

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

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

1. On October 17, 2008 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.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Barr 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

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 Mr. Kautz and approved by a vote of 7-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Grill moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a vote of 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

E. The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:40 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Timothy Barr	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Staff Members	<u> 20 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 150 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 0 </u>	

Dr. Alvarez thanked Mr. Timothy Barr for his years of service on the Board, noting that he has been an ardent supporter of the public schools and supportive of teachers and administrators. He stated that one of the most pleasing parts of Mr. Barr's board service had been to the Academic Sub-committee, part of the District Leadership Team. He stated that he appreciates the service that Mr. Barr has provided to academics and students in this role. Dr. Alvarez showed his appreciation on behalf of the Board and Montclair Public School District and presented Mr. Barr with a gift.

Mr. Carlton stated that Mr. Barr has been the Vice President for the last two years and has advocated for students, and for programs. He stated that the breadth of what he brings to this district is truly something that he and all of Montclair School District treasures. He stated that he will be missed.

Mr. Carlton read the resolution in honor of Mr. Barr.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Barr presented a donation of \$1000 to the MFEE in support of Central Office Administrators. He stated he is both flattered and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the Montclair community and the children. He thanked his family for their support. He stated that the last 3 years have been rewarding and enjoyable for many reasons knowing that much had been accomplished in the schools during his term. He said that he personally gained from the experience in ways never imagined and that he has a deeper respect for teachers and administrators. He thanked all of the administrators and principals and said the Montclair School District is fortunate to have their wisdom and integrity guiding the schools and creating an unparalleled educational experience for the children.

He wished Ms. Larson success on the Board.

G. INTRODUCTIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Felice Harrison presented the following awards:

1. The Montclair High School winner of the **Omega Psi Phi-Annual Talent Hunt 2009** is as follows:

- Winner

Smantha Yaya

2. The Montclair High School recipient of the **National High School Vocal Competition sponsored by Classical Singer Magazine** is as follows:

- Finalist

Francesca Federico

3. The Montclair High School recipients of the **“We the People” Citizen and the Constitution Competition** are as follows:

- 2nd Place Winners

Eliza Berman
Rachel Bradford
Katherine Carpenter
John Oliver Conroy
Henry Engelstein
Hye Yeon glass
Xianah Gordon
Ross Hamilton
Zachary Herring
Ruth Hertberg
Emily Kaplan
Mark Langford
Phoebe Lytle
Delaney McDonough
Sabrina Montenigro
Michael Parker
Michael Quinn
Ellen Shakespear
Philip Smyth
Max Sneden
Joseph Staehle
Alex Stein
Morgan Stith
Shakil Uddin

Alexandra Vest
Abigail Vogel
Catherine Williams

4. The Montclair High School recipient of the **Tanglewood Music Festival sponsored by the Boston Symphony Orchestra** is as follows:

- Selected for Participation

Hannah Santisi

5. The Montclair High School recipient of the **NJPAC Hip Hop Guest Panelist and 2009 Recipient of the Roland L. Meyer Orpheus Club Scholarship Program** is as follows:

Ryan Kelley

6. The Montclair High School recipients of the **University of Pennsylvania Model Congress Conference Competition** are as follows:

- Best Delegation Award

Jalil Alidoost
Gabriel Alvare
Guillermo Avilla
Margaret Bangs
Rachel Bradford
Mary Kathleen Connors
John Oliver Conroy
Jeffrey conti
Abigail Duncan
Isabelle Foley
Ilana Haimes
Elizabeth Harnett
Naomi Horowitz
Julian Lucas
James Macksoud
Ian Marshall
Michael Maskin
Dominique Richards
Noam Sandweiss-Back
Emma Sayre
Alex Stein
Daniel Tierney
Sonia Tsuruoka
Julie Yermack

7. The Montclair High School **Girls Varsity Basketball** recipients of the following award is as follows:

- Group Four – North Jersey Section One –State Champs Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League Division A Champs

Asana Akpaeti
Allison Jane Boyle
Madeline Fabbro
Nyzero Fleming
Chelsea Hepburn
Latorri Hines-Allen
Dana Locks
Malika Miller
Melissa Smith
Amber Wessells
Briteja Williams
Hannah Wurgarft

