    </u>	
Members of the Public	<u>    75    </u>	
Members of the Press	<u>    5    </u>	

#### G. MINUTES

**Mrs. Lombard** moved to approve the following:

1. Executive Session Meeting held on Monday, February 11, 2013
2. Public Board Meeting held on Monday, February 25, 2013

Seconded by **Mr. Rosenblum** and approved by a vote of 5 - 0 with 0 abstentions

## H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Dr. MacCormack** reminded the Board of her recommendation to implement student surveys and that they are beginning to take place within the schools. This survey is designed to give students an opportunity to share their thoughts about learning in their classrooms.

Dr. MacCormack introduced **Mr. George Glass** presented further information and data to the Board about student growth percentiles.

## I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

### Committee Reports

#### a. Finance, Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee

##### Board of School Estimate

**Mrs. Kulwin** indicated that the budget for the 2013-2014 school year was unanimously passed. She added that the budget process will begin early next year.

**Mr. Rosenblum** spoke about the Board of School Estimate process and that it was a safe process with no cuts.

#### b. Policy and Legal Committee

None.

##### Legislative Committee

None.

#### c. Personnel Committee

None.

##### Negotiations Committee

**Mrs. Kulwin** announced that the MBOE and MEA reached a tentative agreement.

#### d. Curriculum Committee

None.

##### Special Education Committee

None.

## J. COMMENTS

### 1. PTA

**Beth Wolensky**, thanked Dr. MacCormack and Gayle Shepard for their communication to the PTA.

### 2. MEA

**Gayl Shepard** spoke about teachers and their acceptance of change. She indicated that this is a new MEA and they are not simply interested in change for change sake, but are for working

diligently to improve practice with sound tested approaches, innovated methodologies and creativity in order to make sure that students are prepared to excel in the age of change that they will have to navigate.

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

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

L. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

*Mrs. Lombard* moved to approve the following resolutions:

1. Resolution re: HIB Investigation Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 019761 reported on 3/19/13 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board directs that Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected student’s parents forthwith.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 014016 reported on 3/19/13 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected student’ parents forthwith.

2. 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 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
5-10-13	Watchung	1	Buttiglieri	Fernbrook Farms, Chesterfield Twnshp, NJ	\$15	As the science magnet, we will enhance our learning through a farm study, learning about greenhouses, soil and animals.
5-14-13	Watchung	2	Ernst	Turtle Back Zoo	\$7	Direct contact with zoo animals, storybook boxes.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
4-26-13	MHS	9-12	Burzynski	Eagle Rock Lanes, West Orange	0	Therapeutic field trip for Level II & III students in ESS program to promote team building and healthy living.
4-24-13	MHS	9-12	Manse	Gateway Regional High School, Woodbury Hts. NJ	9-12	Classical league competition
5-2-13	MHS	10	Wasko	Meadowlands Boat Tour, Secaucus, NJ	0	Eco tour of the Wetlands area.
5-16-13	MHS	11-12	Panchekha	NJIT, Newark, NJ	0	Chemistry Olympics annual competition.
4-30-13	MHS	11-12	Wasko	Fairview Lake, Stillwater, NJ	0	To supplement curriculum in AP environmental science by conducting fieldwork.
4-23-13	MHS	11-12	Schnitzer	DECA National Competition, Anaheim, CA	0	Students will attend DECA National Competition and Leadership Institute. They qualified to attend at the DECA State Competition.
5-22-13	MHS	10-12	Shakespear	Museum of Modern Art and Cooper Union, NYC	\$14	Expose students to end of year architecture and Engineering show, (at Cooper Union); and MOMA Labrouste: Structure Brought to Light exhibit.
4-29-13	MHS	10	Stambuli	Met East High School, Camden, NJ	0	Visiting an established big picture program will help our staff and students to promote our understanding of our district's program and culture.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
5-23-13	Hillside	4-5	Bermeo	Preby Memorial Iris Garden, Mtc.	0	Photography supports environmental science instruction, biomimicry.
5-24-13	Hillside	4-5	Bermeo	Van Vleck House and Gardens, Mtc.	0	Photography supports environmental science instruction, biomimicry.
6-11-13	Hillside	4-5	D'Amico	Gotham Hall, NY	0	Drums of Thunder performance
4-6-13	Hillside	4-5	D'Amico	Barcleys Center, Brooklyn NY	0	Drums of Thunder, performance for NJ Nets halftime show
6-18-13	Hillside	3-5	Siebert	Sandy Hook, NJ	\$18	Marsh and ocean environments, water sheds, salt marshes, estuary, food webs, barrier beaches, waves, currents, tides, shell identification.
4-26-13 5-3-13 5-10-13 5-24-13 5-31-13 6-14-13 6-21-13	Renaissance	6-7	Cathay	Watchung, Bradford, Cooperative Preschool, Ben Samuels Children	0	Community Service Class
4-25-13	Glenfield	6-8	Carrington	MHS	\$5	Model United Nations Competition
5-28-13	Glenfield	7-8	Lupfer	Nederlander Theatre, NY	\$\$125	Students participating in ROGATE will see Broadway show Newies.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GR D	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COS T	PURPOSE
4-10-13	Bradford Watchung	5	Debello Thorp, McGath	Mt. Hebron Middle School	0	Students will visit feeder school to attend a special dance and arts assembly

