

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
100 CHESTNUT STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At *7:00p.m.* *Ms. Larson* moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-12, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

1. Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
2. Specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session; and/or

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Seconded by *Mr. Deutsch* and approved by a vote of 5-0.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

D. STATEMENTS

The meeting reconvened at *7:36p.m.*

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

1. On Thursday, August 1, 2013 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.

“Please be advised that this meeting is considered a public meeting under the law and may be taped, broadcast, 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. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility and will not 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.”

E. THE PLEDGE OF THE ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at *7:38p.m.*

F. ROLL CALL

| | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| David Cummings | x | |
| David Deutsch | x | |
| Robin Kulwin | x | |
| Leslie Larson | x | |
| Shelly Lombard | | x |
| Anne Mernin | x | |
| Norman Rosenblum | x | x |
| Staff Members | 45 | |
| Members of the Public | 25 | |
| Members of the Press | 4 | |

G. MINUTES

Ms. Mernin moved to approve the following minutes:

1. Public Board Meeting held on Monday, October 21, 2013
2. Special Public Board Meeting held on Friday, November 1, 2013

Seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a vote of 5-0 with 0 abstentions.

H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. *Dr. MacCormack* congratulated several MHS athletic teams and athletes. She announced that the boys and girls soccer teams made it all the way to the State Semi-Finals and the girls’ field hockey team made it all the way to the State Championship. All of those teams competed into overtime which means that those games were not easy and they deserve recognition.

Dr. MacCormack spoke about the strategic plan, curriculum and assessments update. She also spoke about textbooks and resources.

2. Nishuane PTA and teachers presented an update to the Board about programs and activities at Nishuane School.

3. MHS SAT p

Linda Bowers and *Grace Grund* presented information to the Board about the MHS SAT prep.

4. Nisivoccia Presenting 2012-2013 Audit Report

Ray Sirenelli of Nisivoccia presented the attached 2012-2013 audit report to the Board and public.

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Committee Reports

a. Finance, Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee

None.

b. Policy and Legal Committee

Mr. Cummings reported that the committee had discussions about middle school to high school transition and course sequences. The main discussion was the presentation from Strauss Esmay to evaluate how the district could streamline the navigation of the policy manual.

c. Communications Committee

Mr. Deutsch reported that the committee had discussions about how the Board could effectively respond to constituent requests. He spoke about the meetings to discuss partnership goals with the police department and how they have put on hold having police at Glenfield School.

d. Personnel Committee

None.

e. Curriculum/Special Education Committee

Ms. Larson spoke about getting textbooks, material, resources, and training to teachers. She added that the goal is to support the teachers. She announced that there will be a SAIL certification program offered to teachers. She indicated that with Amistad there is an ongoing community roundtable set up to discuss various aspects of Amistad. She spoke about the survey regarding World Language and pacing of unit assessments.

Mr. Cummings spoke about the pacing discussion in consideration of younger learners and that assessments will be building-based.

Mrs. Kulwin spoke about Amistad related to school field trips and adding the necessary destination information to the field trip resolution.

J. COMMENTS

1. MEA

Joyce Hobbs, Social Chairperson of the MEA invited the Board to the Annual Wrap and Roll event at Bullock School on January 10 to help families in need.

2. PTA

The PTA informed the Board that the district will be holding workshops for the Common Core Curriculum. The PTA thanked Gail for attending PTA meetings about the Common Core Curriculum.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board allowed 30 minutes for the public to comment on agenda or non-agenda items. Additional time for public comment will be provided after Board resolution votes.

L. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the following resolutions:

1. Resolution re: HIB Investigation Report

- a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 035340 reported on 10/16/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- b. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 016369 reported on 10/16/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- c. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 033176 reported on 10/16/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- d. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 033554 reported on 10/16/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- e. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 010592 reported on 10/21/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and

directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

- f. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 011104 reported on 10/21/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- g. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 050644 reported on 10/15/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- h. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 069662 reported on 10/16/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- i. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 026009 reported on 10/14/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
- j. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID No. 982217 reported on 10/14/2013 for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

