

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 June 10, 2009, 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 6:42 p.m. Shirley Grill 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 Matters, Personnel Report, Out-of-District Placement, and Settlement Agreement.

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 Shelly Lombard and approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Shirley Grill moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:50 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	___x___

Staff Member                    \_\_\_10\_\_\_  
 Members of the Public        \_\_\_50\_\_\_  
 Members of the Press         \_\_\_1\_\_\_

G. MINUTES

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following minutes:

Public Board Meeting held on Monday, October 5, 2009

Seconded by Shirley Grill and approved by a vote of 6-0 with 0 abstentions.

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Update of MSAN Conference

Dr. Frank Alvarez introduced Joyce Hobbs, who attended the conference in September with four students.

Dr. Joyce Hobbs thanked the Board for allowing them to attend the conference and introduced the four students:

Samuel Riddick, a junior at Montclair High School, stated that he was proud to attend the conference, had much interaction with other students and was very inspired by the presenters. Mr. Riddick noted that it does not matter who you are or where you come from – there is always a way to succeed.

Grace Powell, a sophomore at Montclair High School, noted that there were great discussions regarding the achievement gap, that she had an opportunity to share her opinions with other students and was very inspired by the presenters.

Leila Gibbs, a junior at Montclair High School, commented that she had a wonderful experience sharing ideas with students of different backgrounds.

Jalen Doby Frasier, a junior at Montclair High School, informed the Board that the conference was a wonderful experience for all the students and their plan is to create a San Kofa Club to look into the past and reflect on building a future.

Ms. Hobbs commented that the conference was excellent, thanked the Board for their support and noted that she would like to create a mini MSAN Conference in the spring at Montclair High School.

## 2. School Reorganization Task Force

Dr. Alvarez stated that in March, a committee of more than 25 community members was formed to help develop a plan for the new school. Dr. Alvarez stated that the committee was to look at the long term interest of the school; i.e. class size, special education and to find a permanent home for the Renaissance School. He stated that Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins, Co-Chairs of the School Reorganization Task Force will present the committee's recommendation to the Board. On November 9, 2009, the Board will hold a public hearing about the recommendation for the new school and on November 16, 2009, the Board will make a decision.

Julie Cerf, Co-Chair of the task force, stated that the committee had revisited the following assumptions from ten years ago:

- New school becoming an elementary school
- Renaissance School moving into the Rand building
- Rand School moving into the new school building

Julie Cerf noted that the committee had to revisit the assumptions due to demographic and cost changes and noted they had to consider reduction of class size, moving special education students back into the district and budgetary issues. Ms. Cerf acknowledged all the committee members in attendance and thanked them for their help.

Wil Adkins stated that the process included gathering and analyzing data from senior staff regarding budgetary concerns, class size, facility use, staffing issues, special education programs as well as curriculum and programs. Mr. Adkins noted that the committee, which was divided into four groups of six, also conducted on-site visits to schools, deliberated on their findings and then presented their options to Senior Staff to be evaluated. Mr. Adkins stated that Senior Staff gave their findings to the Task Force so options could then be presented to the Board.

Julie Cerf added that during their site visits to the various schools, much was learned:

- Rand facility definitely needs a facelift and is crowded
- Hillside and Nishuane have space but the integrity of magnet programs relies on space
- Renaissance School needs to move
- Pre-K is a wonderful program and there was no recommendation on moving it back into the district

Wil Adkins noted that the sub-committees examined several options and decided on the following four options:

- Rand moves to new school and Renaissance moves to Rand building
- Rand becomes K-2, new school as 3-8
- Rand remains K-5, new school as K-8
- Rand becomes K-2, new school as K-8

Julie Cerf stated that the above four options were presented to Senior Staff for their input with regard to the impact on the district and it was determined:

- Cost did not vary much with different scenarios – major change in cost would be that Renaissance would not have additional costs for outside services.
- Class sizes would range from 21 - 24 in all scenarios – not scenario 1 – no additional elementary seats gained.
- Three additional classrooms for special education would be added in the new building regardless of grade level configuration.
- There would be no impact on how AYP is measured.
- This would be a good opportunity to re-evaluate and take a closer look at our magnet programs and curriculum.
- A close look would be needed with regard to feeder patterns.

Wil Adkins noted that the recommendation of the Task Force would be that Rand remain a K-5 School and the new school becomes a K-8 facility. Mr. Adkins stated that in the Task Force's mind, Renaissance would move to the new school and Rand's magnet/program theme has the option to move to the new school or remain at the Rand building (with significant improvements).

Julie Cerf summarized that the recommendation of keeping Rand a K-5 building and moving Renaissance to the new school as a K-8 building would have the highest impact on reduction of elementary class size, allows for the possibility of special education returning to the district and provides Renaissance with a permanent home. Ms. Cerf added that the opportunities this would provide would be flexibility not to disrupt and maintain magnet themes that are in place, the possibility of creating an entire K-5 magnet school, if Rand were to move to the new school, and improve the physical plant of the Rand School.

Wil Adkins added that it is important to understand that more elementary seats would be created if we changed to K-2, 3-8 or K-3, 4-8 scenarios but would overcrowd Hillside and the Task Force felt it was important to keep Rand at K-5 to keep the integrity of the Rand magnet theme.

Julie Cerf stated that the guiding principle of the Task Force was what is best for students in the district and that on November 9, 2009 a public meeting will be devoted to discussion on the new school.

