

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:04p.m. *Ms. Larson* 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: *out of district placements*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

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

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

D. STATEMENTS

The meeting reconvened at 7:40p.m.

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

1. On Thursday, May 19, 2011 notice of this meeting was faxed to the Montclair Times, the Herald News and the Star-Ledger. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
2. On this same date a copy of said notice was filed with the Township Clerk and was posted at the public bulletin board in the first floor main hall of the Board of Education building, 22 Valley Road.
3. Copies have also been mailed to all persons who have requested same at no cost.

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

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data regarding yourself or others during this public meeting, this information may be collected and used by others. Accordingly, the Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and

employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Speakers should therefore carefully evaluate their statements for individual consequences under the law, and should obtain any appropriate professional advice prior to speaking."

E. THE PLEDGE OF THE ALLEGIANCE

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

F. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Staff Members	<u> 10 </u>	
Members of the Public	<u> 40 </u>	
Members of the Press	<u> 1 </u>	

G. MINUTES

Ms. Coke moved to approve the following minutes:

1. Special Public Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 26, 2012
2. Public Board Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012

Seconded by *Mr. Rosenblum* and approved by a vote of 7-0 with 0 abstentions.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Alvarez spoke about his announcement to step down from his position as Superintendent of the Montclair Public School District. He stated that it has been an absolute privilege and honor to serve the Montclair Community over the last almost nine years plus five as principal. He noted that during this time, he, the staff, administrators, and community have done some incredible work together.

Dr. Alvarez reported that recently the Tri-State Consortium visited the district and one of the things they said is that unlike other districts that they visited, there is a real sense here that not only is the staff incredibly talented and progressive in their thinking and willing to try new things, but they were so amazed at the knowledge that parents have about what's going on in the schools. So the fact that the community absolutely invested in what the district is doing and the fact that Montclair is truly a place where all have worked to create something very special here has given the district a great reputation.

He stated that he hopes that he has served the district well and it has been a privilege to do so.

Mrs. Lombard stated that the Board will have an opportunity to personally and officially thank Dr. Alvarez. As she stated to the press it was a surprise to the Board. She acknowledged that Dr. Alvarez has really worked his heart out for this district and is leaving the district in much better shape than he found it. She added that Dr. Alvarez accomplished many things that the Board wanted to do or see happen such as the small learning communities which opened in September. New programs such as Lucy Calkins, the turn-around at the high school and some of the changing of the guard at some of the other schools such as Mt. Hebron and adjustments in special education are really things the Board is excited about. She lamented that Dr. Alvarez is really going out on a high note. She concluded that being the superintendent of schools is really a hard job and Dr. Alvarez has done it for nine years where the average superintendent has been for three years. She stated that the Board really thanks him for his long nine years of service and great amount of hard work.

1. Preliminary Budget Presentation

Dr. Alvarez stated that a couple of things have happened in favor of the District in terms of the budget. The district received additional state aid and along with the healthy fund balance, we are able to present a budget with no increase to the tax levy. He added that the budget that is being presented does not reflect any cuts but actually restores and continues some positions, and also supports a lot of the current initiatives that have been put in place over the last few years.

Dr. Alvarez introduced Mrs. Sullivan to provide further information about the budget.

Mrs. Sullivan stated that state aid information was received about 4:00 pm Thursday afternoon. We are presenting an overview of where the budget is right now. At the end of this week, we will send the budget book and present more detailed information on March 5. Unfortunately, the Board will be required to adopt a tentative budget on March 5. The timelines are set by the State. We will then submit the budget to the County Superintendent for his review and then you will adopt the final budget on March 19, 2012.

