

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

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

1. On June 10, 2009, notice of this meeting was faxed to the Montclair Times, the Herald News, and the Star-Ledger. The time, date, and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
2. On this same date a copy of said notice was filed with the Township clerk and was posted at the public bulletin board in the first floor main hall of the Board of Education building, 22 Valley Road.
3. Copies have also been mailed to all persons who have requested same at no cost.

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 p.m. Shelly Lombard moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), the Montclair Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1) – (9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss the following matters concerning: Personnel Matters, Personnel Report, Settlement Agreement, and Out-of-District Placements.

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 Ronald Riddick and approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ronald Riddick moved that the Board shall return from executive session; seconded by Robert Kautz and approved by a vote of 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance occurred at 7:51 p.m.

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Staff Member 7
Members of the Public 50
Members of the Press 1

G. MINUTES

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following minutes:

1. Public Board Meeting held Monday, November 9, 2009
2. Public Board Meeting held Monday, November 16, 2009

Seconded by Carmen Taylor and approved by a vote of 6-0 with 0 abstentions.

H. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. **Academic All-American**

Felice Harrison, John Porcelli and James Earle presented the awards.

Felice Harrison stated that these awards recognize students for high achievement.

John Porcelli and James Earle presented the Academic All-American awards to the following students, which were presented by the Field Hockey Association.

Erin Baschwitz
Molly Joyce

Maeve O'Leary
Olivia Sage-El

2. **Player of the Year in Girls Soccer**

John Porcelli, James Earle and Chris Johnson, head coach, presented the Player of the Year in Girls Soccer to Meagan Morris. Mr. Porcelli added that Meagan was awarded Player of the Year for the State of New Jersey by the Star Ledger and that Meagan is receiving a full scholarship to the University of Carolina.

Meagan Morris

3. AP Scholar – Seniors

Felice Harrison and James Earle presented the AP Scholar awards to the following seniors and noted that recipients had to attain grades of 3.0 or high on three or more AP Exams in order to receive this award.

Shira Atkins	Megan McCarron-Haber
Vanessa Bishop	Riley Murphy
Sasha Brietzke	Allison O'Brien
Jeffrey Conti	Margaret Regan
David Ellmann	Frederick Schaefer
Samuel Flood	Jeffrey Sestilio
Isabelle Foley	Arielle Suskin
Ariana Goodman	Ian Vanderklein
Alen Hadzic	Oliver Waldner
Emily Klein	Elias Wright
Sinead MacLeod	Sarah Yolleck

AP Scholar – June 2009 Graduates

Felice Harrison read the names of the June 2009 Graduates who also received the AP Scholar award.

Isabelle Ambler	Samuel Mooney
Juveria Ambreen	Rebecca Newman
Arielle Berman	Emily Paine
Samuel Bessey	Melanie Rosenblatt
Matilda Feder	Shanelle Russell
Simone Fermin	Joshua Sklar
Marco Fornar-Grunthe	Tessa Slovis
Maya Friedman	Alex Stein
R. Gram Hill	Molly Tavella
Greg Jamiolkowski	Russell Tucker
Rachel Legman	Rachel Unger
Delaney McDonough	Julie Yermack
Maxwell McKee	Katherine Willcox
Daniel Messenger	Andrew Zimmermann
Allegra Mitchell	

4. AP Scholar with Honor

Felice Harrison presented the AP Scholar with Honor award to the following students and noted they had to attain an average grade of 3.25 on all exams taken in order to receive this award.

William Deehan	Anthony Molloy
Brendan Dwyer	Margaret O'Brien
Ilana Haimes	Jonathan Waldner

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AP Scholar with Honor - June 2009 Graduates

Felice Harrison read the list of the June 2009 Graduates who also received the AP Scholar with Honor award.

Olivia Blackburn
Beverly Hersh
Phoebe Lytle

Ryan Middleton
Quinn Schiller
Yda Zamora

5. AP Scholar with Distinction

Felice Harrison presented the AP Scholar with Distinction Award to the following student and noted that he had to attain an average grade of 3.5 on all AP Exams to be eligible for this award.

Justin Meretab

AP Scholar with Distinction - June 2009 Graduates

Felice Harrison read the list of the June 2009 Grades who also received the AP Scholar with Distinction award.

