

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m.

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

1. On Monday, July 11, 2011 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 7:03 p.m. *Ms. Larson* 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, superintendent's goals and legal matters:

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. Rosenblum* and approved by a vote of 4-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Larson moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by *Mrs. Kulwin* and approved by a vote of 4-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:47 p.m.

E. ROLL CALL

| | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Angelica Allen-McMillan | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Tanya Coke | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Robin Kulwin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Leslie Larson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Shelly Lombard | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Deborah Wilson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |
| Staff Members | <u> 4 </u> | |
| Members of the Public | <u> 4 </u> | |
| Members of the Press | <u> 1 </u> | |

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

The following report was postponed for a later date.

Revenue Generating Committee Report

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez spoke about the following topics concerning the district:

- Additional State aid is at \$1.1 million
 Recommendation to bring back two middle school security guards
 Allow additional State aid to lapse into fund balance for use in future years
- Charter School
- Teacher Evaluation Pilot Program
- Parent Survey
- Administrative openings
 MHS Assistant Principal Vacancy should be filled within one week
 Mt. Hebron Assistant Principal recommendations presented on tonight's agenda
 Edgemont Principal- in the process of reviewing applications
 Assistant Superintendent of Instruction – search in process

Dr. Alvarez stated that the parent leadership academy program will be taking place at Bullock school this week.

He stated that there will three bike racks installed at Hillside school.

Dr. Alvarez announced that there will be 31 students from China visiting the district.

Dr. Harrison informed the Board about the re-registration process at the high school for incoming freshmen.

Mrs. Sullivan informed the Board that they don't have to amend the budget due to this additional state aid if they accept the superintendent's recommendations to allow additional state aid to lapse into the fund balance.

Mrs. Sullivan also presented updates to the Board about the food service contract.

H. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

The Board allowed time for the public to comment on agenda items.

I. BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolutions:

Mrs. Kulwin moved to approve the following resolution:

- a. Resolution re: Revised Approval of 2011-2012 Tuition Rates

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the 2011-2012 Tuition Rates as follows:

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|-----------------|--------|
| Preschool/K | 10,594 |
| Grades 1-5 | 12,828 |
| Grades 6-8 | 13,956 |
| Grades 9-12 | 13,639 |
| Learn/Lang | |
| Disab. | 16,996 |
| Beh. Disab. | 26,139 |
| Multiply Disab. | 21,354 |
| Autism | 24,397 |
| Pre-School | |
| Handi-P/T | 23,871 |
| Pre-School | |
| Handi-F/T | 15,649 |

- b. 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>BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE</u> | <u>SCHOOL DEPT.</u> | <u>ESTIMATED COST</u> | <u>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
| Teacher's College August Writing Institute | Victoria Barrett-Meisch | Watch. | \$675.00 | This training will enable her proficient use of the writer's workshop curriculum being implemented at Watchung next year. | NY, NY |
| Wilson Professional Development | Tanisha Grier-Jones Margaret Mary Mc Grath | CHB CHB | \$450.00 \$450.00 | To be able to assist students to learn how to read | Saddlebrook, NJ |
| 2011 Workshop and Exhibition | Dana Sullivan Frank Alvarez James Patterson | Bus. C.O. C.O. | \$465.00 \$465.00 \$465.00 | To gain updates on school law and other educational issues. | Atlantic City, NJ |

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 *Dr. Allen-McMillan* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Angelica Allen-McMillan | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Tanya Coke | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Robin Kulwin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Leslie Larson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Shelly Lombard | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Deborah Wilson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

2. Contract Awards

Dr. Allen-McMillan moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Spray Acoustic Gymnasium Ceilings at the High School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 28, 2011, for Spray Acoustic Gymnasium Ceilings at the High School. Eight (8) companies received copies of the bid and two (2) bids were received (see attached).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board's Architect, Richard Rigolo, AIA, and awards a contract for Spray Acoustic Gymnasium Ceilings at the High School to Drill Construction Company, Inc., 80 Main Street, Suite 570, West Orange, New Jersey, 07052, in the total amount of \$91,000.00.