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the following highlights of the budget:

- No increase to tax levy
- Additional revenue identified from fund balance and state aid
- Additional resources provided for instruction and student support
- No reduction to existing programs or staff
- \$1.9 million under state CAP of 2%
- \$950,000 deposit into Capital Reserve account

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the following break down for sources of revenue of the budget:

Source	Actual 11-12	Proposed 12-13	% Change
Local tax levy	\$97,509,698	\$97,509,698	0%
Basic state aid	\$4,648,780	\$6,586,651	41.7%
Extraordinary aid	\$425,000	\$600,000	41.2%
Spec ed Medicaid	\$79,459	\$80,853	1.8%
Fund balance	\$3,280,919	\$5,646,392	72.1%
Prior year's PO's	\$42,233	0	-100%
<u>Other revenue</u>	<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$106,321,089	\$110,758,594	4.2%
Adult School	\$499,520	\$557,554	11.6%
Education jobs fund	\$299,536	\$0	-100%
<u>Special revenue</u>	<u>\$4,379,511</u>	<u>\$2,913,122</u>	<u>-33.5%</u>
Total Budget	\$111,499,656	\$114,229,270	2.4%

Mrs. Sullivan stated that although more state aid was received than anticipated, percentage of the budget supported by state aid is still well below the percentage from years ago.

Mrs. Sullivan stated that last year the tax levy decreased by 3.6%, and this year there is a flat tax levy.

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about some of the following staffing additions made in the district:

- .8 Full Time Equivalent Mandarin Teachers were added and \$213,315 was added to the budget due to loss of the FLAP grant.
- 2.0 Full Time Equivalent High School Teachers –SLC's in the amount of \$100,000.
- 3.0 Full Time Equivalent SAC's –Elementary in the amount of \$150,000.
- Full Time SPED-Inclusion Specialist in the amount of \$90,000
- 2.5 Full Time MS Literacy Teachers in the amount of \$125,000
- Full Time MS Match Coaches in the amount of \$50,000
- .4 Full Time MS Math/SCI Teachers in the amount of \$25,000
- .5 Full Time Elementary Physical Education Teachers in the amount of \$25,000
- 0.6 Full Time Nurse in the amount of \$30,000
- Nurse's Aide in the amount of \$25,000

Total Staffing increase of 12.8 Full Time Equivalent Positions amounts to \$828,315

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the other increases to the budget as follows:

- IMANI in the amount of \$36,000
- MS after school programs in the amount of \$17,000
- SPED-Pre-k child find in the amount of \$60,000
- Sister to Sister program in the amount of \$5,000
- Teachers College Partnership in the amount of \$80,000
- Summer programs in the amount of \$14,570
- Elementary report card revision in the amount of \$10,000
- Education Excellence for NJ – teacher evaluation in the amount of \$20,000

Mrs. Sullivan also spoke about the one-time expenses as follows:

- Server Virtualization in the amount of \$130,000
- Mt. Hebron infrastructure in the amount of \$100,000
- Mt. Hebron learning labs in the amount of \$140,000
- Planetarium upgrade in the amount of \$75,000
- MHS facilities improvements in the amount of \$100,000
- Textbooks in the amount of \$374,000

The total of the one-time expenses amounts to \$1,219,000

Mrs. Sullivan stated that the capital budget is a 5-year model for planning purposes but we are requesting approval for 1-year which is the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$3.8 million and include the following:

- Roofing in the amount of \$749,000
- HVAC in the amount of \$50,000
- Site Improvements in the amount of \$40,000
- Environmental in the amount of \$50,000
- Heningburg Field in the amount of \$933,000
- Technology in the amount of \$0
- Other Projects in the amount of \$2,047,000

Mrs. Sullivan went on to explain about the costs for roofing and health and safety repairs as follows:

- Roofing
 - High School Auditorium and Science in the amount of \$690,000
 - Bradford in the amount of \$59,000
- Other
 - Boiler replacement and repairs to central heat plant in the amount of \$575,000
 - Sidewalks/Concrete repairs in the amount of \$336,000
 - Masonry/Waterproofing in the amount of \$283,000

- Exhaust Repairs in the amount of 15,000
- Kitchen Repairs in the amount of \$110,000

Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the costs for educational/aesthetics as follows:

- Mt. Hebron in the amount of \$370,000
 - Renovate classroom into Project Lead the Way Lab
- Nishuane Gym in the amount of \$18,000
 - Painting
- Renaissance Carpet and Floor Replacement in the amount of \$55,000
- Heningburg Field in the amount of \$933,000
 - Renovate and install Artificial Turf

