

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

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A. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:30 pm

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following

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

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

- a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law;
- a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds;
- any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting
- deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss.
- matters of attorney-client privilege

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

Seconded by Laura Hertzog and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:30 pm

E. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

F. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

G. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x	
Jevon Caldwell-Gross		x
Laura Hertzog	x	
Joseph Kavesh	x	
Anne Mernin	x	
Eve Robinson	x	
Franklin Turner	x	

Staff Members	2
Members of the Public	20
Members of the Press	1

H. COMMITTEE, LIAISON AND CONFERENCE REPORTING

1. Discussion of resolutions for NJSBA

I. SEARCH UPDATES

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

K. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

2. Universal Pre-K and Reorganization Plan
3. AVID
4. World Language
5. Budget
6. School Calendar
7. Student Teaching Video Taping
8. BOE Workshop Topic List
9. Review of Draft Agenda for Monday, February 27, 2017 meeting

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board will allow time for the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.

M. BUSINESS OFFICE

Anne Mernin moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Resolution Re: Rejection of Bid For Site Improvements at Various Schools (1)

WHEREAS, supplies, equipment and services anticipated to be in excess of \$40,000 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 Parette Somjen, Architect for the Montclair Board of Education, advertised, and sealed bids received on May 29, 2016 (fifteen (15) companies received copies of the bid and two (2) bids were received) and on January 10, 2017 (seventeen (17) companies received copies of the bid and six (6) bids were received) for Site Improvements at Various Schools,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the rejection of the bid because the bid exceeded the appropriation and the cost estimate for the project for the second time.

Seconded by Eve Robinson and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

2. Resolution Re: Project Application and Schematic Plans for New Storage Building at Woodman Field

Anne Mernin moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education needs to replace the existing deteriorated storage building at Woodman Field with a new structure, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6:26 requires the submission of a Project Application and Drawings for all projects, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, the proposed project is included in the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was previously submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of the Project Application and Drawings to the Department of Education, Bureau of Facility Planning Services by Parette Somjen Architects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be an "Other Capital" project and the Board of Education is not seeking State funding but will fund the Project through the District's Capital Projects funding.

Seconded by Eve Robinson and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

N. NEW RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Re: Approval of Independent Consultant’s Agreement

Eve Robinson moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the Consultant Agreement with Barbara Pinsak from March 1, 2017 through March 16, 2017 at a per diem rate of \$682.69

Seconded by Laura Hertzog and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

2. Resolution Re: Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools

Eve Robinson moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints and approves Barbara Pinsak as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective March 17, 2017 through June 30, 2017 pursuant to the employment contract approved by the Essex Executive County Superintendent.

Seconded by Laura Hertzog and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x

Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

O. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the George Inness Annex Atrium. The meeting will open in public and immediately go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm.

P. ADJOURNMENT at 10:05 pm

Jessica de Koninck moved to adjourn:

Seconded by Laura Hertzog and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x
Laura Hertzog	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			