

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 AT 6:30 PM
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141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

- A. CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 pm
B. 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	

- C. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE to **Anne Mernin and Jessica de Koninck** by the Township Clerk,
Linda Wanat
D. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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;
- material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;
- 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
- pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or 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 Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 7-0

	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			

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

F. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:45 pm

G. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

H. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Jessica de Koninck	x	
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x	Left at 10:15pm
Laura Hertzog	x	
Joseph Kavesh	x	
Anne Mernin	x	
Eve Robinson	x	
Franklin Turner	x	

Staff Members	10
Members of the Public	150
Members of the Press	4

J. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Election of President

a. Nominations for Board President

Nominee: Laura Hertzog

Joe Kavesh moved to nominate
Nomination seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross

- b. Roll Call Vote on Nomination of Laura Hertzog
 Approved by a vote of 7-0

	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. Meeting Turned Over to Board President, Laura Hertzog
 3. Election of Vice President
 a. Nominations for Board Vice President

Nominee: Franklin Turner
Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to nominate
Nomination seconded by Laura Hertzog

Nominee: Eve Robinson
Jessica de Koninck moved to nominate
Nomination seconded by Anne Mernin

- b. Roll Call Vote on Nomination of Franklin Turner
 Approved by a vote of 4-3

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

K. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Resolution Re: Ms. Loretta Hodge

Jessica de Koninck moved to approve the following resolution:

- Whereas,** Ms. Loretta Hodge served the students of the community of Montclair, New Jersey, and
- Whereas,** throughout her 35-year career in Montclair, her caring devotion made her an outstanding teacher, administrator and counselor, and an integral part of life at Montclair High School, and
- Whereas,** numerous students, staff, and community members benefited greatly from her direct and caring contact with them on a day to day basis, and
- Whereas,** the great personal loss from her passing has left a void in the community of Montclair that has been deeply felt by all, therefore;
- Be it Resolved:** that the Montclair Board of Education joins her family in expressing its feeling of great loss and sorrow over the passing of Ms. Loretta Hodge, and further
- Be it Resolved:** that the Montclair Board of Education expresses to her family its great appreciation for the services provided by Ms. Hodge on behalf of the children of Montclair.

Seconded by Eve Robinson and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

M. REORGANIZATION ITEMS

1. Resolution Re: Adoption of School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board Members for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

- WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 requires each Board of Education to adopt a School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics for School Board members, and
- WHEREAS, policies and procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members were received and discussed, and
- WHEREAS, each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics (attached), and
- WHEREAS, Board of Education members received training in the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics, and

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

18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate

information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

L.2001,c.178,s.5.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

- 2. Resolution Re: Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent in a Board of Education Subject to the Provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 18A:18A-3 permits a board of education to authorize its purchasing agent to award contracts that do not exceed in a contract year the annual limit as established by the Governor, and

WHEREAS, local boards of education have been advised by the Local Finance Board through (LFN 2010-13) that the Governor has authorized the following bid and quotation thresholds effective July 1, 2015,

	Bid Threshold	Quotation Threshold
Base Amount	\$29,000	\$4,350
With Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$40,000	\$6,000

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education increased its bid and quotation thresholds on 8/24/15 as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3,

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

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Steven DiGeronimo, Secretary of the Montclair Board of Education, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of this Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Montclair Board of Education, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at its meeting of said governing body.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

3. Resolution Re: Appointment of Anti-Bullying Coordinator

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Andrew Evangelista is hereby appointed as Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until such time as a successor is duly appointed and qualified. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:37-20.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

4. Resolution Re: Appointment of an Auditor

Anne Mernin moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the auditing firm of Nisivoccia LLP, public school accountant, be and hereby is appointed as auditor to the Montclair Board of Education, effective immediately and until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board at an annual rate of \$80,470.00. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 23-8

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

5. Resolution Re: Appointment of Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary for the 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Steven DiGeronimo is hereby appointed Board Secretary and Barbara Pinsak is hereby appointed Assistant Board Secretary to the Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board or until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 16-1.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			

Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

6. Resolution Re: Appointment of Chemical Hygiene Officer and Right to Know Officer for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Program Hazard Communication Standard (PEOSH HCS) and New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 12:100-7 requires public employers to appoint a Chemical Hygiene Officer and a Right To Know Officer, and

WHEREAS, this program applies to all work operations in and around our schools where employees are exposed to or may be exposed to hazardous chemicals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education appoints Bob Dworkin of Garden State Environmental as the Chemical Hygiene Officer and Right To Know Officer at a rate of \$125/hour for the 2017-2018 school year.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