Shirley Grill questioned why it was stated that keeping Rand K-5 maintains the magnet. Ms. Grill questioned whether a magnet concept might be retained if Rand were a k – 2 and 3- 5. Ms. Grill also questioned if a K-2 program could feed directly into the new school

Wil Adkins responded that they did look at Rand being split over different buildings, but felt that parents who chose Rand did so because it was a K-5 facility. Mr. Adkins also noted that to obtain the best number of elementary classrooms would be to keep Rand as a K-5 facility regardless of whether we went to K-2, K-5 or K-8.

Julie Cerf added that Rand was originally a PreK-2 facility and since it needs a great deal of work, it was decided that a K-5 program was in the best interest of the district, without major renovations to incorporate grades beyond the elementary level.

Shelly Lombard noted that Renaissance will be changing from a stand alone program to a K-8. Ms. Lombard questioned whether discussion was held regarding the feeder pattern and parents choosing Renaissance based on curriculum.

Julie Cerf responded that students have to be phased in and stated if Renaissance was moved into the new building as 6-8, it would start out maintaining its own identity. Ms. Cerf noted there could be different starting times so that students and staff could have minimal disruptions in their separate programs. Ms. Cerf also noted that the Board and Renaissance community could, in the future, decide whether to maintain the Renaissance theme or two different types of schools within a school.

Wil Adkins added that after discussion of the idea of two different types of schools within a school, it was felt that it was more cost effective and in the best interest of students, to have only one principal and possibly a curriculum supervisor.

Leslie Larsen commented that her child was one of the first students enrolled in the PreK program at Rand when it was a PreK-2 and then transitioned to grades 2-5. Ms. Larsen noted that her child then went to Renaissance and stated she felt there was continuity in this transition and this was the natural extension.

Wil Adkins responded that Renaissance is still the logical transition point. Mr. Adkins noted that the issue becomes *what happens to the Renaissance program if it is moved to the new building*. Mr. Adkins added that the Renaissance program is a longer day program and by moving it to a new building, some travel time would be shortened. Mr. Adkins also noted that the Task Force felt it was not in the interest of students to expand the Renaissance program at this time since it would max out the enrollment in the new school and parents who opted for this program due to smaller class size would not realize that component.

Robert Kautz questioned whether discussion was had on issues which may arise since the facility will house students from ages 5 thru 14. Mr. Kautz also questioned whether discussion was had regarding the physical capacity of having a school within a school.

Julie Cerf responded that conversation was held regarding busing different age students and many options, such as different starting times, using different floors of the building for different grades and other innovated ideas for keeping age groups separated.

Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins response to Mr. Kautz's question regarding the physical capacity was that once the final decision of the configuration is made, Dana Sullivan will order the appropriate desks, furniture, etc. They also noted that the new facility has space for 550 students and the model assumes 300 K-5 students and 240 Renaissance students.

Ronald Riddick commented on his concern of a potential new magnet theme for grades K-5.

Julie Cerf responded that this was beyond their mandate.

Ronald Riddick stated that he felt each school has its own culture and was wondering if discussion was held with regard to students from different elementary schools opting to attend the new school and how would this be dealt with.

Wil Adkins and Julie Cerf responded that the beauty of Montclair is that it has many different cultures and that there will be room in the school for additional students.

Shelly Lombard questioned why there was a change from the original plan of moving Rand to the new school and Renaissance to Rand.

Wil Adkins responded that class size was the most important factor and added that when they toured Rand, he personally could not imagine it as a middle school.

Robert Kautz questioned why it was decided to keep the facility as a K-5 facility and not to a K-2 facility.

Wil Adkins responded that the main reason was because of comments from Rand parents. Mr. Adkins noted that there were structural changes that could be made to the facility; i.e. moving library from one side of building to the other and creating a lunch room for the students, which would make it a better K-5 facility. Mr. Adkins noted that parents could opt to move their child but the problem then becomes staff – a guarantee that could not be made due to budgetary concerns.

Shirley Grill stated that she was happy that Rand would house a younger program and questioned what Mr. Adkins meant when he said it was the desire of Rand parents to keep it as a K-5 facility.

Mr. Wil Adkins responded that when parents signed on, they committed their students to a K-5 program.

Ms. Grill questioned whether it was feasible to have the Rand program remain through grade 5 but establish a grade 3-5 program in the new building.

Julie Cerf responded that it would work but that they had received numerous comments from Rand parents to maintain the K-5 option.

Shirley Grill asked if Rand were brought back to a “little people” school, what would the cost of physical renovations be and agrees the building needs cleaning up but did not feel that any major structural work would be needed.

Mr. Wil Adkins responded that it is not so much a cost factor as the number of elementary seats to be gained.

Mrs. Grill stated that from discussions, she felt the Rand community doesn't want to be broken up and questioned what the number of classrooms would be.

Mr. Wil Adkins responded that the number of classrooms would remain the same.

Julie Cerf wanted to make a special thank you to Nina DeRosa for designing the Power Point presentation and all her assistance with this project.

John Carlton thanked the Task Force for all their hard work.

Mr. Wil Adkins responded that the sub-committees voted on the four options and then the committee had one vote and this vote was unanimous.

Dr. Alvarez stated that he agrees with Ms. Larsen that education at Rand and Renaissance look different because of age but that both schools' philosophy is similar. Dr. Alvarez stated that as soon as the Board makes their decision, then work on transportation, starting times, etc. will be addressed. Dr. Alvarez advised that there will be a special meeting on November 9, 2009 to receive input from the community and prior to that local forums will be held with the Rand and Renaissance communities.

John Carlton applauded the committee for getting class size reduced, getting special education students back to the district and finding a permanent home for Renaissance.

