

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

The meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

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

1. On Thursday, December 1, 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.

“Please be advised that this meeting is considered a public meeting under the law and may be taped, broadcasted, used or reproduced in ways and in mediums beyond the control of the Board of Education. Individual statements and opinions expressed are solely those of the speakers and do not necessarily represent the Montclair Board of Education.

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data regarding yourself or others during this public meeting, this information may be collected and used by others. Accordingly, the Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Speakers should therefore carefully evaluate their statements for individual consequences under the law, and should obtain any appropriate professional advice prior to speaking.”

B. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____x_____	_____
Tanya Coke	_____x_____	_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____
	(Arrived at 7:11 pm.)	

Staff Members	<u>2</u>
Members of the Public	<u>15</u>
Members of the Press	<u>1</u>

C. RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed the following two resolutions and allowed the public to commend on agenda items before they voted on resolutions.

1. Resolution re: Appointment of an Auditor to Perform a Management Audit

Ms. Coke moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby appoints the following firm to perform a special management audit:

Nisivoccia, LLP
Mount Arlington Corporate Center
200 Valley Road, Suite 300
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

Rate: \$145 per hour with an estimated project total of 200 hours. The entire audit will not exceed \$30,000.00 without prior written authorization from the Board.

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

Seconded by *Mrs. Kulwin* 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> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

2. Resolution re: Appointment of a Negotiator

Ms. Larson moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby appoints the following firm to conduct labor negotiations services for negotiations with the Montclair Education Association at the rate of \$150 per hour for all attorneys:

Mark Tabakin, Esq.
 Weiner Lesniak LLP
 629 Parsippany Road
 P.O. Box 438
 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

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

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> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

D. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

E. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m. *Mrs. Lombard* 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*.

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 *Dr. Allen-McMillan* and approved by a vote of 7-0.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

G. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:30 pm the Board returned to open session.

H. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution re: Approval of the Personnel Report

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the Personnel Report of December 5, 2011.

Seconded by *Mrs. Kulwin* 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> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

At 9:30 *Derlys Gutierrez*, Board Attorney and *Mrs. Sullivan* left the meeting.

Dr. Alvarez and Board remained in the meeting.

Dr. Alvarez distributed a timeline for Board review of performance and salaries for the Board members to consider.

Dr. Alvarez reviewed several personnel matters with the Board members and fielded questions from Board members regarding concerns.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 p.m. *Mrs. Lombard* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Mrs. Wilson* and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Alvarez
Assistant Board Secretary