2. 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 class work,

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

| SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS | | | | | | |
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| DATE OF TRIP | SCHOOL | GRD | TEACHER | DESTINATION | COST | PURPOSE |
| 11-21-13 | Mt. Hebron | 6-8 | LaRosa | Montclair High School, Park Street, Montclair, NJ | \$0 | Students will participate in inter collegiate debate. |

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| 11-21-13 | Mt. Hebron | 6-8 | Iannuzzi | Soccer Domain, 14 Depot Square, Montclair, NJ | \$2 | Students in self-contained classroom will practice social skills, sportsmanship and gross motor skills with typical peers. Train |
| 11-23-13 | Mt. Hebron | 6-8 | White | Clifton High School, Colfax Ave., Clifton, NJ | \$20 | Robotics students will participate in regional competition. |
| 11-23-13 | Renaissance | 6-8 | Smith | Clifton High School, Colfax Ave., Clifton NJ | \$10 | Robotics students will participate in regional competition. |
| 12-1-13 | High School | 9-12 | Rodriguez | Janis E. Dismuss Middle School, 320 Tryon Ave., Englewood, NJ | \$0 | The students in robotics will participate in the FTC 2 nd Robotics Meet |
| 12-3-13 | Edgemont | 3 | Fagon/ Heuschkel | The Cloisters Museum, 99 Margaret Corbin Dr, New York, NY | \$15 | Students will culminate a cultural study of Medieval Times, to explore the use of animals real and imaginary in Medieval works. |
| 12-3-13 | High School | 10-12 | Eckert/ Ambrose/ DeMayo/ English/ Rodriguez | Greater NY Dental Meeting, Jacob Javits, 655 W. 34 th St., NY, NY | \$0 | Students are enrolled in Medical Biology and/or the Dental Program and will be exposed to the field of dentistry and research at the convention. |

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| 12-4-13 | High School | 10-12 | Haas/English/Green | Liberty Science Center, 222 Jersey City Blvd., Jersey City, NJ | \$0 | Students will participate in a workshop on various materials to build structures and chemistry behind each type of material. |
| 12-4-13 | Hillside | 3-5 | Longmore | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12-4-13 | Bullock | 1-5 | Tirador/Woshinko | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12-4-13 | Watchung | K-2 | Markham | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12-4-13 | Northeast | 3-5 | Alday/Villalobos | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |

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| 12-4-13 | Bradford | K-5 | O'Sullivan/ Ehrman/ Parsons | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12-4-13 | DLC | Pre-K | Gomes | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12-4-13 | Nishuane | K-2 | Kolenovic/ Wyatt | Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ | \$0 | Students will build a sense of community with the other elementary self-contained classes throughout Montclair and with the Lion's Club to practice social and communication skills in the community. |
| 12/5-8/13 | High School | 9-12 | Wingren/ Manos | Rutgers Model UN Conference, 10 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, NJ | \$285 | Students will participate and compete in the Rutgers University Model United Nations Conference. They will write resolutions and debate. |
| 12-6-13 | Hillside | 4-5 | Newby-Phillips | Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA | \$15 | Dance students will experience concert tribute to Christopher Huggins, an individual artist icon. They will discover the impact of significant contributions and influence to a generation of artists in the genre of modern dance. |

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| 12-6-13 | Renaissance | 6 | Smith | Hillside Food Bank, 31 Evans Terminal Rd., Hillside, NJ | \$0 | Encourage charity work and educate students on the largest food bank on the east coast, USA. |
| 12-8-13 | High School | 9-12 | Blackburn | NJPAC, Newark, NJ | \$20 | Dance students will attend the Apollo Theater's Ellington at Christmas with Savion Glover, 16 piece orchestra, choir and dance theater of Harlem. |
| 12-13-13 | Glenfield | 6 | Schwartz | Human Needs Food Pantry | \$0 | Walking field trip. After raising money and collecting food for the hungry, students will be going on their 2 nd hunger walk. Community Service. |
| 12-13-13 | Renaissance | 7 | Cullan/Khan/ Garson/ Thomas | Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center, NY, NY | \$5 | Opera class is an interdisciplinary required course that links music and art with social studies curriculum. The magic flute is their focus. |
| 12-14-13 | High School | 9-12 | Rodriguez | Livingston High School, 30 Robert Harp Dr., Livingston, NJ | \$0 | Robotics students will participate in the FTC 3 rd Robotics Meet. |
| 12-17-13 | Renaissance | 8 | Stulbaum | Newark Day Center, 305 Halsey St., Newark, NJ | \$0 | Community service-global citizenship. |
| 12-18-13 | Bradford | K | Cahill | Valley Road Firehouse Diner | \$15 | Student will study light and shadow in science and also how lights play a part in culture and holidays. |

