

BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

BUDGET ADOPTION

AND

PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD ON

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017 AT 8:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
205 CLAREMONT AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order at 8:05 pm
- II. Statements
 - 1. Meeting Notice
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call

| | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Mayor Jackson | X | |
| Rich McMahon | X | |
| William Hurlock | X | |
| Jessica de Koninck | X | |
| Joe Kavesh | X | |

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| Staff Members | 3 |
| Members of the Public | 50 |
| Members of the Press | 2 |

- V. Further Discussion of the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget

- VI. Receive Comments from the Public Concerning the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget
- VII. Resolution Re: Acknowledge Receipt of Certificate From the Montclair Board of Education to the Montclair Board of School Estimate Relating to the 2017-2018 Operating Budget

Robert Jackson moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education forwarded the attached Certificate to the Board of School Estimate relating to the School District Budget for the 2017-2018 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of School Estimate acknowledges receipt of the Certificate (attached).

CERTIFICATE
FROM THE
MONTCLAIR BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

Resolution adopted by the Montclair Board of Education at a conference meeting held on Monday, March 30, 2017, at the Montclair Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey, relating to the school district budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education's 2017-2018 tentative budget was submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 7, 2017 and has been approved.

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education’s 2017-2018 proposed budget is utilizing a health care cost adjustment to the 2% tax levy in the amount of \$351,518 and Medicaid Reimbursement (SEMI) revenues of \$87,794.

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Debt Service Fund | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2017-2018 Total Expenditures | \$ 120,266,410 | \$ 2,730,725 | \$ -0- | \$ 122,997,135 |
| Less Anticipated Revenues | \$ 7,794,862 | \$ 2,730,725 | \$ -0- | \$ 10,525,587 |
| Taxes to be Raised | \$ 112,471,548 | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ 112,471,548 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education’s 2017-2018 proposed budget has been advertised in the Herald News on March 13, 2017 and the Montclair Times on March 16, 2017 in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law.

This is to certify that at a public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education held on Monday, March 30, 2017, at the Montclair Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue,, Montclair, New Jersey, attended by seven Board members, the attached resolution was duly adopted.

Board Members voting “aye” were:

Jessica de Koninck

Anne Mernin

Laura Hertzog

Eve Robinson

Jevon-Caldwell-Gross

Franklin Turner

Board Members voting “nay” were:

Joseph Kavesh

Board Members absent were:

None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, has hereunder set his hand and affixed the seal of said Board this thirtieth day of March, 2017.

Steven DiGeronimo

Interim Business Administrator

Seconded by William Hurlock and approved by a vote of 5-0

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Jackson | x | | | |
| Rich McMahon | x | | | |
| William Hurlock | x | | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |
| Joe Kavesh | x | | | |

Members of the Board of School Estimate commented on the 2017-2018 Budget. Mayor Jackson suggested increasing the tax levy by an additional \$165,000.00.

VIII. Robert Jackson moved for a 10 minute recess

Seconded by Joe Kavesh and approved by a vote of 5-0

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Jackson | x | | | |
| Rich McMahon | x | | | |
| William Hurlock | x | | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |
| Joe Kavesh | x | | | |

IX. Resolution Re: Adoption of the Final 2017-2018 Budget

Jessica de Koninck moved to approve the following resolution:

- WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education’s 2017-2018 tentative budget was submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 7, 2017 and has been approved.
- WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education’s 2017-2018 proposed budget is utilizing a health care cost adjustment to the 2% tax levy in the amount of \$351,518 and Medicaid Reimbursement (SEMI) revenues of \$87,794.
- WHEREAS, the Board of School Estimate at the March 30, 2017 meeting proposed the use of a Separate Proposal of \$165,000 to provide for additional instructional staff for the 2017-2018 school year increasing the tax rate to 2.47% from 2.32%.