7. Resolution Re: Appointment of Custodians of School Records for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education appoints Steven DiGeronimo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Barbara Pinsak, Interim Superintendent of Schools, as the Custodians of Records, and

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

Letter Sized Pages .05 per page

Legal Sized Pages .07 per page

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

8. Resolution Re: Appointment of Engineer for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the engineering firm of Energy for America, Inc. is hereby appointed as Engineer of Record for the Montclair Board of Education at a fee of 8.25% of the actual bid in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1). The Board reserves the right to solicit proposals from other engineers.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

9. Resolution Re: Appointment of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Leonard Saponara is hereby appointed as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board or until his respective successor is duly appointed and qualified. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:30.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

10. Resolution Re: Appointment of Member to the Civil Rights Commission

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Dr. Felice A. Harrison-Crawford be, and hereby is appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the Civil Rights Commission, until the next organizational meeting of the Board or until the appointment and qualification of her successor.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 6-0-1

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

11. Resolution Re: Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Steven DiGeronimo is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the Montclair Board of Education, to serve in such office until the next organizational meeting of the Board or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

12. Resolution Re: Appointment of a Treasurer of School Monies for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Andrea Del Guercio be and hereby is retained as Treasurer of School Monies to the Montclair Board of Education to serve in such office until the next reorganizational meeting of the Board. This appointment is made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-31.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

13. Resolution Re: Approval of Banks as Board Depositories for Student Activity Accounts and Designation of Signatories

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

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

Attachment A

Bradford School: TD BANK

Naomi Kirkman
Jackie Dorman
Nadine Heron-Fortune

Edgemont School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Cheryl Hopper
Lori Mascellino
Nancy Otskey

Glenfield School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Joseph Putrino
Mary Nippes
Patricia Macaluso

High School & Athletics: VALLEY NATIONAL

BANK
James Earle Sue Varlese
Jeffrey Gannon Kim Covello
John Jeffries Monica Smith

Hillside School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Samanthaa Anglin
Patrick Krenn
Stacey Best

Mt. Hebron: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Jill Sack
Major Jennings
Cheryl Cottle

Nishuane School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Northeast School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Jill McLaughlin
 Joan Ruggiero

Gail Clarke
 Diane Pugliese

Charles H. Bullock School: VALLEY NATIONAL

Renaissance School: VALLEY NATIONAL

BANK

BANK

Nami Kuwabara
 Marty Turlin

Edward Wilson
 Degra Aulderman

Watchung School: VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

Anthony Grosso
 Jeanne Heimlich

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

14. Resolution Re: Approval of Certified Staff for Home Instruction for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves all district certificated staff to provide home instruction as assigned for the 2017-2018 school year.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

15. Resolution Re: Approval of Five Year Curriculum Review Plan for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Curriculum Development Schedule – 5 Year Plan
 2017-2018 School Year

Curriculum Areas	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Science K-12	P/I (6, 9-12) A/P (7-8) E (K-5)	I (6-7, 9-12) A/P (8) A (3-5) A (K-2)	E (9-12) I (6-8) A (3-5) A (K-2)	E (6-12) A, P (K-5)	E (6-12) I (K-5)
Math K-12	P/I	E (K-5 & 9-12) A/P (6-8)	I (K-2) (3-5) P(6-8) A/P (9-12)	(K-5) P(6-8) P/I(9-12)	I (K-5) I (6-12)
Language Arts K-12	P (K-5) I (6-12)	I (K-5, 9-12) P (6-8)	P (K-5) (9-12) I (6-8)	I (K-5) A (6-12)	I (K-5) P (6-12)
Social Studies K-12	E	E (6-12) A/P (K-5)	E (K-5, 9-12) I (6-8)	A (K-5) E (6-8) E (9-12)	A (K-5) E (6-12)
World Languages K-12	E	E (6-12) A (K-5)	E/I (9-12) A/P (K-5)	A/I (9-12) A/I (K-5)	P (K-12)
Physical Education & Comprehensive Health K-12	E	A/P	I	I(PE) A,P (Health)	I (P.E.) P/I Health
21 st Century Life and Careers K-12	E	A/P	I	E	E
Visual and Performing Arts K-12	E	E (9-12) A (K-8)	I (9-12) E (K-8)	A/I (9-12) I (K-8)	I (9-12) I (K-8)
Technology Literacy K-12	E	A/P	I	E,A,P	P,I (K-12) E (6-12)

A-Assess (utilize updated state standards and mandates, effectiveness and alignment with district curricula)

P-Plan/Pilot (standards, resources, accommodations)

I-Implement (principals, teachers, professional development, feedback, revisions)

E-Evaluate (additional feedback, student performance, review state changes, make revisions as needed)

21ST Century Life and Careers are interdisciplinary and incorporated in each curriculum content area.

