

MINUTES OF THE BOARD REORGANIZATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M.
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. The meeting opened at 6:40 p.m. and the following statement was read:

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

On November 12, 2007, notice of this meeting was faxed to the Montclair Times, the Herald and News, and the Star-Ledger. The time, date, and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.

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.

Copies have also been mailed to all persons who have requested same at no cost.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:41 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-(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 cover by the attorney-client privilege; and matter rendered confidential by state or federal law: personnel matters, personnel report, and out-of-district placements, and exclusions report.

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. Riddick and approved by a vote of 5-0.

At 6:41 p.m. the Board went into executive session.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Matters
2. Personnel Report
3. Out-of-District Placements

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Carlton moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:41 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Staff Members Present	<u> 5 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 20 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 1 </u>	

G. OTHER RESOLUTIONS

a. Tribute to Mayor Ed Remsen

WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Remsen has been an active and contributing resident of the Township of Montclair for more than twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Remsen chose to live and raise his family in the Township of Montclair because of its core values and its pledge to a quality, integrated public school program; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Remsen served on the Board of School Estimate during his time as Mayor and Councilor demonstrating his commitment to the youth of Montclair; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Remsen served as Mayor of the Township of Montclair from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering support of the Montclair Public Schools, the children and citizens of the community have benefited greatly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education honors the many years of service and outstanding leadership which Mayor Remsen has given to the

children and residents of Montclair; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education extends all good wishes to Mayor Remsen for the future and pays tribute to his leadership and dedication.

b. Errol Tyrone Scales

WHEREAS, "Ty" Scales served the students of the community of Montclair, New Jersey for ten years as a teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal, and

WHEREAS, throughout his career in Montclair, his professionalism, caring, and devotion made him an outstanding leader and an integral part of the life of the district, and

WHEREAS, numerous students, staff and community members benefited greatly from his direct and caring contact with them on a day to day basis, and

WHEREAS, the recent passing of "Ty" Scales has brought a loss to all who knew and worked with him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education joins the family in expressing its feeling of great loss and sorrow over the passing of "Ty" Scales, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education expresses to his family its great appreciation for the services provided by "Ty" on behalf of the children of Montclair.

H. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Naming of Board Secretary as Temporary Chairperson

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Sullivan, who called for nominations for the office of president of the Board.

2. Election of President

Mr. Kautz nominated Mr. Carlton for office or president of the Board; seconded by Mr. Barr and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT

3. Meeting Turned Over to Board President

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Carlton.

4. Election of Vice President

Mrs. Lombard nominated Mr. Barr for the office of vice president of the Board; seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT

I. REORGANIZATION ITEMS

1. Appointments

Mr. Riddick moved the following resolutions:

- a. Designation of District Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is required to comply with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with district policies no student in the Montclair Public Schools shall be denied access to or benefit from any educational program or activity solely on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin or handicap; and

WHEREAS, as required by N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.3, each public school district must appoint an Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator as the district's chief equity officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education designates Bruce Dabney, Assistant to the Superintendent, to serve as the district's Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the 2008-2009 school year.

- b. Designation of District Section 504 Compliance Officer for the 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is required to comply with the regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, no student in the Montclair Public Schools shall be denied access to or benefit from any educational program or activity solely on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin or handicap; and

WHEREAS, as required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, each public school district must appoint an employee that will be responsible for coordinating the districts efforts to comply with this statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education designates James Scagliotti, Director of Pupil Services, to serve as the district's Section 504 Compliance Officer for the 2008-2009 school year.

- c. Appointment of an Auditor

RESOLVED, that the auditing firm of Samuel Klein & Company be and hereby is retained as auditor to the Montclair Board of Education, effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

- d. Appointment of Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary

RESOLVED, that Dana Sullivan is hereby appointed Board Secretary and Dr. Frank Alvarez is hereby appointed Assistant Board Secretary to the Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified.

- e. Appointment of Member to the Civil Rights Commission

RESOLVED, that Bruce Dabney be, and hereby is appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the Civil Rights Commission, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of his/her successor.

f. Appointment of Legal Counsel

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Genova, Burns and Vernoia be and hereby is, retained as legal counsel to the Montclair Board of Education, until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board. The Board shall reserve the right to utilize other counsel for special matters as determined by a majority of the Board.

g. Appointment of Legal Counsel

RESOLVED, that Andrea Kahn and John Cavalierre, from the law firm of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C. be and hereby is, retained as legal counsel to the Montclair Board of Education for matters relating to real estate transactions and other capital projects, until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board. The Board shall reserve the right to utilize other counsel for special matters as determined by a majority of the Board.

