

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M.
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. The meeting opened at 6:45 p.m. and the following statement was read:

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

On November 12, 2007, 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.

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.

Copies have also been mailed to all persons who have requested same at no cost.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Carlton 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-(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; matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and matter rendered confidential by state or federal law: Exclusions Report.

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 Mr. Barr and approved by a vote of 4-0.

At 6:45 p.m. the Board went into executive session.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Report
2. Legal Matters

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Carlton moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Mr. Barr and approved by a vote of 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:31 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Staff Members Present	<u> 4 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 2 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 1 </u>	

G. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez spoke about the new School Funding Formula and that the Assembly and Senate are debating it today. Dr. Alvarez is concerned with the process used to approve this bill. The state did not allow any time for public input on a matter that affects all New Jersey school districts.

Mrs. Sullivan discussed the state aid numbers. She stated that it appears as though extraordinary special education aid will not be part of the basic aid package. This will be awarded after the district completes an application. Notification of extraordinary aid amount probably will not be received in time for the 2008-2009 budget. If this is the case the district will actually realize a small decrease in state aid rather than an increase.

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Mrs. Taylor stated that on January 21 there will be a Dr. Martin Luther King breakfast.

Mr. Barr stated that on December 19, 2007, there was a academic sub committee meeting in which a virtual course in health was discussed.

Mr. Carlton discussed facilities.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

J. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Acceptance of No Child Left Behind - Consolidated Formula Subgrant

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education has approved the No Child Left Behind Grant for the Montclair Board of Education in the amount of \$504,709,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education accepts this funding for the period September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008.

- b. Acceptance of Department of Education Determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs for High School Room Renovations, 3310-050-07-2000, \$79,865.00

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 5 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the Montclair Board of Education submitted applications to the Department of Education for Rehabilitation at the schools listed above, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has approved the above project and has determined that the State’s share of preliminary eligible cost for project as listed above, and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator certifies that capital funds are available for the local share of these projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the State’s determination of preliminary eligible costs and the State’s share of preliminary costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education elects to accept debt service aid from the EDA as its funding option, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education elects to administer the construction of these projects and authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for these projects.

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

	AYE	NAY	
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	

K. BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolutions, change order, and Personnel Report:

1. Resolutions
 - a. Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses

WHEREAS, New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 23 B 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:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Board Member/ Employee</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Educational Purpose</u>
What's New in Children's Literature	Kimberely Dillman	\$195.00	Provides teaching strategies to help students get the most out of a book by providing techniques and ideas to help enhance students' experiences with all books across all curriculum areas.
Positive Behavior Supports	James Scagliotti	\$30.00	Training on conducting a functional behavior assessment and developing a behavior intervention plan to address behavior issues of disruptive students.
	Marli Klar	\$30.00	
	Gail Derivan	\$30.00	
	Nina Steadman	\$30.00	
	Dina Jonasz	\$30.00	
	Keith Breman	\$30.00	
Cells, Tissues, Organs...	Dr. Lissa Landou	\$40.00	Using digital microscopes to capture images &

produce CD's of tissues, cells to study size, density, structures.
Incorporation of technology into science curriculum.

Using Digital Camera & Microscope in Science Classroom	Dr. Lissa Landou	\$40.00	Training on digital camera & digital microscope, uses of digital images for assessment. Incorporation of technology into science curriculum.
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Minutes, 1/7/08			
Central Office Administration Secretaries	Sonya Rold Gina Zazzarino	\$140.00 \$140.00	Provides instruction in maintaining records on travel for approval, public records request, bid notices, records retention, minutes, agenda, and paperless BOE meetings.
New Directions: Professionalism and the New Literacies	Doreen Corsetto	\$95.00	Raises the standards of professionalism for educators and provides innovative programs and strategies for helping students achieve 21 st Century intermodal literacy.
Be the Best You Are	Ron Gavazzi	\$400.00	Teach up to date techniques on the instruction of baseball.
Staff Development for Educators	Kathleen Mulhall Bonnie Schatzman Elyse Hoffman	\$418.00 \$418.00 \$309.00	Help maximize student learning while meeting NJ Core Curriculum

standards.
Emphasizes writing,
reading, and
mathematics
assessments.

Everyday Math	Diane Conahan	\$40.00	Offers tools and strategies to enhance the Everyday Math program.
	Maureen McCormack	\$40.00	

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.

- b. Approval of Amended Budget for the FY2007 Governor’s Initiative on Autism

BE IT RESOLVED, the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the attached Budget Modification (Attachment A) for the FY2007 Governor’s Initiative on Autism Grant, Agreement #07000253.

- 2. Change Order

#4 for Site Demolition for New Elementary School

Change order #4 to extend the completion date from December 31, 2007, to January 25, 2008, at no additional cost to the District.

- 3. Personnel Report of January 7, 2008, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

Seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	_____	
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	_____	
Shirley Grill	_____	_____	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	_____	_____	ABSENT
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	_____	
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	_____	
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	_____	

L. COMMENTS

- 1. Board Members

Mrs. Taylor is happy to see progress with the new school site.

2. Members of the Public

Christine Beckett - 142 Central Ave. - Mrs. Beckett is a member of the Edgemont PTA and would like the Board to reconsider the Greenhouse Project at Edgemont.

M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Building, 22 Valley Road.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.