8. The Hillside School recipients of the **New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Award** are as follows:

Soukiana Barnes

9. The Mount Hebron Middle School recipient of **“The Power of Art: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities”** Award is as follows:

Dawn Murphy

10. The Montclair High School winners of the **Regional Orchestra Auditions** are as follows:

- All-State – NJ Music Educators Association

Jami Price (9th Grade)
Andrea Parente (10th Grade)

11. The recipients of the Montclair Times Poetry Challenge are as follows:

- Poem Accepted

James Feinberg, Hillside School
Ella Mc Donald, Rand School

12. The Glenfield Middle School recipients of the National School Scrabble Championship are as follows:

- Second Place Team Award and Coaching Award

Paolo Fedderico-O’Murchu

- Eighth Place Team Award

Rachel Keller
Conor McGeehan

***The Board took a brief recess.**

***The Board returned from recess.**

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. MHS-Student Coalition

Rachel Bradford and Ruth Hertzberg presented the following updated to the Board:

- ▶ Proms are coming beginning with the junior prom on May 20th at Mayfair Farms and senior prom on June 9th at the Westmont Country Club.
- ▶ Band concert is on May 7th at 7:30 p.m., Orchestra concert is on May 14th at 7:30 p.m., and the Chorus concert is on May 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ The final show of the Spring Musical "Seussical" will be on Sunday, May 10th at 3:00 p.m. at MHS
- ▶ AP testing begins today and will continue through the end of next week with testing times at 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon and are 3-hours long.
- ▶ Varsity sports are underway.

2. QSAC

Dr. Alvarez reported that the district had received the final report on the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) review completed in December. He added that QSAC is a process where the district is able to rate itself and that rating is then reviewed by the State. Dr. Alvarez reported that the State rated Montclair School District higher in 3 out of the 5 categories and that the district was rated as a **high performing district**.

3. The Department of Instruction presented revisions of the SAIL Program and Montclair: "My Home Town" Curriculum to the Board for adoption.

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

None.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

K. GENERAL

Resolutions

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Approval of the Grade3 “Montclair, My Home Town” Supplement to the Social Studies Curriculum

WHEREAS, the recommended supplemental curriculum has been developed by the staff of the Montclair School District and is aligned with the New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Content Standards, 2004

WHEREAS, Title 18A (NJSA) requires New Jersey Boards of Education to adopt courses of study for children between the ages of 5 and 20, and

WHEREAS, This supplemental curriculum is developmentally appropriate, inclusive and challenging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the adoption of the Grade 3 supplemental social studies curriculum, “Montclair, My Home Town.”

- b. Resolution re: Approval of the Revision of SAIL: The Academically Talented Model Specific to Language Arts and Math (Regulations 6171.1 and 6172.2) and the Approval of the Amendment to Include Visual and Performing Arts and Physical Education Identification to the SAIL Model

WHEREAS, The recommended changes to the Montclair Public Schools’ criteria for selection for SAIL: The Academically Talented Model, have been shared with Principals, the SAIL Subject Matter Leaders, and members of the Montclair Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, The NJAC 6.8-2.5 (a) 4 requires that the “district make provisions for identifying pupils with gifted and talented abilities and for providing them with an educational program and services,” and

WHEREAS, This model is developmentally appropriate, inclusive and challenging.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education approves the adoption of the revision of SAIL: The Academically Talented Model.

- c. 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 classwork.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following field trips are approved:

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

SCHOOL	DATE	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
Glenfield	6-4-09	6	Hancharik	Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ	\$60.00	Read your way and the study of physical sciences
Glenfield	6-22-09	7	Scribner	Bear Mountain, NY	\$10.00	End of the year trip for house Scribner
Glenfield	6-10 to 6-11-09	7	Scribner	Marriott Long Wharf-Boston, Ma	\$250.00	Read your way incentive trip
Hillside	5-14-09	3	Jorge	Newark Museum, Newark NJ	\$15.00	Globe trackers program
Hillside	5-28-09	5	O'Donnell	New York Harbor	\$15.00	Study of harbor, estuary, wildlife, shipping and transportation
Nishuane	5-13-09	2	Koebel	Cranes Mill Independent Living Facility, W. Caldwell	0	Present concert for senior citizens of music learned in class
Nishuane	6-18-09	K	Adams	Turtle Back Zoo, W.O.	\$15.00	Students will receive hands on experience in relation to the science curriculum
Edgemont	5-20-09	4	Plaskow	Montclair Art Museum, Montclair	0	Study of landscapes and seascapes, weather, seasons and time in art
Edgemont	5-21-09	1	Hart	Meadowlands environment ctr. Lyndhurst, NJ	0	Students will learn how animals body parts help them to adapt and survive.
MHS	5-11-09	9-12	Fyfe	Museum of National History, .NY	\$10.00	Explore history, work on social and lifeskills
MHS	5-9-09	9-12	Graf	JP Stevens HS, Edison, NJ	0	Latin Convention-day of competitions on topics of latin grammar.
MHS	5-15-09	9-10	Bonczkows ki	NJIT, Newark NJ	0	Youth conference, information about violence prevention
MHS	5-19-09	9		Yogi Berra Museum,MSU	0	Leadership seminar
MHS	5-18 to 5-19-09	10-12	Webber	Washington, DC	0	Academic Competition
MHS	Pending	10-12	Webber	FRBNY	0	Academic Competition
Bradford	6-10-09	5	Freeh	Malibu Dude Ranch, Milford, PA	\$15.00	To explore the outdoors and the landscape of our local region while visiting the oldest working dude ranch in the eastern US
Northeast	6-11-09	5	Franklin	Malibu Dude Ranch, Milford, PA	\$15.00	Exposure to the culture of ranch life and ecological study
Northeast	5-14-09	2	Gibbs	Montclair Art Museum, NJ	0	Artlink Museum Visit
Northeast	6-9-09	3-5	Landau	Central Park Zoo, NY	\$5.00	Students have learned about different climates and how each climate affects animal life

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the field trips are approved in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education Accountability Regulations.

Seconded by Ms. Grill 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> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

L. BUSINESS

1. Resolutions

Mr. Carlton moved to approve the following resolution:

a. Resolution in Honor of Timothy Barr

WHEREAS, Mr. Barr has served as a member of the Montclair Board of Education since May 2006, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barr served as Vice President of the Board from May 2007 to May 2009, a member of the Board of School Estimate from May of 2007 to May of 2009 and as a member of the District Leadership Team's Academic Sub-committee from May 2006 to May 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barr was committed to his beliefs and was a strong advocate for the Montclair Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, through his determined efforts the children of our schools have benefited greatly, as have the citizens of our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, on behalf of the people of Montclair, extends to Mr. Barr its appreciation for his devoted and responsible efforts, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education extends all good wishes to Mr. Barr for the future.

Seconded by Mr. Kautz 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> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following resolutions:

- b. Resolution re: Renewal of Rental Lease with Sharon Miller Dance Academy 2009-2010 School Year

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education leased space in a building owned by Sharron Miller Dance Academy, located at 427 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey, to house a physical education program for children at the Renaissance School since 1999, and

WHEREAS, the Sharron Miller Dance Academy moved in 2006 and is now located at 14 South Park Street, Montclair, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is desirous of renewing this lease for the 2009-2010 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education directs the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute a one-year lease agreement with Sharron Miller Dance Academy, Montclair, New Jersey, for a rental fee of \$94,227 annually, plus up to \$2,500 for additional costs incurred for special programs, specifically for the Renaissance School, plus an additional \$10,878 for the music program.

- c. Resolution re: Approval of Submission of Amendment Application for Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), FY2009

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves submission of an amendment application for Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), FY 2009, as per the attached.