Martin Alonzo	Christopher Newkirk
Rachel Bradford	Caitlin Pacheco
Tyler Buckingham	Gabriel Pugel
John Conroy	Ryan Rossner
Amos Dudley	Matthew Schembre
Henry Engelstein	Ellen Shakerspear
Charlotte Eveleth	Joseph Shapiro
Emily Fink	Kelsy Shimamoto
Caitlin Higgins	Joseph Staehle
William Johnson	Isabelle Star
Jackson Kamine	Catherine Taibi

6. National AP Scholar

Felice Harrison presented the National AP Scholar award to the following 2009 graduate student and noted that she had to attain an average score of at least 4.0 on all exams.

Kira White

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MHS Student Coalition – A report was presented by students David Ellmann, Jamie Fanous and Isabelle Foley. David Ellmann stated:

- both the girls and boys swim teams had won their first meets
- the Middle School Model Congress Club is very active
- Star Portal allows parents and students to view their grades
- high school seniors who applied at colleges early are now getting their responses

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- important hockey game with Montclair Kimberley Academy on December 22 and urged everyone to attend

7. 2009 Audit Report

Dana Sullivan stated that the Corrective Action Plan which will be presented tonight will be forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools after the Board's approval.

John Lauria of McEnerney, Brady & Company presented the 2009 Audit Report to the Board of Education. Mr. Lauria reported

- that 90% of the recommendations mainly pertain to school activity accounts and feels that changes in personnel contributes to these recommendations.
- there are eight recommendations that pertain to the elementary schools
- there is one recommendation pertaining to high school athletics
- there is one recommendation pertaining to the Adult School
- there are no issues of non-compliance with funds handled through the Board Secretary's Office
- the ASSA Application is not used for State Aid but it is a State requirement that it has to be put included in the Audit Report
- the large audit report document contains the schools financial condition at the end of the 2009 school year
- what the surplus dollars and reserved amounts will be used for
- what the fund balance was
- that the State has withheld two State Aid payment and hopes that they will release the payments

John Carlton questioned the money that is being withheld to municipalities.

John Lauria responded that the SDA had stopped funding but has heard that monies are now being released so he is not positive what the State is doing about releasing monies.

John Carlton asked if there were some other models for bookkeeping available to the schools so that some recommendations might be eliminated.

John Lauria responded that some other schools have a general student activity fund that would be funneled through the Board Office but this, of course, would be additional work for the Board Office and may require additional personnel.

Dana Sullivan noted that the schools have made great improvements over the past years and agreed that some of the problems are due to change in secretarial personnel. Mrs. Sullivan added that the Board is looking to purchase a school accounting package from Edu-Met and feels this will eliminate some problems. Mrs. Sullivan also noted that we do provide training for the new personnel.

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John Lauria added that years ago the high school had problems and now this is not the case. Mr. Lauria also added that the State strictly mandates how the auditing firms have to report the slightest difference.

8. Montclair High School “Gateway to College National Network”

Dr. Alvarez stated that a presentation regarding the Gateway to College National Network would be made by James Earle and Ed Lebida. Dr. Alvarez noted that this program is housed at Essex County College and is a program for students who are struggling academically and not ready to go on to secondary education.

Ed Lebida thanked the Board for the opportunity to present this program. Mr. Lebida stated that Dr. Phil Linfante, Dean of Educational Services, and Lee Bella DeCastro, Assistant Dean of Academic Foundation, both from Essex County College were present to answer any questions and that they were both very instrumental in helping the high school develop this program.

Ed Lebida stated that Montclair High School is always seeking ways to service the entire population of the school to provide opportunities for students in non-traditional ways – alternate programs. Mr. Lebida noted some of the alternate programs that have been held at Montclair High in the past, such as the School of Performing Arts, the cross country and track courses overseen by Ray Spivey and the ABC Program Academy of Business and Careers.

Mr. Lebida explained that the Gateway to College was a new program giving students an opportunity to take college courses while attending high school and receiving credits for those courses. Mr. Lebida noted that many colleges across the country now house such a program and that it has been demonstrated that 88% of students involved in these programs are very successful. Mr. Lebida noted that the program gives students the opportunity to attend courses with college students.

Mr. Lebida noted that the students targeted this year will be current seniors that may not be eligible for graduation due to a deficiency of credits.

Mr. Lebida stated that the cost of the program is \$2500 per student per semester compared to the approximate cost of \$11,000 to educate a student. He noted that the tuition will be paid by Montclair Board of Education but books are provided by the college.

