

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
GLENFIELD AUDITORIUM
25 MAPLE AVENUE, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

The meeting reconvened at **7:15p.m.**

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

1. On Tuesday, July 3, 2012 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. THE PLEDGE OF THE ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at **7:18p.m.**

C. 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_____	_____
Staff Members	_____20_____	
Members of the Public	_____35_____	
Members of the Press	_____5_____	

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Robin Kulwin, Board President read a statement regarding the contract negotiations with the Montclair Education Association (MEA).

1. Preliminary Discussion of the 2013-2014 Budget

Dr. MacCormack and **Mr. Puleio** presented information to the Board and public regarding the 2013-2014 Budget. This presentation can be found on the District's website.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Approval of the School Field Trips

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

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 class work,

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

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
6-5-13	Northeast	5	Lennon	The Atlantic Club, Montclair	0	This trip serves to add social & emotional closure for the 5 th grade class. It also facilitates the transition into middle school by reinforcing to students that we celebrate academic success.
4-5-13	Glenfield	6	Cario	IMAX Theatre @ Palisades , west Nyack, NY	\$40	Viewing "Mysteries of Egypt", students studied a unit on Ancient Egypt this year
4-18-13	MHS	9-10	Weber	FRBNY	0	Academic Competition
3-14-13	MHS	11-12	Weber	FRBNY	0	Academic Competition
3-20-13						
4-24-13						

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
4-24-13	MHS	10-12	English	Indian Point Energy Center, Buchanan, NY	0	Tour facility, learn about the benefits, risks and safety procedures of Nuclear Energy
3-18-13	MHS	9-10	Weber	Credit Suisse, Madison Ave, NY	0	Academic Competition
4-6-13	MHS	9-10	English	Museum of Natural History, NY	0	Visit and tour exhibit "Our Global Kitchen" learn about different foods, nature and culture., visit DNA Lab and Hall of Rocks and Gems.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the field trips are approved in accordance with the New Jersey Department of education accountability regulations.

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

G. BUSINESS

Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following resolution:

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						
CONFERENCE	DATE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
Autism and Sensory Processing Disorders	3/14/13	Lauren Wenning	Brad.	\$179.00	This conference will provide strategies and activities for the classroom and playground and how to prevent and manage inappropriate behaviors.	Teaneck, NJ
School of One	3/21/2013	Mark Stulbaum	Ren.	\$28.56	Evaluate "School of One" math program as requested by the district.	Brooklyn, NY
AP Training	3/9/13	Jeffrey Gannon	MHS	\$205.00	AP Training for English literature and composition	Millville, NJ
Earth Science Rocks	4/12/13	Jamie Bassett	Watch	\$100.00	This workshop will enhance curriculum related to the three strands of science in the lab.	MSU, Montclair, NJ
NJEEA STEM Conference and Expo	5/10/13	Scott Feinstein Alyson Wasko	MHS MHS	\$170.00 \$170.00	Integrating STEM into the 21 st Century Classroom- new STEM SLC training	MSU, Montclair, 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 **Ms. Larson** and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	_____	_____	_____	_____x_____
Tanya Coke	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Robin Kulwin	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Leslie Larson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Shelly Lombard	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Norman Rosenblum	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____
Deborah Wilson	_____x_____	_____	_____	_____

H. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Lombard commented on the budget presentation and stated that it is the best budget analysis, preparation and process that she has seen thus far.

Ms. Coke commended Dr. MacCormack for a very transparent budget process and emphasized that this kind of line-by-line analysis, questioning and justification is what will help the Board in future years not generate large surpluses. She added that the budget will certainly be aligned to the needs of the students in the District.

Mrs. Wilson congratulated Dr. MacCormack for a well thought out change in structure at Montclair High School along with the position of the Talent Officer at Central Support for the purpose of focusing on affirmative diversity in the District.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Budget Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. This meeting will be held at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Glenfield Middle School, 25 Maple Avenue.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At **9:15 p.m.** **Mrs. Lombard** moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by **Mr. Rosenblum** and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Puleio
Interim Board Secretary