Dr. Alvarez reported:

- He and Felice Harrison were invited to attend a national network for educational renewal conference in Seattle, sponsored through Montclair State University and this was a great opportunity and learning experience.
- The annual review on incidences of violence and vandalism reveals information that is consistent with past years. We are happy to report a

decline in most areas and zero incidences related to bomb threats or false alarms. We look to better reporting and stronger vigilance to curtail harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying incidences.

- Lois Whipple and James Patterson will be presenting at the New Jersey School Boards Conference.

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

**John Carlton** noted that the Board will be focusing on the opening of the new school, looking at the existing budget and the school funding formula, which is under legislative review for next fall.

**Leslie Larsen** reported that she had attended the following:

- Rand coffee with Dr. Alvarez
- Third ward meeting at the Library with Shelly Lombard to discuss elected vs. appointed board members
- Living room dialogue Shelly Lombard
- Academic Sub Committee meeting
- Parent meeting with Guidance Department

**Shelly Lombard** wanted to thank Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins for all their hard work, Senior Staff for all their input and stated that she is looking forward to hearing input from parents. Mrs. Lombard stated that she had attended some meetings with Leslie Larsen and it is important that they hear from the public. Mrs. Lombard noted that they need to take a very hard look at the upcoming budget and make some significant changes, especially due to the economic situation.

**Robert Kautz** stated that the United States Secretary of Education has announced that there will be \$21.8 billion in federal grants, of which New Jersey will receive \$532 million dollars. The funding will be as follows:

- \$209 million – Title I
- \$271 million – IDEA
- \$36.78 million – improving teacher’s quality state grants
- \$16.31 million – technical education

**Mr. Kautz**, liaison for Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence wanted to remind everyone that Montclair is Rocking Saturday night under the big top and all are invited to attend. Mr. Kautz also wanted to thank Julie Cerf, Wil Adkins and their committee for all the work they did.

**Shirley Grill** wanted to congratulate Ron on his son’s performance, Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins on all their hard work with regard to the new school. Mrs. Grill thanked Mayor Freid for giving the community an opportunity to voice their opinions on how the Board is appointed or elected.



*John Carlton* wanted to address the presentation by the students and that the issue we take on in Montclair – the minority achievement gap. Mr. Carlton noted that the community has a significant number of disadvantaged students and our district has a commitment of educating all students, closing the achievement gap and reducing class size.

J. COMMENTS

1. PTA –

Robin Kulwin spoke on behalf of Mary Beth Rosenthal. Robin Kulwin stated that Felice Harrison, PTA Presidents from Rand and Nishuane met with Montclair Non-profit Roundtable to discuss holiday giving program. Robin Kulwin noted that Roundtable would like to expand their outreach and would provide materials to be distributed to schools for a community wide effort.

Robin Kulwin stated the elementary and middle school tour coordinators will be meeting with Felice Harrison.

Robin Kulwin wanted to thank Dr. Alvarez and everyone who participated in the Little Read Program.

2. MEA -

Dennis Murray wanted to thank Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins for a great job and Dr. Alvarez for allowing the educators to participate in the process.

Dennis Murray announced that on Wednesday, Greg Woodruff, English Teacher at Montclair High School will be receiving the New Jersey Humanity Teacher of Year Award at the Montclair Art Museum and invited all to attend.

Mr. Murray stated that November 3<sup>rd</sup> is a very important date in the State of New Jersey and urges everyone to vote.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

John Lytle, has a daughter at Renaissance and stated that he enjoyed the presentation. Mr. Lytle noted that if given a choice of three schools, he would pick a smaller one stating that he feels more attention would be given to students. Mr. Lytle also stated that in schools with classrooms k-8, why should children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade get a buy entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Ana Jiron commented that upon moving to Montclair last year, she chose Rand because it was a small school and a tight knit community and fears that splitting Rand will dilute that. Ms. Jerone questioned how and who will make the decision on moving Rand, will Rand parents have input on staffing and how will all this be taken into consideration.

Dr. Alvarez stated that all input received over the next couple of weeks will be taken into consideration in deciding whether Rand will be a K-5 facility and/or whether the new school will be a K-8 facility.

John Urquidi, Rand parent wanted to clarify that Rand parents want to stay as a Rand community but not in the Rand building.

L. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following Proclamation Lights on After School Day, Resolution re: Approval of School Field Trips and Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses, as amended:

a. Proclamation Lights on After School Day

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of New Jersey stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they: provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been a leader in enhancing community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2009, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 14.3 million children have no place to go after school, and many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is dedicated to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

OCTOBER 22, 2009  
AS  
LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY

In New Jersey, in recognition of our state’s commitment to innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of State of  
New Jersey, this twenty-second day of October in  
The year two thousand nine, the two hundred  
Thirty-fourth year of the Independence of the  
United States. -  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR  
NINA MITCHELL WELLS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

b. 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:

<b>SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS</b>						
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
12-10-09	MHS	9-10	K. Jeffery	United Nations, NY	\$ 15.00	Hands on experience of the diplomatic process and the pro’s & con’s of the UN
12-1-09	MHS	11-12	D. Portas	Jacob Javits Ctr, NY	None	To interact with dental care products, vendors, listen to presentations, learn about new technologies
10-27-09	MHS	9-10-11	D. Portas	NJ FoodBank, Hillside NJ	None	Community Service Project required by Weston Program
10-24-09	MHS	9-12	J. Fake	Lakewood High School, NJ	None	AFJROTC Drill Meet
10-30-09 thru 11-01-09	MHS	9-12	J. Fake	Ft. Dix, NJ	\$ 20.00	JROTC field trip to reinforce confidence, leadership, teamwork and drill lessons
12-3-09	MHS	11-12	Ms. Morrison	The Richard Stockton College, Pomona NJ	None	Students will obtain admissions & EOF information as well as a campus tour