Mrs. Sullivan concluded that other projects included in the capital budget include the following:

- District Wide Repairs
 - HVAC repairs in the amount of \$50,000
 - District wide Site Improvements in the amount of \$40,000
 - Environmental Issues in the amount of \$50,000
 - Floor Replacements in the amount of \$50,000
 - Security in the amount of \$30,000
 - Window repairs in the amount of \$20,000
- High School Cafeteria
 - Lights and ceiling replacement in the amount of \$63,000
- George Inness
 - Door replacements gyms and locker rooms in the amount of \$63,000
- Nishuane
 - Clock Replacements in the amount of \$28,000
- Northeast
 - Gutter replacement in the amount of \$16,000

The following items were tabled:

2. DOI Teacher Portal
3. Strategic Priorities Web Page

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

1. Second Reading of the following Board Policies

- a. P-1314 Fundraising by Outside Organizations
- b. P-1330 Use of School Facilities
- c. P-5118 Non-Residents

2. Committee Reports

a. Budget Committee

None.

b. Communications Committee

None.

c. Curriculum Committee

Dr. Allen-McMillan stated that the curriculum subcommittee met with Dr. Weller. It was a very exciting meeting and she was very responsive to the Board as a whole and to several time sensitive items that were brought to her attention.

d. Facilities and Enrollment Advisory Committee

None.

e. Personnel Committee

Mrs. Lombard stated that they will form a subcommittee of the board to look for a search firm to handle the superintendent search. They will be conducting focus groups and talking with community members and residents about the qualities that they will be looking for in a new superintendent. Then they will select candidates and the subcommittee and the full board will interview them.

Mrs. Lombard spoke about the Board's idea and goal of restructuring the district in efforts to look at several options should unexpected expenses arise.

f. Special Needs Committee

None.

J. COMMENTS

1. PTA

None.

2. MEA

Gayl Shephard, President of the MEA spoke about world language on the elementary level and how it would make Montclair students far more marketable if they receive this in their curriculum.

Mrs. Shephard spoke about the additional labor and success of teachers in the district and how they have gone above and beyond their tasks to benefit the students in the district. She asked that the Board dig a little deeper to show greater appreciation for the work of the teachers and staff in the school district.

Linda Lendman, thanked the Board for the decision they made in regards to the social and emotional learning and academic achievement.

Drury Thorpe, Treasurer of the MEA spoke about the media specialists and reinstating the positions previously cut in the district. She also spoke about the New Jersey teacher evaluation and how she feels that Montclair should not wait for the state to evaluate teachers rather have the teachers and principals begin the discussions right away.

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

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

L. GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Kulwin moved to approve the following resolutions:

1. Resolution re: Adoption of Board Policy 1314 Fundraising by Outside Organizations

WHEREAS, The board of education must determine and approve the policies necessary to guide the decision-making process governing all activities of the schools. and

WHEREAS, It must revise its policies as necessary so that they conform to changes in state code or law:

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves those changes to policy 1314.

2. Resolution re: Adoption of Board Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities

WHEREAS, The board of education must determine and approve the policies necessary to guide the decision-making process governing all activities of the schools. and

WHEREAS, It must revise its policies as necessary so that they conform to changes in state code or law:

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves those changes to policy 1330.

3. Resolution re: Adoption of Board Policy 5118 Non-Residents as Amended

WHEREAS, The board of education must determine and approve the policies necessary to guide the decision-making process governing all activities of the schools. and

WHEREAS, It must revise its policies as necessary so that they conform to changes in state code or law:

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves those changes to policy 5118.

