

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD WENESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
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141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

B. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x	
Jevon Caldwell-Gross		x
Jessica de Koninck	x	
Joseph Kavesh		x
Anne Mernin		x
Eve Robinson	x	
Franklin Turner	x	

C. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-12, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law;
- material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it;
- any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected

request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting

- deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss
- pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Seconded by Eve Robinson and approved by a vote of 4-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh				x
Anne Mernin				x
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

Rev. Caldwell Gross arrived at 6:42 pm, Mr. Kavesh arrived at 6:35 pm, Ms. Mernin arrived at 6:37 pm

- D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:35 pm
- E. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x	
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x	
Jessica de Koninck	x	
Joseph Kavesh	x	
Anne Mernin	x	
Eve Robinson	x	
Franklin Turner	x	

G. COMMITTEE, LIAISON AND CONFERENCE REPORTING

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Presentation from the NAACP Youth Advisory
2. Montclair Art Museum

I. SEARCH UPDATE

J. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of Regulations
2. Discussion of the Aubrey Lewis renaming resolution
3. Discussion of pending policy – Educational Equity and Anti-Racism Policy (new item)
4. Discussion of the following proposed resolutions:
 - a. Resolution Re: Assessment of Montclair Public Schools Current Special Education Landscape
 - b. Resolution Re: Analysis and Reevaluation of Small Learning Communities
 - c. Resolution Re: Financial Planning Resolution
 - d. Resolution Re: Undoing Racism for Members of the Montclair Board of Education
5. Review of Draft Agenda for Monday, October 16, 2017 meeting

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board will allow time for the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION

L. BUSINESS OFFICE

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Professional Services – Reading and Writing Project Network, LLC

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...", when the cost does not exceed \$40,000, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of professional development and site-based coaching at Charles H. Bullock School, and

WHEREAS, Reading and Writing Project Network, LLC has offered to provide this service for a total of \$25,000 for 5 on-site days of training plus expenses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint Reading and Writing Project Network, LLC to provide this service.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-1

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner			x	

2. Resolution Re: Approval of Conference and Travel Request

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SCHOOL DEPT.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
KNOWING OUR LGBTQ STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF/ MSU	10/13/17	SABRA SCOTT SAMANTHAA ANGLIN	HILLSIDE	\$0	THIS SEMINAR WILL PROVIDE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY IN AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT STUDENTS, FAMILY AND STAFF.	MSU
INVISIBLE WOUNDS CONFERENCE/ RUTGERS	10/5/17	DR. KENDRA JOHNSON	CO	\$125.00	THIS CONFERENCE WILL INCREASE AWARENESS IN POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.	NEWARK, NJ
RUTGERS GIFTED EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM/ RUTGERS U.	11/17/17	DR. KENDRA JOHNSON MARCOS VARGAS NILAJA MUSSA NISHA GANDHI PAT THOMAS LINO MARTIRE	CO CO NISHUANE BUZZ ALDRIN BUZZ ALDRIN HILLSIDE	\$224.00 EACH	THE DISTRICT S.A.I.L. COMMITTEE WILL ENHANCE ITS TOOLKIT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A ROBUST DISTRICT PROGRAM.	NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY	10/9/17	ALL LIBRARIANS ALL FINE ARTS TEACHERS	ALL SCHOOLS	\$0	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	MONTCLAIR, NJ
NJECC MONTHLY CONFERENCE/ NJECC	10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 2/23, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/7/18	ALICE VELEZ NICK VENI	TECH	\$0	NJECC PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION BY PROVIDING WORKSHOP, MONTHLY MEETINGS, NETWORKING AND PD FOR IT PROFESSIONALS AND INSTRUCTORS.	MSU, 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.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

M. PUPIL SERVICES

1. Resolution Re: Resolve 014026 Educational Program

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded Amended Agreement regarding the matter of 014026.

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

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-1

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin			x	
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

N. DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Resolution Re: Approval of Field Trips

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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:

DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE	DURING SCHOOL HRS.
10/11/2017	Glenfield	6	Aboushi	Pochuck Valley Farms 962 County Rd 517 Glenwood, NJ	\$25	Team building, bonding with new House students	Yes 5.5hrs.
10/8/2017	Hillside	4-5	D'Amico	Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Pine Street Montclair, NJ	\$0	Drums of Thunder: Performance for the Italian dedication.	No 2hrs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT THE FIELD TRIPS ARE APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REGULATIONS.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

O. PERSONNEL

1. Resolution Re: Approval of Personnel Report

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 6-1

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin			x	
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

P. BOARD COMMENTS

Q. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the George Inness Annex Atrium at 141 Park Street. The meeting will go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm when it will re-open to the public.

R. ADJOURNMENT at 10:58 PM

Eve Robinson moved to adjourn

Seconded by Anne Mernin and approved by a vote of 7-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			

Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			