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Debt Service Fund | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2017-2018 Total Expenditures | \$ 120,431,410 | \$ 2,730,725 | \$ -0- | \$ 123,162,135 |
| Less Anticipated Revenues | \$ 7,794,862 | \$ 2,730,725 | \$ -0- | \$ 10,525,587 |
| Taxes to be Raised | \$ 112,636,548 | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$ 112,636,548 |

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education approves the final 2017-2018 General Fund budget of \$120,431,410 which included a Separate Proposal of \$165,000 to provide for additional instructional staff and a tax levy of \$112,636,548 as approved by the Board of School Estimate on March 30, 2017.

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 BUDGET

- WHEREAS, NJSA Title 18A:22-14 requires that the Board of School Estimate fix and determine by official action the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the use of the public schools in the district for ensuing year and,
- WHEREAS, NJAC 6:19-5.2 requires that if the amount of money appropriated by the board of school estimate is less than the amount proposed by the board of education, the board of school estimate shall present to the board of education, the governing body and the county superintendent a statement of the specific line-item reductions made by the board of school estimate, along with a certification that the board of school estimate has reviewed the budget proposed by the board of education and deems the revised budget sufficient for provision of a thorough and efficient system of

education and that the reductions will not adversely affect the stability of the district given the need for long term planning and budgeting,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of School Estimate, after careful study and due deliberation, does hereby approve a FY 2017-2018 school district tax levy in the amount of One Hundred Twelve Million, Six Hundred Thirty Six Thousand, Five Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$112,636,548).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of School Estimate approves a Separate Proposal of \$165,000.00 to provide for additional instructional staff and that the Board of School Estimate does hereby certify said amount to the governing body of the Township of Montclair pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-19.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Secretary is hereby instructed to prepare two certificates of this action, one to be sent to the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair, and the other to the Council of the Township of Montclair.

Seconded by Robert Jackson and approved by a vote of 3-2

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Jackson | x | | | |
| Rich McMahon | | x | | |
| William Hurlock | | x | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |
| Joe Kavesh | x | | | |

- X. Resolution Re: Acknowledge Receipt of Revised Certificate From the Montclair Board of Education to the Montclair Board of School Estimate Relating to the 2017-2018 Operating Budget

Robert Jackson moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education forwarded the attached revised Certificate to the Board of School Estimate relating to the School District Budget for the 2017-2018 school year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of School Estimate acknowledges receipt of the Certificate (attached).

CERTIFICATE
FROM THE
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TO THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE
OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

Resolution adopted by the Montclair Board of Education at a conference meeting held on Monday, March 30, 2017, at the Montclair Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey, relating to the revised school district budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

| Board of School Estimate Montclair, New Jersey | Aye | Voting Nay |
|---|-----|---------------|
| _____ Mayor Robert Jackson | X | |
| _____ Councilor William Hurlock | | X |
| _____ Councilor Rich McMahon | X | |
| _____ Jessica de Koninck | X | |
| _____ Joseph Kavesh | X | |

ATTEST:

Steven DiGeronimo
State of New Jersey
County of Essex

Steven DiGeronimo, being duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says:

- A. I am Secretary of the Board of School Estimate of the Township of Montclair, County of Essex, State of New Jersey.
- B. I was present at the meeting of the said Board of School Estimate held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey, and I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted at this meeting.

Steven DiGeronimo
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Sworn and subscribed to before me on this _____ day of _____, 2017

Notary – State of New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education accepts the changes approved by the Board of School Estimate regarding the 2017-2018 budget.

Seconded by Joe Kavesh and approved by a vote of 4-1

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Jackson | x | | | |
| Rich McMahon | x | | | |
| William Hurlock | | x | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |
| Joe Kavesh | x | | | |

XI. Adjournment at 9:30 pm

Robert Jackson moved to adjourn:

Seconded by Joe Kavesh and approved by a vote of 5-0

| | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Mayor Jackson | x | | | |
| Rich McMahon | x | | | |
| William Hurlock | x | | | |
| Jessica de Koninck | x | | | |
| Joe Kavesh | x | | | |