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| 12-19-13 | Bradford | 2 | Russo | Montclair State University Memorial Auditorium | \$15 | Walking field trip. Students will see Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". |
| 12-19-13 | Glenfield | 8 | Pruksarnukal | Clary Anderson Arena, 41 Chestnut St., Montclair, NJ | \$10 | Students will socialize with peers. Team-building trip. |
| 12-20-13 | Glenfield | 7 | Pelli | Floyd Hall Arena, 28 Clove Rd., Little Falls, NJ | \$15 | Students will experience team-building exercises and develop social and interpersonal skills. Peer to peer bonding. |
| 12-23-13 | Glenfield | 6-7 | Dominick | Clary Anderson Arena, 41 Chestnut, St., Montclair, NJ | \$10 | Students will interact with peers, physical exercise and experience team-building. |
| 1-4-14 | High School | 9-12 | Rodriguez | NJIT, 323 MLK Blvd. Newark, NJ | \$15 | Robotics—NJ FRC Kick-off event. |
| 1-10-14 | Renaissance | 6 | Smith | American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, NY, NY | \$12 | Students will explore early human African and Asian peoples. Exhibits as related to humanities studies. |
| 1-12-14 | High School | 9-12 | Blackburn | The Joyce Theater, 175 5 th Ave., NY, NY | \$25 | Dance students will attend a performance by Doug Elkin choreography. |
| 1-17-14 | Renaissance | 8 | Jackson | Ellis Island, Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ | \$10 | Students will understand push and pull factors that led to European immigrants coming to the United States. |

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| 1-17-14 | Renaissance | 6 | Gazzillo | American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, NY, NY | \$12 | Students will explore early human African and Asian peoples. Exhibits as related to humanities studies. |
| 1-22-14 | Bullock | 5 | Coe/Hodgins/ Kaup/Colon/ Tirador | Community Theatre's Freedom Train, 100 South Street, Morristown, NJ | \$15 | Students will watch a dramatic performance in celebration of the contributions African Americans have made to history. |
| 2-1-14 | Hillside | 4-5 | Newby-Phillips | Newark Airport, 35 Terminal B, Building 74, Newark, NJ | 4-5 | Super Bowl Sunday performance. Students will convey a theme and perform cohesive works reflecting a social historical theme. |
| 2-26-14 | Northeast | 4-5 | Dey | Matilda-Shubert Theatre, 225 W. 44 th Street, NY, NY | \$32. | Students will observe vocal and instrumental performances in a live, professional setting. |
| 3-1-14 | High School | 9-12 | Rodriguez | Mt. Olive High School, 18 Cory Road, Flanders, NJ | \$15 | Robotics Students--1 st FRC Meet |
| 3-7-14 | Renaissance | 6 | Smith | Hindu Temple, 1075 Rt. 202/206 Bridgewater, NJ | \$10 | Immense students in Indian culture for a better understanding of Indian culture. |
| 3-14-14 | Renaissance | 6 | Gazzillo | Hindu Temple, 1075 Rt. 202/206 Bridgewater, NJ | \$10 | Immense students in Indian culture for a better understanding of Indian culture. |