Shelly Lombard questioned how students would do better in an unstructured environment rather than a structured one. Mrs. Lombard also asked how a student applies for this program.

Mr. Lebida responded that in an unstructured environment, students have the opportunity to organize their time differently and allows them more flexibility in their schedules – personal and family and it is proven that they do better. Mr. Lebida also responded that there are monies set aside for alternate programs and this year students who are deficient in credits will be given the opportunity to enroll in the

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program. He stated that in upcoming years, juniors and seniors who demonstrate competency that they will be able to perform at a college level will be targeted.

Robert Kautz questioned when the students receive a high school degree or their associate's degree and how long this takes.

Mr. Lebida responded that it would depend on when they enrolled in the course and when they attained their credits.

Carmen Taylor questioned who would provide transportation and that she felt it would take a very structured student to do well in this program.

Mr. Lebida responded that parents were going to be asked to provide transportation for their child since the Montclair Board of Education would be paying their tuition and the college would be providing their books.

Shelly Lombard suggested that the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence might be able to provide funds for transportation since she feels some parents might not be in a position to do so.

Mr. Lebida responded that he agrees it would be worth looking into but would like to see any additional monies put toward allowing more students to take part in the program rather than putting the monies toward transportation.

Mr. Lebida thanked the Board for all their support during his years working for the Montclair Board of Education.

Dr. Alvarez asked how many students continued on at the college once they graduated and was told that many students do not continue after receiving their diploma but some do come back at a later time and that the counselors at the college work with the guidance counselors at the high school to follow up on the students.

9. "High School Organ and Tissue Classroom Guide"

Terry Trigg Scales stated that a requirement of the New Jersey Hero Act, which was signed into legislation in 2009 mandates that all residents make organ donation decisions before applying for a driver's license and requires organ donation education for high school students. Ms. Scales noted that schools in New Jersey will teach students between the ages of 5 and 20 the benefits of organ donations. Ms. Scales stated that Richard Codey decided that students should be educated so they in turn can educate their parents and community since being an organ donor is not just for the elderly but for the young as well. Ms. Scales noted that a letter will be sent home so the students can share the information with their family and that the curriculum guide which is required by the State of New Jersey covers three or four days of instruction with no cost to the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Alvarez stated:

- the Board will vote on a name for the new school and there will be discussion on how the recommendation came about at the time of approving the resolution
- the Board will vote on a new Principal for Watchung School
- the Board will advertise for Mr. Lebida's position as high school football coach and Assistant Principal. A community group will be formed but any potential candidates will not be included in the hiring process.

10. Naming of New School

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Leslie Larson stated:

- that she has attended many schools "Coffee with Dr. Alvarez" and school reviews and that the amount of commitment from parents and teachers is wonderful and she hopes that this will continue.
- that the Lucy Caulkins Writing Programs needs dollars to provide additional training for all teachers and possibly the Board can discuss how to obtain these funds.
- the Mt. Hebron school review wants to look at after school activities – possibly the 21st Century Community Learning Center should be explored.
- the high school committee wants to improve school climate – they discussed driver's education.
- the Board's website looks wonderful, is very informative and is a great place to obtain correct information, especially on the new school.

Shelly Lombard, the PTA Council liaison, stated

- that the Budget Committee will be meeting and she feels this will be a tough budget year
- the Personnel Committee will be making an announcement regarding the Watchung Principal

Carmen Taylor stated that she will attend the fourth ward meeting on December 15, at which time James Earle, Montclair High School Principal, will discuss violence at the high school.

John Carlton stated

- the Board will be having discussions on budget

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- Dr. Alvarez and he have sent a letter to the Commissioner of Education stating their concerns with the proposed Charter School, which is to open in September since if the State approves the Charter School, it will have a great impact on the taxpayers of Montclair.

Shelly Lombard questioned whether it might be beneficial to ask that the issue of the Charter School be reconsidered now that James Earle is the leader at Montclair High and there are many positive things occurring there.

John Carlton responded that they could but he felt it would not do any good. Mr. Carlton announced that on January 19, the Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss school funding issues and the policies in Trenton. Mr. Carlton also announced that the New Jersey Monthly will have an article regarding the construction aspects of the new school.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

None

L. COMMENTS

1. PTA

Mary Beth Rosenthal, Co-President of the PTA Council stated that the Council had a presentation by the Kirwan Institute to review the student placement policy and this was done at no charge to the district. Ms. Rosenthal noted that the presentation was very well received and was very impressive - the work was done by experts at the Kirwan Institute as well as attorneys and community members.