11-19 & 11-20-09	MHS	9- 12	Wasko	Madison Square Garden, NY	\$ 10.00	Performance MCAA Basketball Tournament
11-20-09	Glenfield	6	Belmonte	Palisades Park Mall NJ	\$ 22.00	Where the Wild Things Are, classic relates to Language Arts Curriculum & socialization
10-30-09	Glenfield	6 & 8	Ms. Furer	Watchung Reservation, NJ	\$ 15.00	Observe forest/lake/ swamp ecosystems during a long hike
10-14-09	Glenfield	6-8	M.Freedman	Memorial Field Summit NJ	\$ 10.00	Glenfield track meet
03-02-10 thru 03-02-10	Glenfield	7	K. McCarthy	Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD	\$200.00	Students will be visiting several venues that relate directly to the NJ State Curriculum Standards
01-14-10	Glenfield	6-8	D. Furer	NJIT Newark NJ	\$ 25.00	Participation in the Science Olympiad
01-08-10	Glenfield	6	Belmonte	Big Boulder Ski Resort, PA	\$ 40.00	Socialization & to keep children involved in activities on the weekend
12-08-09	Glenfield	6	Belmonte	Broadway, NY	\$ 50.00	To attend performance of SHREK which a House Belmonte student is performing in
11-19-09	Glenfield	8	B. Schwartz	Museum of Jewish Heritage, NY	\$ 60.00	Holocaust Studies
11-19-09	Glenfield	8	K. McCarthy	NY Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, NY	\$ 28.00	This visit will tie into a course I am teaching call "The history of Rock" which deals with the people & events behind the music of the 50's,60's, 70's
10-29-09	Mt. Hebron	7-8	C. Ortiz	Harrison School, W. Caldwell NJ	None	Chess competition
10-26-09 11-02-09 11-09-09 11-16-09 11-23-09	Bradford	k-5	O'Sullivan	MSU Recreation Center	None	Swim Therapy
11-04-09	Bradford	5	K. Freeh	Bronx Zoo, NY	\$ 15.00	In accordance with NJCCCS life science will come alive through observation and discovery of diverse species. In addition all groups will visit the "Asian Jungle" in order to make connections to this year's Global Adventure

06-03-09 thru 06-04-10	Rand	4	B. D'Andrea	Fairview Lake, YMCA Camp, NJ	\$ 20.00	Environmental Science Learning extension and character Ed. Team building activities
10-28-09	Northeast	4-5	S. Dey	Gershwin Theatre, NY	\$ 40.00	To observe vocal & instrumental performers in a live professional setting, related directly to performance skills being taught in band & orchestra lessons.
12-02-09	Northeast	3	K. Whang	Sterling Hill Mining Museum, Ogdensburg NJ	\$ 15.00	To learn about how minerals can be classified according to their color hardness & texture and to collect mineral samples. To learn about the history of mining in NJ .
11-12-09	Hillside	5	Ms. Mailman	NY Stock Exchange, NY	\$ 10.00	Since we sell stock, students will learn about the real world stock exchange
10-23-09	Hillside	3	B.Schatzman	Alstede Farm, Chester NJ	\$ 15.00	Students will be exposed to a working farm and gain a better understanding of plant & animal life.
11-03-09	Hillside	5	Frankle	Liberty Science Ctr. NJ	\$ 15.00	Science/Social Studies/Math
11-24-09	Hillside	5	Miceli	Liberty Science Ctr.NJ	\$ 15.00	Same as above
11-24-09	Hillside	5	O'Donnell	Liberty Science Ctr NJ	\$ 15.00	Same as above
11-24-09	Hillside	5	Eckardt	Liberty Science Ct.	\$ 15.00	Same as above
10-28-09	Hillside	3- 4-5	Putrino	Hearst Building, NY	None	Reward for fundraiser to support PTA/teacher stipend
10-19-0	Hillside	4-5	L. D'Amico	Aubrey Rd. Mtc.	None	NBC show
10-28-09	Nishuane	1	P. Rourke	Ort Farm, Long Valley NJ	\$ 15.00	Hands on farm experience relating to SS unit on farms and harvesting, places & regions, cultural contributions
02-26-10	Nishuane	K	Keller	MSU Memorial Auditorium	\$ 15.00	To expand student's understanding of the performing arts and reinforce concepts about relationships and family

03-16-10	Nishuane	K	Keller	Jenkinson's Aquarium Pt Pleasant NJ	\$ 5.00	Hands on experience with ocean life and observation of animals in their water habitat
10-27-09	Nishuane	K	C. Adams	Fairfield Farms, NJ	\$ 15.00	Real life experience to expand the students' knowledge of seasons changes and plant growth in connection with our science unit.
03-17-10	Nishuane	1-2	J. Scally	Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ	\$ 15.00	Visual/performing Arts Standard 1.1, introduces students to the performing arts. All students will view, evaluate and respond to books, films, and plays
10-21-09	Nishuane	K	Keller	Wightman Farm, Morristown NJ	\$ 15.00	Children will have a hands on experience with the life cycle of a pumpkin plant and a working farm.
10-27-09	DLC	Pre k	H. Gomes	Heaven Hill Farm, Vernon, NJ	\$ 15.00	To increase the students ability to behave appropriately in the community and to promote socialization.