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	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Tanya Coke	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>

M. BUSINESS

1. Resolutions

Resolution re: Acknowledge Receipt of Certificates from the Board of School Estimate to the Montclair Board of Education of the Township of Montclair, New Jersey, and the Council of the Township of Montclair, New Jersey, Relating to the 2013-2014 Operating and Capital Budgets

*Mr. Rosenblum* moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Certificates of the Board of School Estimate to the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair, New Jersey, and the Council of the Township of Montclair, New Jersey, relating to the School District Budget for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

1. The 2013-2014 School District Budget
2. The Authorization of School Bonds for Capital Purposes

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

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

*Mr. Rosenblum* moved to approve the following resolutions:

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11<sup>3</sup>, 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)<sup>4</sup>, 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 April, 2013 in the amount of \$2,991,088.09, a Supplemental Bills and Claims list for the month of March, 2013 in the amount of \$412,186.38, the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of March, 2013 in the amount of \$97,772.53

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 April, 2013 in the amount of \$8,000,000.00

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

3. Resolutions

- a. Resolution re: Agreement for the Provision of Beside/Home Instruction for Students Treated at Hospitals or Rehabilitation Facilities

WHEREAS, the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission has offered to provide home instruction services to Montclair Public School students at an hourly rate of \$40.80 for the 2013-2014 school year from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education award contracts to the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for these services and authorizes the Board Secretary to execute the contract.

b. 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Positive Practices in Special Education	6/4/13	Sharon Gomes Barrie Sultan Maxine Atkinson Karen Lang Marcy Goff Jacqueline Anderson Helena Tamasco Naomi Kirkman Gail Derivan Dana Gellis	Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad. Brad.	\$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00 \$60.00	As members of the CST it is vital to be aware of levels of interventions provided in the schools.	MSU, Montclair,
Kim Marshall Principal Evaluation System	5/31/13	Penny MacCormack	CO	\$135.00	This in-service will focus on the Kim Marshall Principal Evaluation Model	New Providence, NJ
Essex County Academic Awards Banquet	5/7/13	Penny MacCormack James Earle	CO MHS	\$50.00 \$50.00	Awards for MHS Students	Belleville, NJ
Great Habits- Great Readers	4/18/13- 4/19/13	Katherine Martinez Linda Mithaug Rhonda Smith Anthony Grosso Cheryl Hopper Kathy Hart	DOI Pup. Serv. Glen. Hill. Edge. Edge.	\$2,014.94 \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$1,009.01 \$1,021.39 \$1,021.39	This workshop will provide strategies to address needs of struggling readers as well as best practices and materials for	Florham Park, NJ