Ms. Rosenthal stated that the Council is gathering information from various schools to review various fundraising activities. Ms. Rosenthal commented that the Council is looking forward to meeting with Dr. Alvarez regarding the budget in January.

2. MEA

Dennis Murray commented that he was wonderful to hear about all the students who attained honors – it shows that there is success in the district and not failures.

Mr. Murray expressed his wishes that this holiday season is filled with hope for a better tomorrow and stated that the work of the Board and the MEA continue to focus on one goal – working together to deliver educational success for all students.

Mr. Murray wanted to advise everyone that the MEA will sponsor a retirement dinner for all retirees on May 19, 2010.

M. RESOLUTIONS

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution re: Monthly Budget Reports and Bills and Claims

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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 months of December 2009 in the amount of \$3,971,777.45 and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of November in the amount of \$1,000.00 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 \$10,934,507.00 for the month of December 2009 and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the attached Budget reports for the months of November 2009 and the Secretary's Report for the months of November 2009, and a Treasurer's report for the months of October 2009.

Seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___X___	_____
Shirley Grill	Absent	_____
Robert Kautz	___X___	_____
Leslie Larson	___X___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___X___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___X___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___X___	_____

2. Other Resolutions

Carmen Taylor moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Approval of School Field Trips as amended

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Education Accountability regulations require approval of all school related field trips by the Board of Education and,

WHEREAS, the field trip must be directly related to instruction and class work,

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

DATE	SCHOOL	Grade	Teacher	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
1/15/10	Glenfield	6	Charyn/Dostie	IMAX Palisades	\$25	Life science – diversity of

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				Mall		living things (under the sea 3D)
1/4/10	Glenfield	7	N. Blank	American Museum of Natural History	None	Students will complete an activity based on the Silk Road exhibit and visit the planetarium
12/16/09 2/12/10 3/03/10	Glenfield	8	Schwartz	Edgemont School	None	Reading Enrichment Programs
12/23/09	Mt. Hebron	6-8	Saraco	Clearview Cinemas Montclair	\$5	Students will view an educational possibly literature based movie such as 'The Fantastic Mr. Fox. Once we know the movies that are available, we will choose cross curricula activities to enhance the movie.
1/14/10	Mt. Hebron	6/ 7/8	N. LaStella	Science Olympics	None	Regional competition
12/19/09	Hillside	4/5	L. D'Amico	IZOD Center, E. Brunswick, NJ	None	Halftime show for NJ Nets vs. LA Lakers Game
2/11/10	Hillside	5	Frankle	Liberty Science Center, NJ	\$15	Science/Social Studies/Math
1-25-10	Hillside	3/4/5	Kriftner	Ocean Place Hilton, Long Branch, NJ	None	Experience performing in a difference venue
12/16/09	MHS	SPED	S. Nesbitt	Rockefeller Center	\$25	To improve ability to follow a series of directions and appropriately utilize problem solving strategies in a variety of situations. To demonstrate increased ability to interact appropriately in a group.
4/7/10 thru 4/9/10	MHS	10-12	McLaughlin	Washington, DC OVERNIGHT	\$385	To extend CGI's curriculum beyond the textbook and into museums, memorials, and government offices.
12/16/09	MHS	9-12	Voorhis	Montclair State	\$5	Ceramics students will participate in a "Raku" firing,