h. Appointment of Legal Counsel

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Adams, Stern, Gutierrez and Lattiboudere, LLC, be and hereby is, retained as legal counsel to the Montclair Board of Education until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board. The Board shall reserve the right to utilize other counsel for special matters as determined by a majority of the Board.

i. Appointment of Custodian of School Records

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA) (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1) states that government records must be readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by its citizens, with certain exception, for the protection of the public, and

WHEREAS, the OPRA requires the Board of Education to designate an official to serve as the custodian of district records,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education appoints Dana Sullivan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Dr. Frank R. Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools as the Custodian of Records, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board requires all requests for public records be submitted on the attached form and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Custodian of Records to charge fees for copies in accordance with statutes as follows:

Pages 1 through 10	.75 per page
Pages 11 through 20	.50 per page
All pages after 20	.25 per page

j. Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

RESOLVED, that Dana Sullivan is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified.

k. Appointment of a Treasurer of School Monies

RESOLVED, that Michael R. Zazzarino be and hereby is retained as Treasurer of School Monies to the Montclair Board of Education to serve in such office until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

l. Appointment of Asbestos Management and AHERA officer

RESOLVED, that Detail Associates is hereby appointed as Asbestos Management and Ahera Officer for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified.

m. Appointment of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator

RESOLVED, that Leonard Saponara is hereby appointed as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified.

n. Appointment of Medical Inspector/School Physician

RESOLVED, that Dr. Howard Wilson is hereby appointed as Medical Inspector/School Physician for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified.

o. Transfer Authority

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 states that transfer amounts among line items must be approved by resolution; however, a Board can authorize the Superintendent to approve line item transfers between meetings, as necessary,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves that the Superintendent be designated to approve line item budget transfers necessary between Board of Education meetings, and that such transfers shall be reported to the Board of Education, ratified and duly

recorded in the minutes of the next regular meeting.

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT

2. Resolutions

Mr. Kautz moved the following resolutions:

a. 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>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Educational Purpose</u>
Writing Workshop Summer Institute	Darcie Kaplan	\$600.00	Will strengthen her writing instruction and gain greater knowledge of how to use assessment to plan instruction.

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.

b. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement was designed to ensure cooperation between law enforcement and education officials and ultimately to protect the educational environment, and

WHEREAS, recent events in New Jersey and throughout the nation have made clear that while schools are generally safe places for students or staff members, a wide range of offenses are occasionally committed on school property, during operating school hours or during school-related functions and activities, and

WHEREAS, it is understood and agreed that there is a demonstrable need for law enforcement and education officials to cooperate and share information as appropriate to address acts of violence or potential acts of violence by students that may occur off of school property or at times other than during regular schools hours, and that may involve victims or potential victims that are not members of the school community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials as required by N.J.A.C. 6:29-10.1 and 6:29-10.3 (b) 14 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education further agrees to comply with the guidelines pertaining to New Jersey Administrative Code, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this agreement be forwarded to the State Department of Education.

c. Authorization of Petty Cash Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.9 states "Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.18A:19-B, a district Board of Education . . . may establish on July 1 of each year or as needed, a cash fund or funds for the purpose of making immediate payments of comparatively small amounts", and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the establishment and maintenance of imprest type petty cash funds as follows:

Business Office	\$ 3,000
Adult School	\$25,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each disbursement shall be evidenced by an appropriate receipt, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum allowable individual expenditure shall be \$100 for the Business Office. The Adult School fund shall have a maximum allowable individual expenditure of \$200. The Adult School fund shall be authorized to exceed this maximum for the purpose of refunding tuition and payments of trips, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board Secretary shall be the custodian of the Business Office fund and the Adult School Executive Director shall be the custodian of the Adult School fund.

d. Reaffirmation of Existing Board of Education Curricula

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A, State statutes pertaining to education, requires that a Board of Education approve and adopt all curricula,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing curricula of the Montclair Board of Education be, and hereby, are readopted, effective immediately and until such time as modified by the Board of Education.

e. Reaffirmation of Existing Board of Education Bylaws and Policies

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes, Title 18A, pertaining to education, require that Bylaws and Policies of a Board of Education be reaffirmed regularly at the time of the reorganization of said Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing bylaws and policies of the Montclair Board of Education be, and hereby, are reaffirmed.

f. Reaffirmation of Existing Board of Education Textbooks

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, requires that a Board of Education approve and adopt all textbooks,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing textbooks of the Montclair Board of Education be, and hereby, are readopted, effective immediately and until such time as modified by the Board of Education.

g. Award of Contracts for Professional Services 2008-2009 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 provision of professional services,