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

c. Resolution re: 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>School / Depart</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Educational Purpose</u>
Facing the Challenge Over Coming Obstacles	A. Evangelista	HS	\$ 50.00	Pharmacology of addiction application to adolescents and general principles of issues with adolescents.
NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation	T. Aytch	HS	\$ 50.00	Meet the needs of H.S. health/P.E. teachers who teach students with special needs and learning differences. Professional development in this area is needed.
2009 Fall Conference	D. Kaup	Glen	\$187.00	Two workshops focus on fluency and developing writing skills in students who struggle. Will promote the delivery of instruction to special education students taking multisensory reading.
Design and Page Layout Skills	N. DeRosa S. Rold	CO CO	\$ 40.00 \$ 40.00	Will learn design and page layout skills.
NABT Professional Development Conference	G. Odolecki	HS	\$971.00	AP Bio. Content and lab update, uses of media in labs & curriculum., sharing of inquiries, approaches, and teaching techniques.
The 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Bullying Prevention Assoc.	Dr. J. Putrino	Hill	\$676.72	The focus is on school bullying.
PRISM	M. Stulbaum V. Jetter B. Sinclair K. Dillman	Ren. Rand Rand Rand	\$420.00 \$ 70.00 \$210.00 \$ 70.00	According to Peter Senge's (1990) there are 5 learning disciplines that must be employed to build a learning organization: (1)personal mastery, (2)mental model, (3)team learning, (4) building shared vision and (5) systems thinking. PRISM accomplishes our learning organizational goals by providing continuous

				learning opportunities for teachers and by creating a shared instructional vision in mathematics via Connected Math.
Structural & Mechanical	M. Clar	B&G	\$380.00	Part of job requirement to obtain supervisor's certification.
Sounds in Motion	R. Klimik E. Cahill K. Metzinger P. Lowenthal K. Barroqueiro S. Richardson N. Evangelista	Brad	\$185.00 \$185.00 \$185.00 \$210.00 \$185.00 \$185.00 \$185.00	This program has been proven to help kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> grade children improve phonemic awareness, decoding, listening and early writing skills. Will allow teachers to differentiate efficiently to help close the literacy achievement gap in our district.
Beyond the X'S & O'S	G. Citro	Ren	\$ 50.00	Coaches conference on How to Run a Successful Basketball program
Responding to Misbehavior	K. Mancini W. Gismondi R. Buch	MFEE MFEE MFEE	\$179.00 \$179.00 \$179.00	Follow-up class to Responsive Classroom I. Very enriching program with many strategies to use in the classroom. Ties in with strategies learned in the pre-requisite conference.
BER Current Best Strategies to Help Speech/Language Pathologists Better Meet Students Needs	P. Lowenthal	Nish/ Brad	\$225.00	Will facilitate her ability to meet the many needs of the speech/language students with innovative new ideas, coordinated therapeutic goals & educational content standards, enhance vocabulary skills and increase generalization of IEP goals and objects while motivating students.
Anxiety Disorder in Children	S. Silver	SCT	\$158.00	Due to the increased number of students with anxiety disorders and school phobia, training would assist with servicing these children in district.



Hot Topics in Adolescence VI	E. McGorry	Mt. Heb.	\$ 70.00	Conferences focus is on the health and psychosocial issues that today's adolescents face. As a school nurse this conference addresses many of the issues that she deals with on a day to day basis.
Autism Perspectives & Practice for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	R. O'Sullivan A. Parsons	MFEE MFEE	\$ 75.00 \$ 45.00	Provides a series of speakers: Board Certified Behavior Analyst's to educate professional on a variety of topics to facilitate the success of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in a general ed./inclusive setting.
Current Best Strategies for challenging and Motivating Your Gifted Students	V. Ehrmann	Brad	\$199.00	Provides various strategies and ideas that can help meet the needs for our students who can benefit from challenging learning extensions.

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 Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

Dr. Alvarez noted with regard to the Proclamation, we are part of a program from Montclair State College. Dr. Alvarez noted that the program takes students who are studying to become teachers and enrolls them in a community service project.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	_x_	_____
Shirley Grill	_x_	_____
Robert Kautz	_x_	_____
Leslie Larson	_x_	_____
Shelly Lombard	_x_	_____
Ronald Riddick	_x_	_____
Carmen Taylor	Absent	_____

M. BUSINESS

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following resolution:

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 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 months of October 2009 in the amount of \$5,552,292.51 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of September in the amount of \$2,286,889.41 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 \$10,000,000.00 for the month of October 2009 and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Budget reports for the months of September 2009 and the Secretary's Report for the months of September 2009, and a Treasurer's report for the months of July & August 2009.

Seconded by Shirley Grill and approved by a roll call vote:

John Carlton questioned Dana Sullivan whether there was any discussion in Trenton or with Business Officials regarding adjusting the percentage and whether we were still within the percentage mandate with regard to the Appropriation Adjustments. Dana Sullivan that there was no discussion but we were within the mandate.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	_x_	_____
Shirley Grill	_x_	_____
Robert Kautz	_x_	_____
Leslie Larson	_x_	_____
Shelly Lombard	_x_	_____
Ronald Riddick	_x_	_____
Carmen Taylor	Absent	_____

2. Resolutions

Shelly Lombard moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Nursing Services Plan – 2009-2010

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the attached Nursing Services Plan for the Montclair Public Schools per Title 6!:16-2.1,8b.

- b. Resolution Re: Purchase of Electric Generation Services Through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services, (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation service through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the effective period from date of adoption through March, 2014, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period” issue one or more requests for bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in wholesale electric market, participating members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service for no more than two years at a time in each service territory to one or more electric power supplies that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the participating member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided basic generation service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Electric Generation Services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of

any one contract shall not exceed two-years; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801 –ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 ct seq.) shall be valid until March, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission.