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						building knowledge of clay properties and team building exercise.
5/19/10	MHS	11	DeMayo	Liberty Science Ctr. NJ	\$15	Students will be completing a project on the exhibits of the museum relevant to Env. Science.
1/5/10	MHS	9-12	Schnitzer	Morris County College, NJ	\$21	DECA Regional Competition
2/25/10	MHS	9-12	Wingren	Pennsylvania Model Congress, PA	\$330	For students to research and compete in the academic competition .
1/9/10	MHS	9-12	Petrigliano	NJIT Campus Ctr. NJ	\$25	To attend NJ first Kick Off event for FRC robot building season
12/11/09	Bradford	4	Bangs	Montclair State U	\$12	Students see Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, at partner university setting, 1 member of the cast is from Bradford
12/21/09	Bradford	K	Cahill	Valley Road Downtown	\$10	The children are studying light, shadow and reflection and the cultural significance of light to holidays.
6/18/10	Bradford	5	Freeh	Fairview Lakes YMCA Camp, Newton NJ	\$15	End of year 5 th Grade trip. Day will focus on team building as well as environmental discovery.
6/7/10	Watchung	2	Blafer	Native Lands, Lenni Lenape Pk, Parsippany, NJ	\$10	To enhance our social studies curriculum learning about different cultures/people.
12/15/09	Watchung	5	Arnold	Montclair Art Museum	None	Cezanne Exhibit.
12/17/09	Watchung	1	Falco	Morris Museum	\$11	Earth Explorers Exhibit, studying the earth's minerals and dinosaurs
12/22/09	DLC	PreK	Asaio	Jellybean Junction	\$10	Field trip
5/4/10	Edgemont	K	Meyer	Jenkinson's Aquarium,	\$6	Culmination of ocean/sea life theme

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				Pt.Pleasant, NJ		
12/15/09	Northeast	5	Hermida	American Museum of Natural History, NY	\$15.50	Students will participate in a scavenger hunt directly connected to the science curriculum's unit on space.
12-8-09	Renaissance	6-8	Susswein	MHS	None	Participation in Middle School Model Congress Conference

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the field trips are approved in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education Accountability Regulations.

b. Resolution re: Approval of Conference and Travel

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>School/ Department</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Educational Purpose</u>
Colgate, Rensseler, Union, Syracuse, Skidmore, Hamilton	T. Morrison	HS	\$185.00	An opportunity to gain insight into current issues in college admissions, campus programs and financial aid.
New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance	K. Smith	HS	\$110.00	To keep updated on all health issues of today's teens. To improve my knowledge of hands on activities which will enhance students' learning.
HS Math Workshops	M. Saraco	Mt. Heb.	\$140.00	Investigate quadratic products & factoring using algebra tiles. How discrete math fits into the curriculum.
Building a First Class Kindergarten	K. Mezinger S. Lennon	Brad	\$150.00 \$150.00	New ideas and practices that they will be able to share with other kindergarten teachers. The workshop focuses on the

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				unique needs of this age group.
AVID/District Leadership Training	Jean Wuensch	CO	\$1,394.25	Attendance at this conference by the District AVID Director is required under the AVID Implementation Agreement, Article II, School System Responsibilities 2.3, <u>Qualified Staff</u> , "School System agrees to maintain ... one AVID District Director to coordinate the AVID program... who is currently enrolled in ... the two year AVID District Leadership Training." This is to ensure that the District Director can fulfill her responsibilities of coordinating support for the AVID program and ensuring implementation of AVID program components according to the AVID Methodologies and for facilitating appropriate site conditions.
How To Use the Best Strategies from Singapore Math to Strengthen Math Instruction	B. Weitzman	Rand	\$300.00	This will help to strengthen Math skills for all K-5 grades at Rand School by offering engaging strategies that support math-basic, mental & problem solving skills. This does not replace Everyday Math, but enhances strategies.
Building a "First Class" Kindergarten	K. Lewis	Nish	\$150.00	This conference will build on the current educational practices of the Kindergarten classroom... particularly in reading.
National conference on Education	F. Alvarez	CO	\$2281.86	This is the largest annual meeting of school superintendents in the US. Here is an opportunity to explore new thinking, new products, new services and

				technologies that are part of the vision for the future of public education.
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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.

- c. Resolution re: Approval of the Montclair Board of Education's Partnership with the "Gateway to College National Network" Located at the Essex County College Newark Campus

WHEREAS, Gateway to College offers an alternative program of studies for students between the ages of 16 and 20 years old who have dropped out or on the verge of dropping out of high school, are behind in credits for age and grade level, have a GPA of 2.0 or below (or exhibit other risk factors), reside in an eligible district, have expressed the goal of earning a diploma, and read at an 8th grade level or higher, and

WHEREAS, Gateway to College is a sustainable partnership under which the district per-pupil expenditure pays for tuition and books and the college uses its existing infrastructure to limit operational costs, and

WHEREAS, students can achieve a Montclair High School diploma and significant college credit toward an AA or certificate through dual credit (high school and college,)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education approve the development of a partnership between the Montclair Board of Education and the Gateway to College National Network.