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has in past years received proposals from various firms providing said professional services, has appointed these firms as the appropriate agents for the Montclair Board of Education, and has been satisfied with the performance of

these individual firms during the 2007-2008 fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation does hereby appoint the architectural firm of Richard Rigolo as the Architect of Record for the Montclair Board of Education at a fee of 10% of the cost estimate or actual bid, whichever is lower. For projects with a budget of more than \$50,000, the Board reserves the right to solicit proposals from other architects. The Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint the engineering firm of Energy for America, Inc. as the Engineer of Record at a fee of 9.6% of the actual bid; said architectural and engineering appointments being made pursuant to 18A:18A-5(a)1, "Professional Services", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint: George C. Hulse, as Insurance Broker for health and dental insurance; Bruce Linger of Lincoln National; Eugene Bartell of Metlife Investors; Michael Grofsick of Variable Life - Valic; Michael Schiller, Alan Friedman, and Jeff Somerstein of Axa Equitable as 403B and 457 tax shelter deferred annuity plans at no fee to the district; and John Daly of Wachovia Securities to be retained as Insurance Agent, with no fee paid by the Montclair Board of Education, said agencies receiving commissions from the insurance companies providing the lowest quotations; said appointments being made pursuant to 18A:18A-5(a) 10 "insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services,...", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint the firm of Edu-Met Interactive Systems Company for the maintenance of computerized software at an annual fee of \$36,275; said appointment being made pursuant to 18A:18A-4.1a, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint the firm of Educational Data Services Inc. for the provision and coordination of joint, computerized competitive bidding services at a fee of \$13,280, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above mentioned appointments be made for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dana Sullivan, School Business Administrator, and Andrea Del Guercio, Assistant Business Administrator, be authorized to sign purchase orders, execute contracts, secure quotations and approve the release of warrants between Board Meetings subject to subsequent ratifications by the Montclair Board of Education, and

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

h. Schedule of Meetings for 2008-2009

WHEREAS, the open public meeting act requires that all board meetings be advertised in advance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the attached schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the board secretary to advertise these meetings.

- i. Increasing Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent Subject to the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Public School Contracts Law gave boards of education the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Dana Sullivan possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education approved the increase in the bid threshold as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 since 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Montclair Board of Education, in the County of Essex, in the State of New Jersey hereby increased its bid threshold to \$29,000 for the 2008-2009 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body hereby appoints Dana Sullivan as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:18A-2b, with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Board of Education, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Board of Education Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Dana Sullivan's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

- j. Designation of Signatories for Board of Education Depositories

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes designate the President and Secretary as officers of the Board of Education responsible for withdrawals against Board of Education depository accounts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the necessary signatures identifying the President of the Board, Secretary of the Board and the Treasurer of School Monies and appropriate documentation required by the Board depositories be completed and forwarded to the banking authorities for the following accounts:

- A.* HSBC Bank - General Fund
- B. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank – General Fund
- C.* Citigroup Fund Services and State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund -General Fund
- D.* TD Banknorth – General Fund
- E.* Bank of America/MBIA-Misc-New Jersey Government Units Fund – General Fund
- F. Capital One Bank – General Fund
- G. Valley National Bank – General Fund
- H. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank – Capital Fund
- I. Valley National Bank – Payroll Agency
- * For investment purposes only, CDs or M/M. No checking accounts.
- J. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund
- K. Commerce Bank - Health Insurance Escrow Account
- L. PNC Bank – Worker’s Compensation Account

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the absence of the Board President, the Board Vice President shall be empowered to execute transactions on the aforementioned accounts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be empowered to execute transactions on the following account:

- A. J. P. Morgan Chase Bank – Payroll Account

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary or the Assistant Board Secretary be empowered to execute transactions on the following accounts:

- A. Commerce Bank – Food Service
- B. PNC Bank – Petty Cash, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary and the Assistant Board Secretary be authorized to furnish the necessary signatures, complete and forward the appropriate documentation required by the Board depositories in order to execute transactions with the aforementioned depositories, effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

- k. Designation of Newspapers for Legal Advertisement

RESOLVED, that the Montclair Times, Herald News, and Star Ledger be designated as newspapers for the purpose of legal advertisements, effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

l. Five Year Curriculum Review Plan

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A-8.2 of New Jersey Administrative Code pertaining to education, requires a Board of Education to review and update curriculum every five years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing five year curriculum review plan of the Montclair Board of Education (attached) be, and hereby, is approved, effective immediately and until such time as modified by the Board of Education.

m. Approval of Banks as Board Depositories for Student Activity Accounts and Designation of Signatories