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES						
CONFERENCE	DATE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
		Denise Macaluso Nami Kuwabara Barbara Weller Naomi Kirkman Cristiana Smith Grace Ko Gail Clarke Birdean Clinton Joseph Schmidt	Brad. Bull. Ren. Brad. Wat. Nish. Nish. DOI Wat.	\$1,000.00 \$1,013.73 \$1,029.76 \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$1,012.77 \$1,013.83 \$1,009.67 \$1,000.00	teaching of reading.	
Best iPad Apps and iPad Strategies to Increase Student Learning	5/22/13	Kristen McCann	NE.	\$219.00	I am the school technology coordinator and looking for ways to help the teachers and staff in the building integrate the use of iPads effectively into the classroom curriculum.	Newark, NJ
NJACAC Annual Conference	6/3/13	Tracie Morrison	Guid.	\$125.00	This is an opportunity for professional development where I will be presenting on a panel and volunteering on various levels as a member of the executive board.	Long Branch, NJ
Practical Strategies for OT's in Pre-K-Grade 12 Classrooms	4/24/13	Amy Smith	Brad.	\$225.00	Will enable me to learn the latest information about being an effective OT in the school system.	Parsippany, NJ

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.

4. Contract Awards

- a. Resolution re: Contract for Services Under Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, School Year 2012-2013

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has authorized the attached service contract pursuant to Chapter 226, Laws of 1991.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Montclair, New Jersey intends to effect a contractual agreement with the Department of Health, Township of Montclair for the purpose of authorizing the Department of Health, Township of Montclair to provide Nursing services from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 to students who attend non-public schools in Montclair in accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991 and the rules and regulations governing the provision of auxiliary services to students in non-public schools. The total allocation for this service shall not exceed the dollar amount allotted under Chapter 226, Laws of 1991.

- b. Award of Contract for Alterations to the Engineering Commons at Mt. Hebron 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 April 3, 2013, for Alterations to the Engineering Commons at Mt. Hebron School. Fourteen (14) companies received copies of the bid and nine (9) bids were received (see attached).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board's Architect, Richard Rigolo, AIA, and awards a contract for Alterations to the Engineering Commons at Mt. Hebron School to Construction Contractors of New York Corporation, 208 Russell Place, Hackensack, New Jersey, 07601, in the total amount of \$197,500.00.

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

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

5. Resolution re: Approval the Personnel Report

**Dr. Allen-McMillan** 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 April 8, 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	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Tanya Coke	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>

**Mrs. Lombard** moved to approve the following resolutions:

6. Resolution re: Acceptance of Out-of-District Tuition Student for 2013-2014 School Year

WHEREAS, Board policy and statute permit the acceptance of an out-of-district tuition student, and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Montclair Public School District to accept a student of a Montclair Public School employee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the acceptance of the Out-of-District student listed below for 2013-2014:

Elementary School      Grade K      \$11,512.00

7. Resolution re: Acceptance of Out-of-District Tuition Student for 2012-2013 School Year

WHEREAS, Board policy and statute permit the acceptance of an out-of-district tuition student, and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Montclair Public School District to accept a student in need of supplemental services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the acceptance of the Out-of-District student listed below effective April 22, 2013:

Renaissance School      Grade 8      \$4,039.00 (Prorated)

8. Resolution re: Resolve 010640 Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement regarding the matter of 010640.

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

Seconded by *Dr. Allen-McMillan* and approved by a roll call vote:

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

N. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

*Dr. Allen McMillan* spoke about the survey and that it is important to have dialogue prior to implementation may help to quell some of the concerns.

O. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 6, 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.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 pm *Mrs. Lombard* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Dr. Allen-McMillan* and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio  
Interim Board Secretary