4. Resolution re: Approval of the Revised School Field Trips

WHEREAS, The new jersey department of education accountability regulations require approval of all school related field trips by the board of education and,

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

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

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
3-13-12	Bradford	2	Durber	Montclair Art Museum	0	Artlink Program
3-15-12	Bradford	K	Cahill	Northland RR Exhibit- Flemington N J	\$15	We are studying trains and transportation
3-19-12	Bradford	K-5	O'Sullivan	MSU	\$15	Generalization of attending receptive and expressive language and socialization skills
3-9-12	Bradford	ABA	Roselle	Big Apple Circus- Bridgewater, NJ	\$15	To promote and generalize receptive and expressive languages skills and community skills

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
5-15-12	Bradford	K	Metzinger	Theatreworks, Mtc.	\$9	We are studying the author Barbara Park. This trip will reinforce our classroom curriculum while expanding their understanding of the performing arts.
3-9-12	Bradford	K	Metzinger	Theatreworks, Mtc	\$9	We are studying the author Judy Schacher. This theatre trip will reinforce our classroom curriculum while expanding their understanding of the performing arts
3-8-12	Bradford	K-3	Macaluso	SCPC Environmental Educational Center, Basking Ridge, NJ	\$15	Students will learn about the process of maple sugaring
3-21-12	Glenfield	6	Kitts	Lincoln Center, NY	\$20	Students will tour facility and attend "Verbal Velocity" an interactive poetry slam theatre piece.
3-19-12	Glenfield	7	Castaldo	MSU	\$15	Generalize receptive and expressive language skills, socialization and community skills
3-13-12 and 3-14-12	Mt. Hebron	6	Harewood	Aroma Palace Indian Rest. Mtc	\$20	Cultural learning extended from the classroom study of early India

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
3-9-12	Mt. Hebron	6-8	Brooks	Big Apple Circus, Bridgewater, NJ	\$25	To develop social and speech skills by meeting students in other life skills classes, to prepare for transition between middle and high school by meeting future teachers and peers
3-13-12	Mt. Hebron	6-8	LaStella	Middlesex Community College, Edison	0	State Tournament
5-31-12 to 6-1-12	Mt. Hebron	6	Thomas	Historic Pennsylvania	\$265	The trip is the culmination and reward of the year long reading incentive program
3-20-12	Hillside	4	Valentine	Mayo Center of the Arts, Morristown, NJ	\$15	To explore math and science in an educational and comedic show.
3-20-12	Edgemont	5	Heuschkel	Museum of Natural History, NYC	\$25	Follow up activity to Earth Science unit of study
3-5-12	Northeast	4 & 5	Dey	MHS	0	MYEC dress rehearsal
3-23-12	Watchung	5	Armstrong	MSU	\$2	We are visiting a live television studio for a tour
3-2-12	Bullock	4	Kaelin	Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ	\$15	Students are studying the Revolutionary War within NJ
3-14-12 to 3-18-12	MHS	9-12	Jennings	Orlando, Florida	\$500	Preseason lacrosse training – 3 scrimmages and community service

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS						
DATE OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE
3-28-12	MHS	9-12	Nagorka	MSU	\$3	Students are introduced to MSU campus and the chemistry of clay by participating in outdoor RAKU firing
3-13-12	MHS	10-12	Orso	Middlesex County College	0	Competition in state finals of the NJ Science Olympics
5-12-12	MHS	10-12	Pancheekha	NJIT	0	Compete with other schools in applying chemistry knowledge

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

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

M. BUSINESS

- Resolution re: Monthly Budget Reports and Bills and Claims

Dr. Allen-McMillan moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23-2.11³, 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 February, 2012 in the amount of \$2,652,986.85, Supplemental Bills and Claims list for the month of January, 2012 in the amount of \$ 214,742.27, and the attached Appropriation Adjustments for the month of January, 2012 in the amount of \$380,919.53

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair for the month of February, 2012 in the amount of \$8,000,000.00,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges Receipts of the attached Budget Reports for the month of January, 2012, the Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2012; the Revised Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2011, and the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2012. (*Attachment A*)

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

2. Resolutions

Dr. Allen-McMillan moved to approve the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution re: Amendment to Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP)

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education submitted the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) in 2005, and

