

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 AT 6:00 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
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A. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice at 6:07 pm

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

1. On Thursday, December 7, 2017, notice of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board in the first floor main hall of the Board of Education building, 22 Valley Road and filed with the Township Clerk. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
2. On Thursday, December 14, 2017, notice of this meeting was posted in the Montclair Times. The date, time and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
3. On Saturday, December 16, 2017, notice of this meeting was posted in the Herald News. The date, time and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.

“Please be advised that this meeting is considered a public meeting under the law and may be taped, broadcast, 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. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility and will not 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.”

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

Jessica de Koninck moved to approve the following

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;
- 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
- 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 Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 5-0

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Laura Hertzog | x | | | |
| Jevon Caldwell-Gross | x | | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |

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| Joseph Kavesh | | | | x |
| Anne Mernin | | | | x |
| Eve Robinson | x | | | |
| Franklin Turner | x | | | |

Anne Mernin arrived at 6:28 pm
 Joseph Kavesh arrived at 6:42 pm

- D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:33 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. SEARCH UPDATE
- I. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 - 1. Presentation by JoAnn McCullough, Executive Director of IMANI
- J. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION
 - 1. 2018-2019 Budget Presentation

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
 - 1. Resolution: Approval of the Amendment to the Letter of Agreement With Hazard, Young, Attea Executive Search Firm (HYA)

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

Approval of the amendment to the letter of agreement with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates Executive Search firm dated September 6, 2017 in the amount of \$1,950.00 for Executive Due Diligence.

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 6-0

| | 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 | | | |

Eve Robinson left at 9:18 pm

- Resolution: Stipulation of Settlement Student ID #982487

Jessica de Koninck moved to approve the following resolution:

Student ID #982487 has been classified by the District’s Child Study Team as eligible for special education and related services under the category of Autistic.

A dispute arose regarding the appropriate placement for Student ID# 982487 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Parents unilaterally continued Student ID #982487 at IEA.

Both parties desire to settle any and all outstanding claims, controversies, demands, actions or causes of action with regard to the placement of Student ID #982487 for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years without any admission of liability or wrongdoing on either party’s part.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR AND THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Board would agree to reimburse the parents up to a maximum amount of Fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) for each of the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years as a contribution towards the tuition costs associated with Student ID #982487’s attendance at The Institute between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019.

In addition to the financial contribution, the Board also agrees to provide transportation to and from The Institute through the conclusion of this Agreement for the days that The Institute is in session.

The parents expressly understand and agree that the Board’s reimbursement as set forth herein represents the Board’s entire obligation to provide Student ID #982487 with a free, appropriate

public education, including any other educational, therapeutic or related services to which Student ID #982487 may have been entitled through June 30, 2019.

It is expressly acknowledged that placement at The Institute does not represent a placement by the District, and that neither The Institute nor any other unilateral placement shall be considered “stay put” for Student ID #982487 for any reason. It is understood that an Agreement does not bind the Board to provide any further financial contribution or reimbursement to the parents for Student ID #982487’s education beyond June 30, 2019.

In the event that the parents are interested in seeking a free and appropriate public education for Student ID #982487 after June 30, 2019, the parents will contact the District in writing no later than February 1, 2019 and request that Student ID #982487 be referred to the Child Study Team.

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 4-0-2

| | 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

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

1. H.I.B. Report
 - A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #984266 on 2/14/2018 for reason 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 students’ parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: Yes
 - b. Education and HIB handbook
 - c. Counselor with have informative discussion with students; respect and social skills
 - B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #983019, 983021, 058922 on 2/14/2018 for reason 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 students’ parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: Yes
 - b. Lunch detention, writing assignment
 - c. Education and HIB handbook
 - d. Counselor with have informative discussion with students; respect and social skills

- C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #026696 on 2/07/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: No
 - b. Counselor will meet with students
- D. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #026846 on 2/02/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: No
 - b. Counselor will meet with students
 - c. Meeting with school resource officer
- E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #985593 on 2/02/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: No
 - b. Counselor will meet with students
 - c. Referred to case manager for support
- F. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID #013085 on 2/20/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: No
 - b. 1 day out of school suspension
 - c. Counselor will meet with students
- G. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving a para-professional on 11/02/2017 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: No
 - b. Changed responsibilities to another student
 - c. Counselor will meet with student
- H. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 019174 on 2/15/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: yes
 - b. School therapist will monitor and counsel weekly for marking per. 3 then as needed.
- I. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 985843,034834, 056144, 048457, 986718, 057742, 034019, 035072, 0688369 on 2/21/2018 for reason 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 students' parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: no
 - b. School counselors will follow up since students are in the three middle schools.
 - c. If mediation is required with parents it will take place at Central Office with District HIB coordinator
- J. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 983523, 047135, 056347 on 2/28/2018 for reason 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 students’ parents forthwith.

- a. Substantiated: Yes
- b. Parents contacted,
- c. Sensitivity training School counselors will follow with HIB handbook and workbook.

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 4-0-2

| | 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. BOARD COMMENTS

O. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 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.

P. ADJOURNMENT AT 10:07 PM

Joe Kavesh moved to adjourn

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 6-0

| | 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 | | | |