

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008  
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

A. The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m. and the following statement was read:

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

1. On June 16, 2008 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.
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.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:26p.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. 10:4-12 (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, personnel matters, out-of-district placements and sidebar agreement with the MEA.

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 Mrs. Lombard and approved by a vote of 4-0.

C. 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 4-0.

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

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

E. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Timothy Barr	_____	_____x
John Carlton	_____x	_____
Shirley Grill	_____	_____x
Robert Kautz	_____x	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____	_____x (left at 7:35 p.m.)
Ronald Riddick	_____x	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____x

Staff Members	<u>5</u>
Members of the Public	<u>25</u>
Members of the Press	<u>1</u>

#### F. BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Kautz moved to approve the following:

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11©3, 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 June, 2008 in the amount of \$2,902,181.80 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of May, 2008 in the amount of \$41,263.73 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair in the amount of \$8,081,730.50 for the month June, 2008 and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Budget Reports for the month of May, 2008 and the Secretary's Report for the months of May, 2008.

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

	Aye	Nay	
Timothy Barr	_____	_____	ABSENT
John Carlton	_____x_____	_____	
Shirley Grill	_____	_____	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	_____x_____	_____	
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	
Ronald Riddick	_____x_____	_____	
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____	ABSENT

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following:

2. Personnel Report of June 16, 2008 including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law
3. Exclusions Report of June 16, 2008.
4. Out-of-District Placements
5. Settlement Agreement to Resolve S.B.'s Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement with the matter of M.S. on behalf of S.B., vs. the Montclair Board of Education.

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

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

	Aye	Nay	
Timothy Barr	_____	_____	ABSENT
John Carlton	_____x_____	_____	
Shirley Grill	_____	_____	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	_____x_____	_____	
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	
Ronald Riddick	_____x_____	_____	
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____	ABSENT

## G. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jacquelyn Cusak presented the following awards to:

- Adam Marks an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Mt. Hebron School received the Promising Young Writer award.
- Juliana Colangelo, Elizabeth Eddy, and Gabriela Graham Seniors at Montclair High School received the Shelter Our Sisters award.
- Ivelisse Cruz, Caitlin Higgins, Ryan Rossner, and Quinn Schiller, Montclair High School Latin students won the 2008 Certamen Competition.
- Ashley Taylor a senior at Montclair High School won the National Achievement Ernst & Young Foundation Scholarship award.
- Noah Bokot-Lindell a senior at Montclair High School received the 2008 National Merit Scholarship.
- Mr. Michael Chancey of Nishuane School received the 2007-2008- Landsman-Welborn Award for Paraprofessionals.
- Dr. Frank Alvarez and Mr. Bruce Dabney received the Hurricane Katrina Declaration of Recognition award, presented by Meggan Pender a senior at Montclair High School.

## H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez stated that we have some terrific end-of-year activities that are in full swing with lots of positive things happening in our schools. He mentioned that the Center for Social Justice did a tremendous presentation on 40 years of activism beginning with 1968-2008 and it was really a tremendous exhibit of the entire movement of this era. As we look forward to next year, he stated that we have 479 students registered for Kindergarten at this point and expect to increase to about 525 students by the time school opens in September.

He indicated that the Board was informed that a neighbor and parent, Mr. Amir Karim is going to Iraq. He has three children in the school district; Amir who is leaving Northeast and moving up to Mt. Hebron School, Nasir who is leaving Mt. Hebron moving up to the High School and Kassime who is graduating from the High School. Mr. Karim was unable to attend these moving up events. Therefore Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Carlton, members of the staff, principals from each school, Mr. Lebida, and Latifah Jannah from Mt. Hebron had a special ceremony in the Superintendents conference room and presented the students with certificates so that Mr. Karim could see the moving up ceremonies for his three sons. Dr. Alvarez commented that this was very touching, that they were very proud to have been able to make this happen and that this was brought to their attention.

He stated that at the senior awards ceremony at the High School over \$380,000 in scholarships was given out to students. He added that graduation is next Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. Charles Jerome Gibbs, Dean at Howard University and a former Montclair High School student will be the key note speaker.

He announced that the Board appointed Cenithia Bilal as the assistant Principal at Nishuane School and Anthony Benjamin as the assistant principal at Glenfield Middle School.

## I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Mr. Kautz reported that the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence (MFEE) raised over \$305,000 netting \$250,000 in their Dancing in the Streets fundraiser.

## J. COMMENTS

### 1. PTA

Robin Kulwin updated the Board on the PTA Council's activities for the year, her concerns for class sizes in the schools and involvement in strengthening our magnet systems in each school.

### 2. MEA

Dennis Murray spoke about the conditions at Nishuane and Hillside Schools during the hot weather. He asked the Board to rescind the school day that was added for students and staff at Renaissance, and that he is looking forward to presenting the Board with a new contract this summer for the next school year.