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| 3-15-14 | High School | 9-12 | Rodriguez | Clifton High School, Colfax Ave., Clifton, NJ | \$15 | Robotics Students—2 nd FRC Meet |
| 3-19-14 | Bullock | 5 | Coe/Hodgins/ Kaup/Colon/Ti rador | Chinese Acrobats Memorial Auditorium, Montclair State University, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ | \$15 | Students will experience the rich cultural experience that exposes students to live theatre, disciplined artists, and instruments made from re-purposed pots and pans. |
| 3-21-14 | High School | 9-12 | Blackburn | The Kasser Theater, MSU, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ | \$25 | Dance students will see a performance by the Wayne McGregor Random Dance Company. |
| 4-10-14 | Nishuane | 2 | DePasquale, Wiedmann, Hastings, Martire, White Covello, Garone, Bowen, Wyatt | Montclair State Memorial Auditorium, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ | \$15 | Students will recount from performance key ideas/details from information presented orally and answer questions to clarify comprehension understanding. |
| 5-2-14 | Renaissance | 6 | Smith/ Gazzillo/ Jordan/Dunn | Brooklyn Bridge/Chinatown, New York, NY | \$0 | Students will explore architectural aspects of the Brooklyn Bridge and cultural aspects of Chinatown. |
| 5-8-14 | Northeast | K | Garvey/ Biereck/ Baskin | Jenkinsons Aquarium, 300 Ocean Ave., Point Pleasant, NJ | \$7 | Trip will culminate a unit on ocean life. |

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| 5-15-14 | Nishuane | 2 | Bowen | American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West, NY, NY | \$15 | This trip will address infusion of science into our curriculum through reading and writing. Main focus will be on ocean life. |
| 5-16-14 | Mt. Hebron | 7-8 | LaRosa | Mystic Connecticut | \$90 | Trip will enhance the study of African American middle class and contributions to trade and sailing in the 19 th century. |
| 5/20-22/14 | Glenfield | 8 | Gill | Washington DC | \$375 | Students will study American history. |
| 6-11-14 | Bullock | 5 | Coe/Hodgins/ Kaup/Colon/ Tirador | Philadelphia, PA | \$25. | As a culminating experience to their revolutionary war studies, students will visit historic sites. |
| 6/10-12/14 | Glenfield | 8 | Pruksarnukal | Washington, DC | \$350 | As a culmination of their studies in Social Studies and Language Arts students will experience American History. |

| SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS APPROVED BY SUPERINTENDENT AFTER OCTOBER 21, 2013 MEETING | | | | | | |
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| DATE OF TRIP | SCHOOL | GRD | TEACHER | DESTINATION | COST | PURPOSE |
| 11-6-13 | Glenfield | 7 | Good | FDR, West Point, Dave & Busters, Hyde Park, Highland Falls, Nyack, NY | \$80 | Enhance middle school social studies program. |
| 11-13-13 | Mt. Hebron | 6-8 | Pichardo | Memorial Auditorium, 1 Normal Ave., Montclair, NJ | \$15 | Hispanic Cultural infusion to culminate unit on Hispanic Heritage Month. |

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

- 3. Resolution re: Approval of the Revised School Calendar, the Revised Ten Month Employee Calendar and the Revised Aide Employee Calendar for the 2013-2104 School Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required to annually adopt employment calendars for the staff, and

WHEREAS; that the Montclair Board of Education adopted the following recommended calendars in July and August of 2013

BE IT RESOVLED that the Montclair Board Education adopts the Revisions of the School Calendar, the Ten Month Employment Calendar and the Aide Employee Calendar for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| David Cummings | x | | | |
| David Deutsch | x | | | |
| Robin Kulwin | x | | | |
| Leslie Larson | x | | | |
| Shelly Lombard | | | | x |
| Anne Mernin | x | | | |
| Norman Rosenblum | | | | x |

M. BUSINESS

Mr. Cummings moved to approve the following resolutions:

- 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 month of November , 2013 in the amount of \$1,799,424.55, Supplemental Bills and Claims for the month of October, 2013 in the amount of \$7,228,168.46 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of October, 2013 in the amount of \$16,277.49

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair for the month of November, 2013 in the amount of \$10,500,000.00.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges Receipts of the attached Budget Reports for the month of October, 2013, and the Secretary's Report for the month of October, 2013 and Treasurer's Report for the month September, 2013.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolutions re: Auditor's Report Fiscal Year 2012-2013

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes 18A:23-5 states that "Within 30 days following the receipt of the report of the annual audit the board of education of the district shall, at a regularly scheduled public meeting, cause the recommendations of the auditor to be read and to be discussed and the discussion duly noted on the minutes of said board", and

WHEREAS, the firm of Nisivoccia, LLP has forwarded the annual Audit Report for the school fiscal year, July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, to the Board of Education and administration and has forwarded the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Department of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Audit Report for the School Fiscal Year July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and directs the Administration to implement the recommendations of the Auditor as shown in the Corrective Action Plan (Attachment A).