WHEREAS, the capital budget includes projects not included in the LRFP, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed renovations must be included in the District's Long Range Facilities Plan that was submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the following proposed renovations were not included in the original submission of the LRFP:

- Roofing Replacement, Sidewalks and Masonry Waterproofing at Bradford School
- Masonry Restoration at Edgemont School
- Masonry Restoration and Sidewalk Repairs at Glenfield School

- Stair Platforms, Boiler Replacement and Heating Plant Renovations at Hillside School
- Roofing Replacement, Cafeteria Lights/Ceiling Replacement, Exhaust for Chemical Supply Room, Pavement Reinforcement and Drainage, and Oil Tank Removal at the High School
- Door Replacements at the George Inness Annex
- Pre-engineering Classroom at Mt. Hebron School
- Water Proofing, Masonry Repairs, Gym Painting, Step Restoration, Clock Replacement, Food Service Renovations, Floor Replacement at Nishuane School
- Gutter Replacement at Northeast School
- Carpet Removal and Replacement at Renaissance School
- Sidewalk and Wall Replacement at Watchung School
- Renovation of Heningburg Field

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of an amendment to the District's Long Range Facilities Plan to include the renovations listed above.

- b. Resolution re: Approval of Settlement Agreement of Case with Docket No. ESX-L-1306-10

The Montclair Board of Education hereby resolves to authorize settlement of the case docketed as Docket No.: ESX-L-1306-10, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the release and settlement agreement. Finding that it is in the school district's best interests, the Board authorizes the payment of \$10,000.00 in accordance with the terms of the release and settlement agreement to resolve this matter. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Board Attorney to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

The Board passed this resolution by
a vote of _____ out of _____

Certified to by the Board Secretary

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- c. Resolution re: Approval of Submission of the HIPP Foundation Grant

WHEREAS, the HIPP Foundation, through the NJEA, offers grant funds to school districts, and

WHEREAS, Mt. Hebron has prepared the attached application to fund activities in the greenhouse,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the attached grant.

d. Resolution re: Authorizing the Procurement of Goods and Services through State Agency for the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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 below:

M7000 09-r-21015	Data Communication Equipment and Associated OEM Maintenance	CISCO Systems	73979
M7000 09-r-21015	Data Communication Equipment and Associated OEM Maintenance	Promedia Technology Services, Inc.	73979

e. Resolution re: Approval of Conference and Travel Expenses

WHEREAS, New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 23B and Board of Education policy require approval of the Board of Education prior to expending Board of Education funds for travel and related expenses, and

WHEREAS, the travel must be directly related to the employee's or Board member's current responsibilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board members and employees are approved for travel-related reimbursements for an amount up to the estimated cost indicated:

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES					
CONFERENCE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
Essex County Academic Awards Banquet	Frank Alvarez Felice Harrison Barbara Weller	Central Office Central Office DOI	\$50.00	County Superintendent Office.	Belleville, NJ

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

CONFERENCE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
FLENJ Conference	Mary Curran Pei-Chin Liu	FLAP Grant FLAP Grant	\$210.00 \$150.00	The FLAP Grant provides fund for Dr. Mary Curran of Rutgers University to attend the FLENJ Conference with other language educators in New Jersey.	Somerset, NJ
NECTFL	Lucy Lee Shu Fen Cheng Mary Curran	FLAP Grant FLAP Grant FLAP Grant	\$1,166.50 \$ 927.40 \$1,166.50	To provide further support to Montclair Chinese teachers	Baltimore, MD
National Chinese Language Conference	Lucy Lee Janice Dowd	FLAP Grant FLAP Grant	\$1,681.50 \$2,023.50	She will be presenting on the Montclair STEM units that were created as a result of the FLAP Grant	Washington, DC
First Championship	Joanne Petrigliano Michael Barouch	MHS MHS	\$1,835.00 \$1,885.00	Chaperoning the Robotics Team #555 to first championships.	St. Louis, MO
ELL Achievement of the Common Core State Standards	Orah Massarsky	MHS	\$149.00	The conference will provide guidance on how to maximize access to and support ELL achievement of the common core state standards	Kean University
Bridging the Gap- Sp. Ed Meets Gen. Ed.	Courtney Anderson Elaine Rose Sarah Kornblum Janet Schultz Leon	Glen. Glen. Glen. Mt. Heb.	\$90.00 \$90.00 \$90.00 \$90.00	How to best prepare students in special education for the regular education classroom and addressing challenges students	Ramapo College of NJ