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statutes requires that the Board of Education approve the Board depositories and signatories,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the banks on the attached list as depositories for the School Internal Accounts and that the authorized personnel are empowered to execute transactions as per Attachment A,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to furnish the necessary signatures, complete and forward the appropriate documentation required by the Board depositories in order to execute transactions with the aforementioned depository, effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

n. Approval of 2008-2009 Tuition Rates

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the 2008-2009 Tuition Rates as per the attached.

o. Approval of Certified Staff for Home Instruction for the 2008-2009 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves all district certificated staff to provide home instruction as assigned for the 2008-2009 school year.

p. Adoption of Code of Ethics

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 requires each Board of Education to adopt a Code of Ethics and receive training in the Code of Ethics.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Code of Ethics be adopted effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

q. Adoption of Emergency Management Plan

RESOLVED, that the Emergency Management Plan be adopted effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board.

r. Request for Tax Levy from Township of Montclair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair for the school year 2008-2009 the amount of \$93,005,952 as per the attached schedule.

Montclair Board of Education
Tax Levy Request Schedule
2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/18/2008	2,000,000.00
8/8/2008	2,000,000.00
8/27/2008	3,500,000.00
9/12/2008	4,000,000.00
9/26/2008	4,500,000.00
10/10/2008	5,000,000.00
10/29/2008	5,000,000.00
11/12/2008	5,000,000.00
11/24/2008	5,000,000.00
12/11/2008	5,000,000.00
12/19/2008	5,502,976.00
1/12/2009	3,000,000.00
1/28/2009	3,500,000.00
2/11/2009	4,000,000.00
2/25/2009	3,500,000.00
3/11/2009	4,000,000.00
3/27/2009	4,000,000.00
4/13/2009	4,000,000.00
4/28/2009	4,000,000.00
5/13/2009	4,000,000.00
5/27/2009	4,000,000.00
6/11/2009	4,000,000.00
6/16/2009	4,502,976.00
	93,005,952.00

Seconded by Mr. Barr and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT

3. Board Committee Appointments

Mrs. Lombard moved the following resolutions:

- a. Members to the Montclair Board of School Estimate

RESOLVED, that Mr. Barr and Mrs. Lombard be, and hereby are, appointed to serve as members of the Montclair Board of School Estimate, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their respective successors.

- b. Members to the Montclair Curriculum Committee

RESOLVED, that Ms. Grill and Mr. Barr be, and hereby are appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the Montclair Curriculum Committee, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

- c. Representative to Essex County School Boards Association

RESOLVED, that Mr. Riddick be, and hereby is appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education at the Essex County School Boards Association, and that Mr. Riddick hereby is appointed as alternate representative, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

- d. Election of a Board of Education Member to Serve as a Member of the Representative Assembly of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-61 et seq., the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair must elect one of its members to represent it on the Representative Assembly of the Essex County Educational Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair has held such an election among its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Essex County Education Services Commission be notified that Mr. Riddick has been duly elected as a member of the Representative Assembly of the Essex County Educational Services Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the minutes indicating such election be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Commission.

- e. Members to Serve on the Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee as Liaisons

RESOLVED, that Mr. Kautz and Mr. Carlton be, and hereby are appointed as the Board of Education liaisons to serve on the Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment of their respective successors.

- f. Legislative Chairperson

RESOLVED, that Mr. Kautz be, and hereby is, appointed Legislative Chairperson, and that hereby is appointed as alternate, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

- g. Members to Serve on the Advisory Board of Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, Inc.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Kautz be, and hereby is appointed as the Board of Education member to serve on the Advisory Board of the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, Inc., and that Mr. Kautz hereby is appointed as alternate, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment of their respective successors.

- h. Board Representatives to the Montclair Community Intervention Alliance

RESOLVED, that Mr. Bruce Dabney be, and hereby is, appointed to serve as Board Representative to the Montclair Community Intervention Alliance, and that Mr. Dabney is appointed as alternate representative, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

i. Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Taylor be, and hereby is, appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education as delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association, and that Mrs. Taylor hereby is appointed as alternate delegate, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

j. Members to the Personnel Committee

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Lombard, Ms. Grill, and Mr. Carlton be, and hereby are appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the Personnel Committee, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

k. Board Representatives to PTA Council

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Lombard and Ms. Felice Harrison be, and hereby is, appointed to serve as Board Representative to PTA Council of the Montclair Public Schools, and that hereby is appointed as alternate representative, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

l. Members to the Special Needs Committee

RESOLVED, that Mr. Riddick and Mr. Carlton be, and hereby are appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the Special Needs Committee, until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

m. Delegate to Urban School Boards Committee of the New Jersey School Boards Association

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Taylor be, and hereby is, appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education as delegate to the Urban School Boards Committee of New Jersey School Boards Association, and that Mrs. Taylor hereby is appointed as alternate delegate until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successors.

Seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT

J. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Alvarez made the following comments:

Dr. Alvarez thanked Mayor Ed Remsen for all of his help in supporting the school system for many years. He also congratulated the newly reappointed Board members who are Mr. Robert Kautz and Ms. Shirley Grill.

Dr. Alvarez congratulated Mt. Hebron for receiving a \$5,000.00 grant for habitat for learning and living as part of their redesign of the front space of the school.

Jeff Kautz, a student from Glenfield, wrote a review for one of the local restaurants which appeared in the May issue of New Jersey Life and Leisure.

There is a CAPA review ongoing at the High School; this is the third review the district has had.

At Renaissance Middle School additional asbestos cleaning and testing will be done as requested by parents.

Tonight on the agenda are the bids for the new school which is expected to be voted on later. The district formed an enrollment task force back in 2000 and looked at the needs of the district, so this is not something that is new this is something that the Board has been thinking about for a very long time. In 2000 there was a community wide committee "The Public Facility and Space Utilization Committee," who looked at the Board's need for a new school and the location. It was determined that the current site that we have been talking about would be utilized.

The Board of Education negotiated and purchased four parcels of land. The Board then hired the Thomas Group, as the lead architects for this project. We have gone through a couple of designs of what the school would look like including a much larger design that entailed a swimming pool and a community facility. Because of the prohibited costs of this design, the Board scaled the project down somewhat to what was finally approved by the Board in 2005, a \$35 million project. The district also applied for state grants and is receiving approximately \$4.8 million in state grants to assist with this project.

Dr. Alvarez wants everyone to know that this is not a new project and is not a project of this Board necessarily but it is something that has been going on since 2000 in this community. The Board has been thinking about this for a long time and there are many community groups that have been involved and have shaped this project. The Board is now at the point tonight to award the bids and hopefully start construction soon.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Barr stated that there was an Academic Sub Committee meeting last week and Montclair was highlighted in the NJSSI report, as using the funding from that organization to boost scores in the Everyday Math pilot program. In some cases, the children scored in the proficient and highly proficient categories the scores went from 70% to 93% proficient which is an incredible jump. There was also a continuing review of the action plan for math in the school district.

He also reported that a parent curriculum questionnaire is being developed to find out how parents feel about the educational programs which are given to their children. The seniors email addresses are being requested so the Board can see how they are doing in the future.

Mr. Kautz is pleased to finally be voting on the new school project bids and is looking forward to getting the construction started.

L. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Carlton thanked Joyce Michaelson, Dr. Baskerville, Cary Affrick, Nick Lewis, and Rich Murnick for their willingness to work with the schools.

Mr. Carlton is glad that the new school project is going to be started soon. This project is creating a less dense building for the neighborhood, is providing parking that will be available to the local businesses, and is also being used for public purposes.

M. COMMENTS

1. PTA

Robin Kulwin – Thanked Mayor Ed Remsen and Joyce Michaelson.

2. MEA

Dennis Murray – In the next couple of weeks the awards that are best known for recognizing some of the teachers in district will be presented. The retirement dinner is next week.

The State Department of Education will now be regarding a site based local professional development committee in each of the district's schools. Mr. Murray will be attending a meeting on how this will work.

Mr. Murray congratulated the new members of the town council and thanked Mayor Remsen and Joyce Michaelson. He feels that the Board handled the situation with the asbestos in the best way.

3. Montclair High School Student Coalition

None.

N. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

O. MINUTES

Mr. Riddick moved to approve the following minutes:

1. Public Board Meeting held Monday, April 28, 2008
2. Public Board Meeting held Monday, May 5, 2008

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a vote of 5-0.

P. RESOLUTIONS - BUSINESS

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following:

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 May 2008 in the amount of \$2,360,901.44 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of April 2008 in the amount of \$23,450.00, 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 \$8,000,000.00 for the month of May 2008, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Budget reports for the month of April 2008, the Secretary's Report

Seconded by Mr. Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	_____
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	_____
Shirley Grill	_____	_____ ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	_____
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	_____
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____ ABSENT

Q. RESOLUTIONS - GENERAL

1. Other Resolutions

Mr. Barr moved to approve the following resolutions:

a. Adoption of the Employment Calendars for 2008-2009

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has approved a school calendar for the 2008-2009 school year, and

WHEREAS, the employment of staff must align with the school calendar; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education adopts the following recommended 10-Month Employee Calendar, 12-Month Employee Calendar and 12-Month Maintenance Employee Calendar for staff for the 2008-2009 school year.

b. Renewal Application for Standard Facility for Off-Site Use – Immaculate Conception , 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1 requires approval of the County Superintendent for off-site facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of space for use by the Renaissance Middle School for classrooms and offices on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors and the cafeteria in the basement for grades six , seven and eight and for use of Madonna Hall, and

WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception, located at 30 North Fullerton Street, has space available at 17 Munn Street,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a substandard facility renewal application (Attachment A) and drawings (Attachment B1 and B2) for an off-site location.