- c. Resolution Re: Purchase of Natural Gas Supply Services Through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the

New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801 ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is a participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for Natural Gas Supply Services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2014, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service for no more than two years at a time in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall not exceed two-years; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for Natural Gas Supply Services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for Natural Gas Supply Services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to

purchase Natural Gas Supply Services at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided that no single contract shall have a term exceeding two years, and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain Natural Gas Supply Services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2014, (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Natural Gas Supply Services contract entered into prior to such rescission.

- d. Resolution Re: Approval of Salaries for no Child Left Behind Grant for 2009-2010 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the following list of salaries charged to the No Child Left Behind Grant (NCLB) for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>	<u>Amount Of Salary Charged To NCLB</u>	<u>% of NCLB Funds</u>	<u>% of Local Funds</u>
<b>Title I:</b>					
Maggie Zeigler	Nish	\$87,829	\$87,829	100.0%	0.0%
Janice Guerriero	Rand	69,132	53,303	77.1%	22.9%
Rosalind Thompson	Glen	90,079	79,954	88.7%	11.3%
Gail Robinson	Mt. Heb	90,193	90,193	100.0%	0.0%
Shalina Taneja	Mt. Heb	76,422	12,995	17.0%	83.0%
Guy Marcellus	Nish	65,834	5,792	8.8%	91.2%
Carol Guy	Hill	92,593	78,587	84.9%	15.1%

<b>Title II-A:</b>					
Jennette Williams	Watch	103,153	103,153	100.0%	0.0%
Sabra Scott	Nish	59,079	43,952	74.4%	25.6%

- e. Resolution re: Approval of Salaries for IDEA-Part B Grant for 2009-2010 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approved the following list of salaries charged to the IDEA Part B Grant for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>	<u>Amount Of Salary Charged to IDEA</u>	<u>% of IDEA Funds</u>	<u>% of Local Funds</u>
Keith Breiman	\$122,970	\$122,970	100%	0%
Maureen O'Connell	80,594	80,594	100%	0%
Nicole Frasier	51,419	30,852	60%	40%
Kettelie Joseph	48,008	48,008	100%	0%

- f. Resolution Re: Approval of Submission of the FY2010 Carl D. Perkins Application in the Amount of \$42,603

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve application of submission of Carl D. Perkins Vocational Program funds

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the FY2010 Carl D. Perkins Vocational Program.

- g. Resolution Re: Parental Contract For Student Transportation – 2009-2010 School Year – E .P.

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is desirous of having the parent/legal guardian of (E.P.) transport their child to and from Chapel Hill Academy, Lincoln Park, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, if the parent/legal guardian fully performs the services required by this contract, the Montclair Board of Education shall pay the parent/legal guardian \$3,960.00 to transport said child as per the attached contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does approve the Parent Contract for such transportation.

- h. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Bradford School – State Plan #3310-100-09-0NAH, DOE#3310-100-09-1001

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at Bradford School (mp room roofing, masonry waterproofing, gym painting, exterior lighting), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$165,546, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$165,546, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- i. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Rand School State Plan #3310-060-09-0NAG, DOE#3310-060-09-1019

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Rand School (classroom floor replacement underneath existing VCT, near classroom sinks), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$3,200, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$3,200, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.



- j. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Watchung School – State Plan #3310-170-09-0NAV, DOE#3310-170-09-1003

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at Watchung School (clock replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$7,320, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$7,320, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- k. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at High School – State Plan #3310-050-09-0NAB, DOE#3310-050-09-1004

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the High School (corridor lights and ceilings), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$64,568, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$64,568, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

1. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at High School – State Plan #3310-050-09-0NAC,  
DOE#3310-050-09-1005

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the High School (new security cameras, gym ceiling), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$11,920, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$11,920, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- m. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Nishuane School – State Plan #3310-130-09-0NAR,  
DOE#3310-130-09-1009

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Nishuane School (sidewalks rehab: replacement of cracked, uneven and deteriorated sidewalks), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$19,240, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$19,240, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- n. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Northeast School – State Plan #3310-140-09-0NAS,  
DOE#3310-140-09-1010

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Northeast School (existing playground renovations, window replacement, VAT floor removal and replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$184,002, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$184,002, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- o. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDAGrant Agreement –  
Renovations at Northeast School – State Plan #3310-140-09-0NAT,  
DOE#3310-140-09-1011

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Northeast School (clock replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$7,152, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$7,152, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the

Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- p. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Nishuane School – State Plan #3310-130-09-0NAP,  
DOE#3310-130-09-1007

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Nishuane School (art room kiln replacement and associated ventilation), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$5,230, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$5,230, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- q. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Nishuane School – State Plan #3310-130-09-0NAQ,  
DOE#3310-130-09-1008

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Nishuane School (sgi room renovations), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$44,346, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$44,346, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the

Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- r. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at High School – State Plan #3310-050-09-0NAD,  
DOE#3310-050-09-1006

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the High School (mechanical units, gym refinishing/painting), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$12,758, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$12,758, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- s. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Mt. Hebron School – State Plan #3310-127-09-0NAO,  
DOE#3310-127-09-1017

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Mt. Hebron School (clock replacement, fire extinguisher cabinet replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$33,208, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$33,208, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the

Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- t. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at High School – State Plan #3310-050-09-0NAF,  
DOE#3310-050-09-1021