- d. Resolution re: Approval of the "High School Heroes Organ and Tissue Classroom Guide" Supplement to the Comprehensive Health Curriculum for Students in Grades 9-12

WHEREAS, the "New Jersey Hero Act," which was signed into legislation in July 2009, mandates that all residents make organ donation decisions before applying for a driver's license and requires organ donation education for high school students, and

WHEREAS, the recommended supplemental curriculum has been developed by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services and Donate Life New Jersey and is aligned with the New Jersey Department of Education Core Curriculum Content Standards, and

WHEREAS, Title 18A (NJSA) requires New Jersey Boards of Education to adopt courses of study for children between the ages of 5 and 20, and

WHEREAS, this supplemental curriculum is developmentally appropriate, inclusive and challenging

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education approves the adoption of the "High School Heroes Organ and Tissue Classroom Guide" as a supplement to the Comprehensive Health Curriculum.

e. Resolution re: Naming of the New School on Washington and Elm Streets

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education will be opening a new school in September, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the school is on property that formerly housed the Washington Street YMCA, St. Vincent's Hospital and Nursing Home and the Mother Seton Residence Hall, and

WHEREAS, a community group was formed to make a recommendation to the Board of Education about commemorating the historical significance of the former YMCA, and

WHEREAS, the committee reviewed several suggestions and recommended the school be named in honor of Charles H. Bullock, a long-time Montclair resident and a former director of the YMCA,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves naming the new school The Charles H. Bullock School and authorizes the Superintendent to send the required paperwork to the County Superintendent of Schools.

f. Resolution re: Auditor's Report Fiscal Year 2008-2009

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 McEnerney, Brady & Company, LLC has forwarded the annual Audit Report for the school fiscal year, July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, to the Superintendent of Schools. John Lauria of McEnerney, Brady & Company, LLC is present at the Board of Education meeting tonight to discuss the Audit Report with the Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Audit Report for the School Fiscal Year July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, and directs the Administration to implement the recommendations of the Auditor as shown in the Corrective Action Plan (Attachment A).

g. Resolution re: Rejection of Bids for Tree Trimming & Pruning Services, 2009-2010 School Year

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,

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advertised, and sealed bids received on December 3, 2009, for Tree Trimming & Pruning Services, 2009-2010 School Year. Eleven (11) companies received copies of the bid and two (2) bids were received (see Attachment A), and WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, a board may reject all bids for various reasons as specified in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the rejection of all bids because the lowest bid exceeded the appropriation and the cost estimate for the project and authorizes the Business Administrator to revise the plans and re-bid the project.

h. Resolution re: Authorizing the Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Agency for the 2009-2010 School Year

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that, "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, " and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2009-2010 school year to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year,

WHEREAS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors as listed:

CONTRACT VENDOR	STATE CONTRACT #	COMMODITY/SERVICE
EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	73979	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT
MILLENNIUM COMMUNICATONS	73979	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT
PROMEDIA TECHNOLOGY SVCS INC	73979	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT
TRANSNET CORPORATION	73979	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT
EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	73980	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT
EPLUS TECHNOLOGY INC	73983	DATA COMM. & NETWORK EQUIPMENT

i. Resolution re: Project Application and Schematic Plans for Glenfield School Art Room Renovations

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education desires to renovate a classroom into an Art Room at the Glenfield School, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Schematic Plans for all projects that the district is requesting a Regular Operating District grant by the state, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is not included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application, Educational Specifications and Schematic Plans to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services, and is submitting an amendment to the district's Long Range Facility Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Board Architect, Richard Rigolo, to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings and necessary bid related documents for the project.

Seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

Shelly Lombard asked whether the Conference and Travel report could include a destination.

Dana Sullivan responded that it would be added to the report.

Ronald Riddick questioned what is Singapore Math Program and whether this was a program in addition to everyday math.

Dr. Alvarez responded that it is a math program supporting strategies designed in Singapore where math students do extremely well and this program will be a supplement to the everyday math.