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES					
CONFERENCE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
				face with special needs face when transitioning.	
PRISM Workshop	Elizabeth Facey	Glen.	\$1,000.00	To enhance life science curriculum	Montclair State University
IEP Development	Donna Karanja Erica Nivens Michael Cole Lynn Coyle Gail Derivan Lindsay Reddington Soukaina Barnes Kristina Whitman Miya Thompson-Smith Marli Klar Ruby Campbell	Pupil Services	\$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00 \$11.00	To gain an understanding of the IEP decision making process and learning how to create documents that bring together the collaborative perspective of education and student.	East Orange, NJ
Constance Foland and Sophie Trecker	Trish Asaro Mary Genneken	Northeast Northeast	\$100.00 \$100.00	Claritive teaching is a new model at Northeast. The district is recommending this training.	Edison, NJ
STS Conference 2012	Gisela Aultomon	Trans.	\$612.46	This conference will provide professional development in the area of pupil transportation.	Atlantic City, NJ
NJASBO 50 th Annual Conference	Dana Sullivan	Bus.	\$557.00	Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ
NCTM 2012 Annual Meeting and Expo	Barbara Weller	DOI	\$1,620.00	To gain contemporary information on teaching and learning mathematics.	Philadelphia, PA

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL EXPENSES					
CONFERENCE	BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE	SCHOOL DEPT.	ESTIMATED COST	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE	LOCATION
NJECC	Alecia Wells	Mt. Heb.	\$110.00	This conference will provide technology skills such as infusion of technology and digital age teaching and learning to assist in the development of technology supported learning commons.	Montclair State University
	Didier White	Mt. Heb.	\$110.00		
	Sandy Egan	Mt. Heb.	\$110.00		
	Curtis Hall	Mt Heb.	\$110.00		
Autism New Jersey	Sharon Balsamo	Brad.	\$120.00	Instructional control through positive reinforcement will increase student effort without increasing problem behaviors.	Iselin, NJ
	Christina Chatlos	Brad.	\$120.00		
	Vanessa Ehrmann	Brad.	\$120.00		

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that reimbursement will be made for expenses that are in accordance with Board of Education policy and for which original receipts are submitted to the Business Office.

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. Change Orders

Dr. Allen-McMillan moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution re: Approval of Change Order #1 for Emergency Power Systems Upgrades at Mt. Hebron School

Topic: Supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$36,000 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 April 7, 2011, for Emergency Power Systems Upgrades at Mt. Hebron School. The contract was awarded to TSUJ Corporation, PO Box 4621, Wayne, New Jersey, 07474, in the total amount \$109,500.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #1 for a credit amount of \$2,500 to delete fire rating of electrical feeder not required by code.

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shelly Lombard	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Norman Rosenblum	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deborah Wilson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. Resolution re: Approval of Out-of-District Placements

Ms. Larson moved to approve the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the Out-of-District Placements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the actions attached in the Out-of-District Placements of February 27, 2012. (*Attachment B*)

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

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Angelica Allen-McMillan	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tanya Coke	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Robin Kulwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Leslie Larson	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

N. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

None.

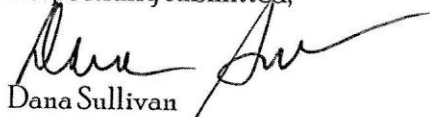
O. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 and will open at 7:00 p.m. public but will go immediately into executive session. The meeting will reconvene in public approximately at 7:30 p.m. in the Atrium of the George Innes Annex, 141 Park Street.

P. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m. *Ms. Larson* moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by *Ms. Coke* and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Dana Sullivan
Board Secretary