b. Resolution re: Approval and Submission of 2013-2014 New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance

WHEREAS, QSAC is the New Jersey Department of Education's system of accountability which was adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in September, 2005, and

WHEREAS, QSAC provides for the evaluation of all school districts at least every three years in "five key components of district effectiveness" which are: Instruction and programs, personnel, fiscal management, operations management, and governance; and this was completed in 2011-12, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation resulted in Montclair being rated as a high-performance district, and

WHEREAS, the QSAC comprehensive review for 2013-14 involves completion of a Statement of Assurance signed by the Chief School Administrator and approved by the Board of Education,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the 2013-14 attached Statement of Assurance to the Executive County Superintendent of the New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Superintendent and the Montclair Board of Education attest to the accuracy of the responses on the Statement of Assurance.

c. Resolution re: Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Montclair Board of Education are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Montclair Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

d. Resolution: Approval of Revised 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 | | | | | | |
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| <u>CONFERENCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE</u> | <u>SCHOOL DEPT.</u> | <u>ESTIMATED COST</u> | <u>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
| General Meeting | 12/6/13 | Gisela Aultmon | Trans. | \$40.10 | This meeting will include staff from the Department of Education, Transportation Division who will provide updates relating to pupil transportation. | Columbus, NJ |
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| Developing Number Sense with Stern Arithmetic | 12/7/13 | Barrie Sultan | Brad. | \$200.00 | This workshop uses a multisensory method to support number sense, sequencing, fact fluency, problem solving, place value, time, money and developing mental math strategies. | New York, NY |
| Argumentation Institute | 12/11/13-12/14/13 | Victoria Meisch | Watch. | \$750.00 | This 3-5 grade level training will teach persuasive writing in a new way to align to CCSS. | New York, NY |
| Communicating with Confidence, Credibility, and Influence for Women | 12/4/13 | Nina DeRosa Sonya Rold | CS. B.O. | \$10.00 \$10.00 | Executive secretaries are face with the need to be able to properly communicate with the public, co-workers, board members, and this will provide reinforcement of these skills. | Parsippany, NJ |
| How to Build Strategic Thinking Skills | 12/11/13 | Nina DeRosa Sonya Rold | CS. B.O. | \$10.00 \$10.00 | Strategic thinking is a skill that is key in the role of executive secretary. This will help build this skill. | Parsippany, NJ |
| How to Manage Emotions and Excel Under Pressure | 11/21/13 | Nina DeRosa Sonya Rold | CS. B.O. | \$15.00 \$15.00 | Executive secretaries deal with constant demands whereby managing emotions and excelling under pressure are required skills. | Edison, NJ |

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| Down's Syndrome Conference | 11/21/13 | Louis DeBello Kara Mancini | Brad. Brad. | \$50.00 \$50.00 | As teachers currently working with students with Down's Syndrome, this will provide strategies on how best to include the student in science and social studies classroom. | Trenton, NJ |
| Differentiation and Curriculum Assessment-Instruction | 11/22/13 | Joseph Schmidt | Watc. | \$150.00 | The workshop will help educators to cultivate the connection between assessment and student growth through differentiated instruction. | Parsippany, NJ |
| Mission Impossible | 11/14/13 | Penny MacCormack | C.S. | \$45.00 | Collaborative engagement to go beyond K-12 and have the K-16 conversation. | New Brunswick, NJ |
| NJASA: Unpacking the Common Core | 11/19/13 | Penny MacCormack Gail Clarke | C.S. A.O. | \$145.00 \$145.00 | Become familiar with the work of unpacking the standards in connection and integration with other priorities. Helpful activities to guide teachers through the process. | Monroe Township, NJ |

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| Regional Forum Middle States | 1/22/14-1/23/14 | Tracie Morrison | Guid. | \$220.00 | In addition to presenting on a panel to discuss the college admissions needs of student from underserved backgrounds, will gain current trends in college admissions. | Philadelphia, PA |
| 13 th Annual Education Career Fair | 3/27/13 | Michelle Russell | C.S. | \$50.00 | To recruit new teachers to the district. | Jersey 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 *Mr. Deutsch* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| David Cummings | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| David Deutsch | <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> |
| Anne Mernin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |

Ms. Mernin moved to approve the following resolutions:

3. Contract Awards

- a. Resolution re: Award of Contract for the Provision of Behavioral and Educational Consulting for Early Intervention Services for the School Year 2013-2014

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part “Any purchase, contract or agreement... may be made, negotiated or awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...”, when the cost does not exceed \$36,000, and

WHEREAS, the nature of these contract awards generally relate to the provision of professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of professional services to provide behavioral and educational training to students for early intervention services, and

WHEREAS, Behavioral and Educational Solutions and Training of NJ, LLC has offered to provide these services through a licensed professional at an hourly rate of \$75.00 for 15 hours per week from November 19, 2013 through June 30, 2014, with funding through IDEA Consulting Early Intervention Services for an estimated total value of approximately \$32,000,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves these services and authorizes the Board Secretary to execute the agreement.

b. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Professional Services-Consulting Services for HIB Training

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated or awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", when the cost does not exceed \$36,000, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of a consultant to provide training to each school per HIB law and best practice for implementation of the prevention, identification and addressing of bullying,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby appoint University Behavioral Health Care at Rutgers University to provide these services at a total fee of \$11,066.55 as follows:

2 hour training \$500
5 hours consultation \$500
\$1,000 per school x 11 schools = \$11,000.00

Mileage 11 r/t @ 50 miles @ .55/mile = \$66.55

c. Resolution re: Award of Contract for Professional Services- Social Skills Training

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated or awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", when the cost does not exceed \$36,000, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of social skills training for IEP students to reduce the need for referrals for IEP driven supports and also lay the ground work to more easily provide IEP driven supports,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby appoint Social Skills Training Project to provide these services at a total amount of \$5600 as follows:

Training Separated by School:
14 workshops x \$300 = \$4200 plus 7 follow-up consults x \$200 = \$1400. Total: \$5600

Seconded by *Mr. Deutsch* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| David Cummings | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| David Deutsch | <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> |
| Anne Mernin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |

Ms. Larson moved to approve the following resolutions:

4. Resolution re: Approval of the Personnel Report

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of October 21, 2013, including individuals who have been hired under the emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

5. 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 for the 2013-2014 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached lists.

6. Resolution re: Acceptance of Out-Of-District Students

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the Acceptance of the Out-of-District Students listed below:

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| Glenridge Student | Montclair High School Grade 11 | \$25,998.27 |
| Child of Staff – Andrea McLaughlin | Montclair High School Grade 9 | \$13,550.00 |

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the acceptance of the Out-of-District students.

7. Resolution re: Approval of Out-of-District Placement of Students – Tuition Rate

WHEREAS, a request has been made to approve students to attend the Essex County Vocational and Technical School, County of Essex, on a full-time as well as shared-time basis, and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Vocational and Technical School has established tuition rates for the 2013-2014 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following students are approved to attend the Essex County Vocational and Technical School at the listed tuition rates:

| <u>STUDENT</u> | <u>FULL-TIME /SHARED TUITION RATE</u> | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 069442 | Full-Time | \$5,911.00 |
| 009700 | Full-Time | \$5,911.00 |

8. Resolution re: Resolve 010640 Educational Program

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the confidential settlement agreement between the Board and the parents of student #010640, resolving the Due Process Petition docketed before the Commissioner of Education as 2014-20223. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the Board Secretary's Office.

Seconded by *Mr. Cummings* and approved by a roll call vote:

| | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| David Cummings | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| David Deutsch | <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> |
| Anne Mernin | <u> x </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Norman Rosenblum | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> x </u> |

N. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Board allowed additional time for the public to comment on agenda or non-agenda items.

O. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Cummings spoke about the Common Core State Standards and expressed his concerns.

Ms. Mernin thanked Nishuane teachers and CPAC for their presentations.

P. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 16, 2013 and will open at 7:00 p.m. in public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public session at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the Montclair High School, 100 Chestnut Street.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

At **10:05 pm** *Mr. Deutsch* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Ms. Larson* and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Fleischer
Board Secretary