John Carlton stated that he wanted to comment on naming the new school on Washington and Elm street without recapping the entire process of the construction of the new school. Mr. Carlton stated:

“Several Years ago there was a community task force put together to seek community input into naming of the new school. I think several names were submitted but the committee ended up with a strong recommendation for Charles H. Bullock, who was, I believe, the First Executive Director for the YMCA that was demolished to make way for the construction of the new school. Several other recommendations that have been made including Martin Luther King and Buzz Alden. I also heard a recommendation honoring Frank Rennie as suitable for the new school. I Just thought that we don't have that many schools named for people. While we are sitting in George Inness Annex, I think that a community as diverse as Montclair, we are probably overdue to adding a school named after an African American. I think that is a strong consideration. I also think that many times when we build buildings, if we are building on a new site , you are sort of free to choose whatever name you want but I think there is something about the history of the site and the importance to the neighborhood that perhaps will cause people to think and I think in the past before this Board of Education, we have heard Sandra Lang speak of the importance of that Y to the neighborhood and to the community and certainly for many people whose children learned to swim there from that part of town - so that's my comments on the new school.”

Leslie Larson expressed her concerns regarding sixth and eighth graders from Mt. Hebron attending movies. Ms. Larson noted that she was not objecting to the movie itself but hated to waste time that she felt time could be used more academically in light of the test scores.

Terry Trigg Scales responded that it is a tradition for Mt. Hebron.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	Absent	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

3. Contract Awards

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following contract award:

Resolution re: Award of Contract for Scholastic Read 180 and System 44

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 purchase of educational goods and services, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of reading intervention programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby award a contract to Scholastic for the purchase of Read 180 and System 44 at a cost of \$66,232,

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

Seconded by Carmen Taylor and approved by a roll call vote:

Ronald Riddick questioned what Scholastic Read 180 and System 44 programs were.

Dr. James Scagliotti responded that Scholastic Read 180 was a supplemental reading intervention program at Mt. Hebron School which addresses the needs of students who have not been proficient in State testing and addresses fluency and comprehension.

Dr. Scagliotti also stated that System 44, which is at Hillside School, is a program for the most challenged readers – it is a diagnostic assessment and is funded through ARRA.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___X___	_____
Shirley Grill	Absent	_____
Robert Kautz	___X___	_____
Leslie Larson	___X___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___X___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___X___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___X___	_____

4. Change Orders

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following change orders:

- a. Resolution re: Change Order #1 for Electrical Work for New Elementary School

Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by The Thomas Group, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 19, 2008, for Electrical Work for New Elementary School. The contract was awarded to Sal Electric Company, Inc., 83 Fleet Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07306, in the total amount of \$4,145,945 which includes the base bid of \$2,515,940 plus the alternates amounting to \$1,630,005.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 as follows:

- Labor and materials necessary to relocate the generator away from the PSE&G transformer. The move was dictated by PSE&G's clearance requirements around the transformer would not allow the proper manufacturer's recommended clearance around the generator. \$13,045.81

Total Amount of this change order: \$13,045.81

- b. Resolution re: Change Order #1 for Masonry Wall Repairs at George Inness School

Topic: 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.

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Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on June 23, 2009, for Masonry Wall Repairs at George Inness School. The contract was awarded to Chalet Construction Corporation, 13 Race Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, in the total amount of \$18,565.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 as follows:

As required by field conditions, fabricate and replace the top stainless steel surface of the cornice	\$2,900.00
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Total Amount of this change order:	\$2,900.00

- c. Resolution re: Change Order #3 for Building Automation System Installations at the Glenfield and Hillside Schools

Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Energy for America, Consultant for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on December 18, 2008, for Building Automation System Installations at the Glenfield and Hillside Schools. The contract was awarded to Wojchik Electric, Inc., 288 West Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, 07503, in the total amount of \$457,177.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #3 for an overall increase of \$17,537.19 for the following:

Install additional control transformers for powering control components;	\$17,537.19
Install additional damper actuators for four exhaust fans;	
Revise sensor type for ten duct sensors;	
Install new motor starters for two HV units;	
Install four additional control valves (sizes: 3/4", 1", 1-1/4", 2");	
Replace one 2", one 2-1/2", and three 3" control valves instead of retrofitting;	
Credit for payment of overtime to custodians for access to building.	
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Total Amount of this change order:	\$17,537.19

- d. Resolution re: Change Order #4 for Masonry Restoration at Various Schools

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Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on May 28, 2008, for Masonry Restoration at Various Schools. The contract was awarded to The Boca Bay Group, 16 South Avenue West, Suite 267, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, in the total amount of \$222,240.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #4 as follows:

Reduction in contract amount to reflect payment by Board of Education directly to C&A Contracting, LLC to satisfy lien and per correspondence received from Boca Bay dated 10/21/09 (copy)

(\$8,813.91)

Total Amount of this change order: (\$8,813.91)

- e. Resolution re: Change Order #4 & #5 for Theater Renovations at George Inness School

Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by Richard Rigolo, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on June 24, 2009, for Theater Renovations at George Inness School. The bid was awarded to Bismark Construction Corporation, 207-209 Berkeley Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, 07107, in the total amount of \$551,000.00 (base bid of \$570,000.00 plus alternate #2 for \$10,500.00 and less alternates #8 for -\$8,000.00, #11 for -\$10,000.00, #12 for -\$2,000.00, #13 for -\$9,500.00).