## K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Campeas 538 Grove Street, representing the Booster club expressed his concerns about the conflicting scheduling of the prom around spring sports and activities.

Lori Katz representing the girl's softball team expressed her concerns regarding the State game being on the day of the junior prom and around testing.

Lois McKenna also stated her concerns regarding the scheduling of the proms around spring sports and State games. She suggested that a prom committee should be selected and made up of students, parents, and teacher advisors as opposed to one person organizing and selecting the dates. The purpose of this would be to give others the opportunity to have a say in scheduling.

Mark Rosennan representing the lacrosse parents emphasized that all groups have spent a lot of time communicating with Dr. Katz and exploring all of the details and parameters of this issue and that they are willing to do the homework that is required to change the dates of the prom.

## L. RESOLUTIONS-GENERAL

The following items were tabled due to a lack of a quorum of the Board:

### 1. Other Resolutions

- a. Resolution re: Approval of Career and Technical Education, and Consumer, Family, and Life Skills Curriculum Grades K-12
- b. Resolution re: Approval of School Breakfast and Lunch Prices, 2008-2009 School Year  
the Montclair Board of Education will participate in the National School Lunch Program for the 2008-2009 fiscal year
- c. Resolution re: Approval of Banks as Board Depositories for Student Activity Accounts and Designation of Signatories.
- d. Resolution re: Revised Approval of Salaries for No Child Left Behind Grant for 2007-2008 School Year
- e. Resolution re: Reappointment of Member to the Montclair Early Childhood Corporation (MECC)
- f. Resolution re: Adoption of Chemical Hygiene Plan and Appointment of Officer
- g. Resolution re: Authorizing the Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Agency for the 2008-2009 School Year
- h. Resolution re: Acceptance of Application for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Program Aid - \$41,536
- i. Resolution re: Summer Business and Personnel Procedures for the 2008-2009 School Year
- j. Resolution re: The Formation of the Montclair Public Schools QSAC Committee

### 2. Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses

### 3. Contract Awards

- a. Resolution re: Award of Contract for CCTV Security Systems, Intrusion Alarm Upgrade and Associated Maintenance 2008-2009 School Year to Triad Security Systems, 973 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey, in the amount of \$3,600.00 and at the hourly rates stated in your bid.

- b. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Athletic Supplies, Audio Visual, Copy Duplicator, Custodial, Family, Consumer Science, Fine Art, General, Health, Office/Computer, Physical Education, Science and Technology Supplies for the 2008-2009 School Year
  
- c. Resolution re: Renewal of Contract for Maintenance and Repair Work, HVAC Systems 2008-2009 School Year with Envirocon, LLC, at the hourly rates of \$76.32 per hour for a Journeyman and \$44.52 per hour for a Helper, and a 15% mark-up for materials as stated in their letter of June 10, 2008 (Attachment A)
  
- d. Resolution re: Renewal of Contract for Fire Detection and Alarm System Maintenance – 2008-2009 School year with Haig’s Service Corporation for Fire Detection and Alarm System maintenance for the 2008-2009 school year at the terms and conditions as stated in their letter of June 9, 2008 (Attachment A)
  
- e. Resolution re: Renewal of Contract for Plumbing Repairs 2008-2009 School Year with Vraj Tech Inc. Lodi, New Jersey, at the terms and conditions as stated I their letter of March 2, 2008 (Attachment A)
  
- f. Resolution re: Renewal of Contract for Fuel Oil , 2008-2009 School Year with National Terminal Inc. at the terms and conditions as stated I their letter of June 6, 2008 (Attachment A)
  
- g. Resolution re: Revised Award of Contract for Junior and Senior Proms 2009 and 2010 are as follows: for the Junior Prom to Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey; and for the Senior Prom to the Westmont Country Club, 728 Rifle Camp Road, West Paterson, New Jersey.

#### 4. Change Orders

- a. Change Order #11 Woodman Field House Renovations awarded to Jerel Construction Services in the amount of \$3,999,250.00 (base bid of \$3,152,650.00 plus 6 Alternates).

#### M. COMMENTS

##### 1. Board Members

Mr. Kautz commented that we had a good year.

Mr. Riddick commended Mr. Ennes at the High School for the fantastic concert last week. He stated that it’s been a good year and he enjoyed his first year on the Board.

Mr. Carlton thanked all the parents that came out to speak about the prom conflict. He stated that this issue would certainly be worked on. In addition to our previous awards, he added that Adam Marks an eighth grader at the Mt. Hebron School, won the National Writing award. He stated that it has really been a good year from many perspectives, that the performing arts and athletic teams have done well and the amount of scholarships that were given out to our seniors gives testament to our academics.



2. Members of the Public

None.

N. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Building, 22 Valley Road.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32 p.m. Mr. Carlton moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Sullivan  
Board Secretary