- c. Renewal Application for Substandard Facility for Off-Site Use - Sharron Miller Academy for Performing Arts 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1 requires approval of the County Superintendent for off-site facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of space for use by the Renaissance Middle School for dance, drama and music for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and

WHEREAS, Sharron Miller Academy for Performing Arts, has space available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a substandard facility renewal application (Attachment A) for an off-site location.

- d. Renewal Application for Substandard Facility for Off-Site Use – Soccer Domain, 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1 requires approval of the County Superintendent for off-site facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of space for use by the Renaissance Middle School for physical education for grades six, seven and eight, and

WHEREAS, the Soccer Domain, located at 14 Depot Street, has space available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a substandard facility renewal application (Attachment A) for an off-site location.

- e. Renewal Application for Substandard Facility for Off-Site Use – YMCA 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:22-6.1 requires approval of the County Superintendent for off-site facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of space for use by the Renaissance Middle School for physical education for grades six, seven and eight, and

WHEREAS, the YMCA, located at 25 Park Street, has space available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a substandard facility renewal application (Attachment A) for an off-site location.

- f. Adoption of Regulation 1330, Building Rental/General Limitations/Conditions

WHEREAS, Board of Education regulations requires one reading before a Regulation is adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education adopts the revised Regulation 1330, Building Rental/General Limitations/Conditions.

- g. Approval of Submission of Amendment Application for Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), FY 2008

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves submission of an amendment application for Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), FY 2008, as per the attached.

- h. Acceptance of Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Education Act Combined, FY 2008

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education has approved the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Education Act Combined, FY 2008 for the Montclair Board of Education in the amount of \$1,617,176 for Basic and \$59,787 for Preschool,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education accepts this funding.

- i. Membership in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, Montclair High School in the Montclair Public Schools, Essex County, State of New Jersey, is authorized by the Montclair Board of Education to enroll as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, a non-profit association of the public and parochial high schools of the State of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, Montclair High School is authorized to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by the NJSIAA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby adopts the provisions of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA as rules of this Board of Education and further agrees to enforce and abide by such rules.

j. Authorization to Advertise and Approve Specifications for
Transportation Services

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:27-9.2 (c) states that specifications and advertisement for transportation bids shall be approved and authorized by formal action of the district board of education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby authorizes the advertisement and approves the specifications as per attachment A for transportation services.

k. Approval to Submit a Grant Request to the New Jersey Child Assault
Prevention Project for Implementation in the Elementary Schools for
the 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education approved the submission of an application for funding for a CAP Grant

WHEREAS, the Board of Education further agrees to comply with the guidelines pertaining to said grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of an application to the New Jersey CAP Project for funding for elementary schools.

Seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u> ABSENT

2. Change Order

Mr. Kautz moved to approve the following Change Order:

#10 for Woodman Field House Renovations

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by The Biber Partnership, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 15, 2007, for Woodman Field House Renovations. The contract was awarded to Jeral Construction Services, 320 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, in the total amount of \$3,999,250.00 (base bid of \$3,152,650.00 plus 6 Alternates).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approve change order #10 in the amount of \$22,184.00 as follows:

Trench Drain Material	\$696.10
Drinking Fountain Change	\$441.85
Sanitary Piping Replacement	\$4,460.97
Chase Walls	\$9,443.29
Fire Alarm Conduit to Maintenance Buildings	\$4,513.64
Glycol Loop for Attic Sprinkler Lines	\$1,760.27
Spare Conduits Between Addition and Existing Building	<u>\$868.87</u>
Total	\$22,184.00

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	_____
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	_____
Shirley Grill	_____	_____ ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	_____
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	_____
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____ ABSENT

3. Contract Awards

Mrs. Lombard moved to approve the following Contract Awards:

- a. Roof Replacement at Mt. Hebron School, Phase 2 - Fulton Building Company, in the total amount of \$531,330.00, including alternates, with breakdown as follow:

Base Bid	\$636,630.00
Deduct Alt. 1: Delete Certain EPDM Roofs	(\$20,000.00)
Add Alt. 2, 2A: White Surfaced Auditorium Roof	\$9,600.00
Deduct Alt. 3: Asphalt Shingles for Certain Roofs	<u>(\$94,900.00)</u>
Total Contract	\$531,330.00