- d. Resolution re: 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			
<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Blaine Ray TPR Storytelling Workshop	Cyrene Sutton	\$269.00	To learn how to teach foreign language holistically rather than by traditional grammatical rules.
AP French Language	Gaelle Cahayla	\$958.30	This conference is to extend knowledge of advanced placement instruction- its standards, goals and methods of delivery.
Environmental Science AP Training	Marc Ippolito	\$675.00	To gain training to be able to teach AP Environmental Science.
Institute on Teaching of Writing	Vanessa Jetter John Furey	\$600.00 \$600.00	To assist teachers to develop theoretical framework for teaching reading and enhancing students independence and skills as readers.
“The Teenage Mind: Understanding How Teens Think and Learn”	Lorraine Krimmel	\$100.00	To enhance ability to teach adolescents who present challenging behaviors and attitudes.
Spring Conference	Frank Alvarez Terry Trigg-Scales Lydia Furnari Guy Whitlock Jean Wuensch George Glass	\$125.00 \$125.00 \$125.00 \$125.00 \$125.00 \$125.00	Tri-State Consortium Steering Committee and Membership meeting.
Early Childhood Ed in 21 st Century	Marilyn Gargiulo Danielle DePinto	\$133.22 \$130.22	To receive training in technology, classroom management, and writing skills appropriate for Pre-K and Kindergarten age groups.
Intentional Teaching and Learning and Making It Happen	Jean Wuensch	\$135.00	To explore current world language programs to lead to increased proficiency.

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 Mr. Carlton 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> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

2. Change Orders

Mr. Kautz moved to approve the following change order:

Approval of Change Order#4 for Plumbing and Gas Fitting work for New Elementary School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 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 The Thomas Group, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 19, 2008, for Plumbing and Gas Fitting Work for New Elementary School. The contract was awarded to Annese Mechanical, 699 Cross Street, Unit 2, Lakewood, New Jersey, 08701, in the total amount of \$1,349,015 which includes the base bid of \$1,346,165 plus Alternate #1 – Roof Drains for Clock Tower for \$2,850.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #4 for \$27,000.00 as follows:

- Provide labor, equipment and material required \$27,000.00 to install 16 trap primers in the kitchen floor drains at the direction of the plumbing sub-code official

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> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

3. Resolution re: Approval of the Revised Personnel Report

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the revised Personnel Report of May 4, 2009, 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>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

M. COMMENTS

1. Members of the Public

Robin Kulwin, thanked Mr. Barr for his hard work on behalf of the PTA Council.

2. Board Members

Mrs. Taylor thanked Mr. Barr for all he has done while on the Board. She stated that she is glad to know that the SAIL program has been extended beyond the classroom. She added that she is excited about the progress being made with the construction of the new school.

Mr. Riddick attended the presentation of the Montclair: “My Home Town” film. He added that he appreciates fellow Board Members for their support during a tough year. He thanked Mr. Barr for his service and influence while on the Board. He stated that he will miss Mr. Barr and wished him much success.

Ms. Grill thanked Mr. Barr for his hard work on the budget. She stated that the comments from the children at the Montclair: “My Home Town” presentation made it a success.

Mrs. Lombard stated that it is crucial to find the right person to be the Principal at the High School and that it would not be good to settle. She indicated that it was a great idea on the part of the Superintendent to implement the Chinese Curriculum into the District. It seems that other districts are expressing interest in China as well. She thanked Mr. Barr for his service on the Board. She added that she will miss his sense of humor, sincerity, and care for the children. She said that he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Kautz indicated that 73% of school budgets passed this year. He thanked Mr. Barr for his years of service on the Board. He stated that Mr. Barr’s participation on the Board of School Estimate and the Academic Sub-Committee was invaluable. He said that he appreciates Mr. Barr’s appreciate and that he will be missed.

Mr. Barr stated that he felt it was ironic that there were no representatives from the Montclair Times or Channel 34 present at the meeting. He stated that he was appalled at the cartoon in the Montclair Times. He apologized to Dr. Alvarez, Mrs. Sullivan and all of the Central Office Staff for having to bear those expressions. He thanked all members of the Board once again.

Mr. Carlton thanked Mr. Barr for his service on the Board of School Estimate during two of the roughest budget seasons that Montclair ever had to face.

N. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 and will open at 6:30 p.m. in public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the George Innes Annex, 141 Park Street.

O. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40p.m. Mr. Kautz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a vote of 7-0.