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on March 27, 2007, and April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the High School (roof replacement, storm drainage piping), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$52,238, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$52,238, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- u. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at High School – State Plan #3310-050-09-0NAE,  
DOE#3310-050-09-1020

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the High School (theatre renovations), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$242,843, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$242,843, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the

Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- v. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Edgemont School – State Plan #3310-110-09-0NAJ,  
DOE#3310-110-09-1018

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Edgemont School (convert unused toilet to Library/Media Center storage), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$12,378, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$12,378, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- w. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Glenfield School – State Plan #3310-116-09-0NAM,  
DOE#3310-116-09-1014

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Glenfield School (conversion of former Industrial Arts Shop into Technology Center), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$195,162, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$195,162, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the

Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- x. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Edgemont School – State Plan #3310-110-09-0NAI,  
DOE#3310-110-09-1015

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Edgemont School (replace corridor lockers), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$16,940, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$16,940, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- y. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement –  
Renovations at Glenfield School – State Plan #3310-116-09-0NAL,  
DOE#3310-116-09-1013

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Glenfield School (roof replacement and cupola restoration, masonry waterproofing, stage fire curtain replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$158,394, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$158,394, and

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



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- z. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Mt. Hebron School – State Plan #3310-127-09-0NAN, DOE#3310-127-09-1016

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Mt. Hebron School (roof, masonry, gym wall and ceiling repairs, heating system and controls replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$213,910, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$213,910, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- aa. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Glenfield School – State Plan #3310-116-09-0NAK, DOE#3310-116-09-1012

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at the Glenfield School (corridor lighting replacement, door replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$16,898, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$16,898, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

- bb. Resolution Re: Revised Acceptance of SDA Grant Agreement – Renovations at Watchung School – State Plan #3310-170-09-0NAU, DOE#3310-170-09-1002

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education in the County of Essex received Board of School Estimate approval on April 3, 2008, for bond ordinances for renovations at Watchung School (roof replacement, masonry waterproofing, wood cornice replacement), and

WHEREAS, total project costs will be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in the amount of \$294,146, and

WHEREAS, the district has received the grant agreement from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the total amount of \$294,146, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby acknowledge receipt of this grant agreement authorizing execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement and Delegation of Authority to School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities project.

Seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

John Carlton asked Dana Sullivan to comment on the resolutions regarding the acceptance of SDA Grants. Dana Sullivan responded that the resolutions were just changing the name of the agency and that no dollars were involved.

Leslie Larson questioned the Nursing Services Plan and asked if it was reviewed it each year. Dr. Alvarez stated that the district is required to adopt it yearly.

Ronald Riddick questioned Dana Sullivan about the purchase of electric generation services and if we purchased it as part of a co-op. Dana Sullivan responded that we go out to bid with other districts in order to obtain a lower cost.

Leslie Larson questioned the Resolution re: Approval Carl Perkins Ed Grant. Dana Sullivan responded that it is a grant of \$42,000 for the high school and monies are mainly used for equipment for the vocational education program.

Dana Sullivan was questioned about the No Child Left Behind and IDEA Special Education Grants and responded that the resolutions are to approve salaries for those grants.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	Absent	_____

3. Contract Awards

Shelly Lombard moved to approve the following contract awards:

- a. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Middle School Math Consultant 2009-2010 School Year

Topic: New Jersey Statutes 18A:18A-4 require that supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 be awarded after advertisement and receipt of sealed bids.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared, advertised and proposals were received by the Montclair Board of Education on October 7, 2009. Two (2) companies received copies of the bid and two (2) bids were received (see Attachment A).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education awards a contract to Stevens Institute of Technology, Castle Point on Hudson, Hoboken, New Jersey, 07030, in the total amount of \$49,942 for the 2009-2010 school year.

- b. Award of Contract for Special Education Consulting Services 2009-2010 School Year

Topic: New Jersey Statutes 18A:18A-4 require that supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$29,000 be awarded after advertisement and receipt of sealed bids.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared, advertised and proposals were received by the Montclair Board of Education on October 7, 2009. Four (4) companies received copies of the bid and one (1) bid was received (see Attachment A).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education awards a contract to District Management Council, 7 Harcourt Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116, in the total amount of \$200,000 for the 2009-2010 school year.

- c. Award of Contract for Literacy and Mathematics Support Curriculum for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated and awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", and

WHEREAS, the nature of these contract awards generally relate to the purchase of educational goods and services, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of literacy and mathematics support curriculum,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby award a contract to America's Choice for the purchase of Literacy and Mathematics Support Curriculum for the following programs:

Literacy Navigator (Attachment A)

Supplies and Materials - Prices per attached price list not to exceed	\$18,000
Professional Development	\$2,500

Math Navigator (Attachment B)

Supplies and Materials - Prices per attached price list not to exceed	\$37,000
Professional Development	\$2,500

Ramp-Up Literacy (Attachment C)

Supplies and Materials - Prices per attached price list not to exceed	\$11,000
Professional Development	\$25,425

Ramp-Up Math (Attachment D)

Supplies and Materials - Prices per attached price list not to exceed	\$8,000
Professional Development	\$25,690

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall be authorized to issue contracts to such provider agencies as described above.

- d. Revised Award of Contract for Student Leadership Support Training for 2009-2010 Fiscal Year

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated and awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", and

WHEREAS, the nature of these contract awards may relate to the purchase of an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of long-term leadership support training given by former pro-athletes and business professionals,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation does hereby award a contract to Pro Athletes, Inc., for the purchase of Student Leadership Support at a cost of \$65,000 for the year 2009-2010 school year,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall be authorized to issue contracts to such provider agencies as described above.