- b. Floor Tile Replacement at Mt. Hebron and Hillside Schools - Ramtown Floors by Design, Inc. in the total amount of \$14,040.00.
- c. Rescind Award of Contract for Gutter Replacement at Hillside School

WHEREAS, 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, and

WHEREAS, 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 April 30, 2008, for Gutter Replacement at Hillside School. Eleven (11) companies received copies of the bid and eight (8) bids were received (see Attachment A), and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education awarded a contract to SJ Carney Roofing, 76 Ashland Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey, 07052, in the total amount of \$18,900.00, and

WHEREAS, SJ Carney Roofing has requested to have their contract rescinded, as per their letter dated May 12, 2008 (Attachment B),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby rescinds its prior resolution rendered on May 5, 2008, and thereby rescinds the award of the contract for Gutter Replacement at Hillside School to SJ Carney Roofing in the amount of \$18,900.00, effective immediately.

- d. Gutter Replacement at Hillside School - Kraft Roofing, Inc., in the total amount of \$28,650.00.
- e. Revised Award of Contract, Dental Benefits, 2008-2009 School Year

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education currently provides dental benefits for all covered employees through participation in the "Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc." pursuant to negotiated agreements with employee associations and Board of Education Policy, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has received an offer of renewal for the two year period July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2010, from Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc., for the Premier and Preferred contracts with no increase and renewal of a one-year Delta Care contract with the following increases:

COVERAGE

MONTHLY CHARGES

Delta Care

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Preferred</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Employee	\$25.02	\$22.89	\$15.68	\$16.33
Employee & Spouse	49.46	45.23	30.24	31.44
Employee & Child(ren)	43.92	40.20	53.62	55.52
Family	79.74	72.67	30.24	31.44

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve "Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc." to provide dental benefits for two years for all covered employees effective July 1, 2008, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Business Administrator is directed to implement this decision effective immediately.

f. Maintenance and Repair Work Various Trades, Time and Material - To the low bidders as per Attachment A for period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009.

g. General Construction for New Elementary School - Niram, Inc in the total amount of \$12,949,800.00 which includes the base bid of \$12,377,000 plus the following alternates:

- Alt #1 Polished Glass Block in Corridors in lieu of Painted \$161,000.00
- Alt #2 SS Guardrail/Handrail at Main Entry in lieu of Painted \$95,000.00
- Alt #3 Internal Blinds at CRs & Main Office in lieu of Shades \$23,000.00
- Alt #4 Door Hardware for Security Access Control \$18,000.00
- Alt #5 Aluminum Sun-Shades \$106,000.00
- Alt #6 Carpeting in Corridors & CRs in lieu of Linoleum -\$20,000.00
- Alt #7 Wood Floor at Gym in lieu of Polyurethane Membrane \$16,300.00
- Alt #8 Provide and Install Compacting Dumpster \$20,000.00
- Alt #9 Provide and Install Clock Tower \$75,000.00
- Alt #10 Provide and Install Playground Equipment \$47,400.00
- Alt #11 Provide and Install Rubber Playground Surfacing \$31,100.00

Total \$572,800.00

h. Structural Steel and Ornamental Iron Work for New Elementary School - J.G. Schmidt Steel, in the total amount of \$1,663,600 which includes the base bid of 1,645,000 plus Alternate #1 - Provide and Install Steel for Clock Tower for \$18,600.

- i. Heating and Ventilating Systems and Equipment for New Elementary School - Centralpack Engineering Corporation, in the total amount of \$3,236,429.
- j. Plumbing and Gas Fitting Work for New Elementary School - Annese Mechanical, in the total amount of \$1,349,015 which includes the base bid of \$1,346,165 plus Alternate #1 – Roof Drains for Clock Tower for \$2,850.
- k. Electrical Work for New Elementary School - Sal Electric Company, Inc., in the total amount of \$4,145,945 which includes the base bid of \$2,515,940 plus the following alternates:

• Alt #1 Pendant Light Fixtures at CRs in lieu of 2/4 Lay-ins	\$116,525.00
• Alt #2 Provide Photovoltaic System	\$1,450,690.00
• Alt #3 Provide Security Access Control System	\$58,230.00
• Alt #4 Provide Power to Compacting Dumpster	\$3,360.00
• Alt #5 Provide Power to Clock Tower	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total	\$1,630,005.00

Seconded by Mr. Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	_____
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	_____
Shirley Grill	_____	_____ ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	_____
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	_____
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	_____
Carmen Taylor	_____	_____ ABSENT

Mr. Kautz moved to approve the Personnel Report and Out-of-District Placement.

4. Personnel Report

The Open Public Meetings Act provides that a School Board may discuss personnel matters in private, “unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request, in writing, that such matters or matter be discussed during the public portion of the meeting.”