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change orders #4 and #5 as follows:

Change Order #4: As required by field conditions, supply four (4) surface mounted roton hinges for four (4) doors.

\$1,015.00

Change Order #5: As recommended by environmental consultant, removal and disposal of insulation over sound panels.

\$1,800.00

Total Change Orders

\$2,815.00

- f. Resolution re: Change Order #9 for Plumbing and Gas Fitting Work for New Elementary School

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Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by The Thomas Group, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 19, 2008, for Plumbing and Gas Fitting Work for New Elementary School. The contract was awarded to Annese Mechanical, 699 Cross Street, Unit 2, Lakewood, New Jersey, 08701, 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.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #9 for \$6,343.04 as follows:

Labor and material necessary to relocate the gas line according to the direction of PSE&G field inspection.	\$6,343.04
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Total Amount of this change order:	\$6,343.04
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- g. Resolution re: Change Orders #11 & #12 for General Construction for New Elementary School

Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared for the Board of Education by The Thomas Group, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on March 19, 2008, for General Construction for New Elementary School. The contract was awarded to Niram, Inc., 91 Fulton Street, Unit #4, Boonton, New Jersey, 07005, in the total amount of \$12,949,800.00 which includes the base bid of \$12,377,000 and alternates totaling \$572,800.00.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change orders #11 and #12 as follows:

<u>Change Order #11:</u> Provide the labor, material and equipment necessary to close off the area from the top of wall to the underside of roof deck in the gymnasium.	\$6,664.59
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<u>Change Order #12:</u> Framing at main foyer stairs per Tt sketch CA-A32, Niram PCO#14, framing under stairs to accommodate recessed lights and sprinkler lines.	\$11,705.00
<u>Total Amount of this change order:</u>	\$6,664.59

Total Amount of this change order:	\$11,705.00
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Seconded by Shelly Lombard and approved by a roll call vote:

Dana Sullivan reported that the Dana Theatre renovations at George Inness received a Certificate of Occupancy that morning.

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shirley Grill	Absent	<u> </u>
Robert Kautz	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Ronald Riddick	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Carmen Taylor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

N. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Members of the Public

Kelly Sweatt, 68 Elmwood Avenue, representing Montclair branch of NAACP, expressed her appreciation of John Carlton's comments regarding the new school.

Ms. Sweatt stated that the presentation regarding the Amistad Act was extremely helpful and a very healthy discussion was held as a result of that discussion.

Ms. Sweatt announced that their next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2010 and the topic will be financial aid. Ms. Sweatt invited everyone to attend, especially high school students since this information is important to them and their families during this difficult economic time.

O. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 11, 2009, and will open at 6:30 p.m. in public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public at approximately 7:30 p.m. in Atrium of the George Inness Annex, 141 Park Street.

At 9:42 p.m. Robert Kautz moved to return to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

At 10:15 p.m. Board returned to public session

Ronald Riddick moved to approve the following resolutions:

5. Resolutions re: Approval of Personnel Report

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Personnel Report of December 14, 2009, including the indicated individuals who have been hired under the Emergent Hiring Procedures as required by law.

6. Resolution re: Settlement Agreement to Resolve P.R's Educational Program

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Board of Education has forwarded a settlement Agreement in the matter of F.R. and G.R. on behalf of P.R., vs. the Montclair Board of Education.

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

7. 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the actions in the Out-of-District Placements of December 14, 2009.

Seconded by Robert Kautz and approved by a roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY
John Carlton	___X___	_____
Shirley Grill	Absent	_____
Robert Kautz	___X___	_____
Leslie Larson	___X___	_____
Shelly Lombard	___X___	_____
Ronald Riddick	___X___	_____
Carmen Taylor	___X___	_____

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:14 p.m. Ronald Riddick moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carmen Taylor and approved by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Sullivan

Board Secretary