Seconded by Robert Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

Ronald Riddick questioned that even though they are consultants, are they put out to bid. Dana Sullivan responded that the math and special education consultants were put out to bid, the Contract for Literacy and Mathematics is exempt from bidding and the Contract for Leadership support Training is awarded because it is an extraordinary unspecifiable service, all being funded under Federal stimulus money.

Leslie Larsen asked Dr. Alvarez what the plans are for DMC were. Dr. Alvarez stated that they conducted focus groups, held an on line survey, interviewed staff with regard to special education and developed a report suggesting possible ways for us to save dollars in special education. Dr. Alvarez stated they will work with the district, do consulting, review data, hold professional development workshops in an effort to save money.

John Carlton noted that funds from government can only be applied in situations separate from our normal operations and this is a great opportunity for us to make our special education better.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Shirley Grill	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Carmen Taylor	Absent	<u>      </u>

4. Change Orders

Ronald Kautz moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution re: Change Order #1 for Masonry Repairs and Waterproofing at Mt. Hebron 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 Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on June 23, 2009, for Masonry Repairs and Waterproofing at Mt. Hebron School. A contract was awarded to SMAC Corporation, 27 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Paterson, New Jersey, 07514, in the total amount of \$85,000.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 as follows:

- Additional masonry repairs and cleaning, per Architect's letter and spread sheet dated 8/5/09 (copy enclosed) for an extra in the amount of: \$15,850.00
  - 10-Day extension of time for substantial completion. All work after 9/7/09 will be done on Saturdays or after 3:00 pm
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- Total Amount of this change order: \$15,850.00

Seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	_x_	_____
Shirley Grill	_x_	_____
Robert Kautz	_x_	_____
Leslie Larson	_x_	_____
Shelly Lombard	_x_	_____
Ronald Riddick	_x_	_____
Carmen Taylor	Absent	_____

Shirley Grill moved to approve the following Personnel Report and out-of-district placement

5. Resolution re: Approval of Personnel Report

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of October 19, 2009, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

6. Resolution re: Approval of Out-of-District Placements

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the attached Out-of-District Placements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the actions attached in the Out-of-District Placements of September 21, 2009.

Seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Shirley Grill	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Robert Kautz	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Leslie Larson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Carmen Taylor	Absent	<u>      </u>

7. Authorizing Settlement Agreement With Jeral Construction

Robert Kautz moved to approve the following Settlement Agreement:

WHEREAS, Jeral Construction was hired by the Montclair Board of Education to complete the Woodman Field Project; and

WHEREAS, Jeral Construction has completed all items in the punch list for the Woodman Field Project; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has been provided with a \$50,000 credit against the total amount due, which has been agreed upon by all parties due to the numerous delays and extensions with the Woodman Field Project; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education agrees to comply with the above terms and submit final payment to Jeral Construction for the completion of the Woodman Field Project subject to the credit set forth above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the resolution of this payment dispute pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, and the Board Attorney to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___x___	_____
Shirley Grill	___x___	_____
Robert Kautz	___x___	_____
Leslie Larson	___x___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___x___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___x___	_____
Carmen Taylor	Absent	_____

## N. COMMENTS

### 1. Members of the Public

Darrell Hacker, 381 Park Street, full time math tutor, with children in our school system. Mr. Hacker stated that he does not support our connected math program and feels this is harming our students as they enter the higher grades. Mr. Hacker also stated that many students he is tutoring do not know fractions, students are being allowed to use calculators only in lower grades and this does not make any sense.

Dr. Alvarez responded that curriculum is based on recommendations from staff, from the Academic Sub-Committee and is a standards based curriculum. Dr. Alvarez noted that our test scores were rather good, particularly in math. Dr. Alvarez commented that some students can learn fractions easily, calculators and textbooks are used in the high school and perhaps Mr. Hacker might want to join Terry Trigg-Scales and the Academic Sub-Committee at one of their meetings to share his concerns.

Terry Trigg-Scales added that scores have increased at the elementary level and we are working at the middle school levels to increase their scores.

### 2. Board Members

**Leslie Larson** apologized for not thanking Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins for the tremendous job they did.

**Shelly Lombard** also apologized for not thanking Nina DeRosa for all assistance she rendered. Mrs. Lombard stated that she is happy to see that some special education students will be brought back into the district so we can take control of the costs.

**Robert Kautz** agreed with Shelly about the special education students and stated that we would have more control over tuition and wanted to thank Nina DeRosa for her help.



**Shelly Lombard** wanted to be sure she understood that there will be another year to do renovations at Rand and have a new magnet program.

**Ronald Riddick** thanked Julie Cerf and Wil Adkins for all the work and time they spent on the project. Mr. Riddick wanted to make note that the Imani program was excellent and much information was shared with parents and students about schools and financial aid. Mr. Riddick also noted that he very excited about the new school.

**Shirley Grill** stated that she and Shelly Lombard will be serving on the Board of School Estimate and after the new school's decision is made, conversation must continue with regard to district costs. Mrs. Grill noted that she felt this will be a tough budget season but decisions must be made that would not impact the education of our children.

**John Carlton** noted that a public meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2009 to discuss the new school and the next regular scheduled meeting will be November 16, 2009.

**Dr. Alvarez** advised that Felice Harrison will be meeting with a group of 25-30 realtors on October 30, 2009 with regard to magnet programs.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 16, 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 Atrium of the George Inness Annex, 141 Park Street.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 Shirley Grill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ronald Riddick and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Sullivan  
Board Secretary