Pone of the actions recommended as part of the personnel report tonight is a result of the board’s adopted budget. In that budget, several administrative positions are eliminated.

It is being recommended that the position of:

Supervisor of Teaching & Learning/Programs & Assessment

...be one of the positions abolished effective July 1, 2008. The employee holding that position has already received notice of non-renewal, but has requested that any discussion about the recommendation and the action of the board which abolishes the position be held in the open public portion of the meeting.

A majority vote to approve the personnel report will abolish this position.

Is there any discussion on specific action or questions about the recommendation?

5. Out-of-District Placement

Seconded by Mrs. Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	
Timothy Barr	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	
Carmen Taylor	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	ABSENT

R. COMMENTS

1. Board Members

Mrs. Lombard thanked Mrs. Sullivan and Dr. Alvarez for all of their hard work on the new school.

Mr. Kautz stated that the bids came in for the new school at a lower rate than what was anticipated due to the current economic situation. Mr. Kautz congratulated the new members of council and the new Mayor.

Mr. Riddick said that it has been a wonderful and interesting first year on the Board and he thanked the Mayor for appointing him. Mr. Riddick feels that the new school building will serve the student on a "going forward" basis.

Mr. Barr is thankful on being nominated as Vice President for a second year. He asked for everyone to make sure that when they hear information about things in the district that they get all the facts and from the right sources so that the frustration can be avoided.

Mr. Carlton said that many of the buildings in Montclair are old and many have been renovated. He stated that redevelopment is never easy and the new school site took a lot of money to acquire, demolish, and clean the hazardous material. Some of the reasons to build a new school are there are certain things that cannot be renovated cost effectively such as: HVAC, ADA (wheelchair) accessibility, internet accessibility, and electricity.

2. Members of the Public

Jennifer Kohn – 60 Harrison Ave. – Ms. Kohn is upset with the decision to eliminate the collaborative class.

Dr. Alvarez stated that a decision has not been made yet.

Fiona Ostermeyer – 35 Alexander Ave. – Read a letter from the Health and Wellness committee at Renaissance.

Mr. Kautz asked about the students eating lunch in Madonna Hall.

Dr. Alvarez stated that during construction the school administration decided that the site was fine to use for lunch until March 4, at which time the children started eating in their classrooms.

Nancy Toomey 125 Edgemont Rd. & Gail Prusslin 138 Buckingham Rd. – Montclair High School parents are requesting change of venue for graduation because each student only receives two tickets. The Amphi Theater is too small to accommodate the students and their families. The parents suggested using Woodman Field or the auditorium in case of rain.

John Lytle – 40 Union St. – Mr. Lytle is a concerned Renaissance parent and would like the Board to concentrate on the quality of communication. When the school was evacuated he stated that the parents were not notified as to where their children were evacuated to.

Joyce Michaelson – 100 Warren Place – Congratulated Mr. Kautz and Ms. Grill on their reappointments and she also thanked Mr. Barr and Mr. Carlton for their hard work. Ms. Michaelson stated that the State Assembly is eliminating a vote on school budgets unless there is a supplemental budget.

Dawn Mohammad – 214 Valley Rd. – Ms. Mohammad enjoyed the article in the Montclair Times on the dress code. Ms. Mohammad stated that the High School students would also like to have more tickets for their graduation and she supports the Graduation being held at Woodman Field.

Kelly Sweatt – 68 Elmwood Ave. – Concerned with closing the achievement GAP. Ms. Sweatt inquired about what the district has done with regard to implementing the AMISTAD ACT.

Robert Kennedy – 29 Upper Mountain Ave – Would like to know the names of the contractors awarded contracts for the new school and the amounts.

Debbie Krowitz – 24 Allen Rd. – Ms. Krowitz does not agree with eliminating community use of facilities. She is also upset with what happened at Renaissance.

Dr. Alvarez responded that two different consultants have sent their testing to the lab and all tests came back clear. The DEP and other officials stated that the school is absolutely fine to go back into. Parents have requested further testing be done today and the Board feels very confident that the results will come back negative and it will be safe for students to go in the school. Dr. Alvarez also stated that a letter will be sent to Immaculate that no other construction is done while the Montclair Board of Education students are present. Any repairs must occur during the summer when the students are not there unless it is an emergency.

John Lytle – Mr. Lytle complimented Renaissance physical education teacher Mr. Benjamin because he spent a lot of time on the phone calling his students scheduled to attend the track event.

S. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in closed session and will open in public at approximately 7:30 in Hillside School, 54 Orange Road.

T. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:23 p.m. Mrs. Lombard moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Riddick and approved by a vote of 5-0.