- b. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Video Surveillance

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 28, 2011, for Video Surveillance & Access Controls at George Inness School. Four (4) companies received copies of the bid and two (2) bids were received (see attached).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board's Architect, Richard Rigolo, AIA, and awards a contract for Video Surveillance & Access Controls at George Inness School to Triad Security Systems, 971 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey, 07083, in the total amount of \$218,500.00 with unit pricing as follows: Additional Cameras \$1,275, Additional Door Controls \$1,025, Additional Proximity Reader and REX \$1,200.

- c. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Exterior Concrete Step and Walk Replacement and Repairs at Various Schools

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 28, 2011, for Exterior Concrete Step & Walk Replacement & Repairs at Various Schools. Twelve (12) companies received copies of the bid and ten (10) bids were received (see attached).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Board's Architect, Richard Rigolo, AIA, and awards a contract for Exterior Concrete Step & Walk Replacement & Repairs at Various Schools to Drill Construction Company, Inc., 80 Main Street, Suite 570, West Orange, New Jersey, 07052, in the total amount of \$62,660.00 (base bid of \$37,400 plus Alternate #1 for \$5,440, Alternate #2 for \$5,520 and Alternate #3 for \$14,300).

Seconded by *Mrs. Kulwin* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | A Y E | N A Y | A B S T A I N | A B S E N T |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| Angelica Allen-McMillan | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tanya Coke | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Robin Kulwin | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Leslie Larson | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Shelly Lombard | _____ | _____ | _____ | x |
| Norman Rosenblum | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Deborah Wilson | x | _____ | _____ | _____ |

3. Change Orders

Resolution re: Approval of Change Order #1 for Floor Replacement at Various Schools

Dr. Allen-McMillan moved to approve the following resolution:

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 May 19, 2011, for Floor Replacement at Various Schools. The contract was awarded to Best Value Rugs & Carpet, Inc., 334 Route 22 West, Green Brook, New Jersey, 08812, in the total amount of \$52,168.00 (base bid of \$49,875.00 plus Alt. #1 for \$2,293.00).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 in the amount of \$1,534.80 as follows: Remove and replace approximately 250 square feet of vinyl tile at perimeter of cafeteria, including floor patching with latex patching compound, per contractor's quote dated 6/15/11.

Seconded by *Mrs. Wilson* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Angelica Allen-McMillan | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Tanya Coke | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Robin Kulwin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Leslie Larson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Shelly Lombard | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Deborah Wilson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

J. COMMENTS

1. Members of the Public.
None.

2. Board Members

Mr. Rosenblum stated that he would like the Board to revisit the agreement with the Montclair Education Association regarding the aides' contract.

Dr. Allen-McMillan disagrees with Mr. Rosenblum's position on the aides' contract.

Ms. Larson stated that she is concerned with the sustainability of changing the aide's contract at this point.

Mrs. Wilson agrees with the superintendent's recommendation to allow the extra state aid to lapse into fund balance.

Ms. Coke stated that she is sympathetic to Mr. Rosenblum's feelings regarding the aide's and also feels at a disadvantage discussing this topic since she was not on the board last year.

K. RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Rosenblum moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution re: Approval of the Amended Personnel Report

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Amended Personnel Report of July 19, 2011, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

2. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve D.H.M.'s Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a Settlement Agreement in the matter of N.H.M. on behalf of D.H.M. vs. the Montclair Board of Education.

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

Seconded by *Dr. Allen-McMillan* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Angelica Allen-McMillan | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Tanya Coke | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Robin Kulwin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Leslie Larson | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Shelly Lombard | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Deborah Wilson | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> |

At 9:30 pm the Board went back into executive session with Dr. Alvarez to discuss superintendent's goals.

L. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:55p.m. *Mrs. Wilson* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Alvarez
Assistant Board Secretary