Department of Curriculum & Instruction: Revised May 15, 2017

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

16. Resolution Re: Approval of 2017-2018 Tuition Rates

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 Tuition

Rates as follows:

Pre-K/Kindergarten	\$ 12,964
Grades 1-5	\$ 14,421
Grades 6-8	\$ 15,304
Grades 9-12	\$ 14,444
Cognitive Mild	\$ 13,174
Learning and/or Language Disabled	\$ 15,970
Behavior Disabled	\$ 32,664
Multiple Disabilities	\$ 28,327
Autism	\$ 24,041
Pre-School Handicapped Full-Time	\$ 17,826

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

17. Resolution Re: Authorization of Petty Cash Funds for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Business Office \$3,000

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum allowable individual expenditure shall be \$600 for the Business Office, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board Secretary shall be the custodian of the Business Office fund.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

18. Resolution Re: Award of Contracts for Professional Services 2017-2018
 Fiscal Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any purchase, contract or agreement...may be made, negotiated and awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids...", and

WHEREAS, the nature of these contract awards generally relate to the provision of professional services,

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has in past years received proposals from various firms providing said professional services, has appointed these firms as the appropriate agents for the Montclair Board of Education, and has been satisfied with the performance of these individual firms during the 2016-2017 fiscal year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint: Bruce Linger of Lincoln National and Michael Schiller, Alan Friedman, and Jeff Somerstein of Axa Equitable as 403B and 457 tax shelter deferred annuity plans at no fee to the district; said appointments being made pursuant to 18A:18A-5(a) 10 "insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services,...", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby appoint the firm of Edu-Met Interactive Systems Company for the maintenance of computerized software at an annual fee of \$50,045; said appointment being made pursuant to 18A:18A-4.1a, and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education, after careful study and due deliberation does hereby appoint the firm of Unum Provident Corporation to administer our Long Term Disability coverage for the 2016-2017 school year at an estimated annual rate of \$46,000.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above mentioned appointments be made for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			

Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

19. Resolution Re: Designation of District Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator for the 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is required to comply with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
 WHEREAS, in accordance with district policies no student in the Montclair Public Schools shall be denied access to or benefit from any educational program or activity solely on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin or handicap; and
 WHEREAS, as required by N.J.A.C. 6:4-1.3, each public school district must appoint an Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator as the district’s chief equity officer;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education designates Dr. Kendra Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Equity, to serve as the district’s Affirmative Action Officer/Title IX Coordinator until a respective successor is duly appointed and qualified.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

20. Resolution Re: Designation of District Section 504 Compliance Officer for the 2017-2018 School Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is required to comply with the regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title 34 C.F.R. Part 104; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education designates Barbara Pinsak or her designee, to serve as the district’s Section 504 Compliance Officer.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

21. Resolution Re: Designation of Newspapers for Legal Advertisement for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

22. Resolution Re: Designation of Purchasing Authority for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:2(b) states that the secretary, business administrator or the business manager of the board of education duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the board of education and having the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to sign purchase orders, execute contracts, secure quotations and approve the release of warrants between Board Meetings subject to subsequent ratifications by the Montclair Board of Education.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

23. Resolution Re: Designation of Signatories for Board of Education Depositories for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

- A.* State Street Bank and Trust/State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund -General Fund
- B. Investors Bank – Capital Reserve Fund
- C. Valley National Bank – General Fund
- D. Valley National Bank – Capital Fund
- E. Valley National Bank – Payroll Agency

- F. Valley National Bank - Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund
- G. TD Bank - Health Insurance Escrow Account
- H. Investors Bank – Worker’s Compensation Account
- I. *Investors Bank - General Fund
- J. *Boiling Springs Savings Bank

* For investment purposes only, CDs or M/M. No checking accounts.

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

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

- A. Valley National Bank – Payroll Account

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary and the Supervisor of Accounting be empowered to execute transactions on the following accounts:

- A. Investors Bank – Food Service;
- B. Investors Bank – Petty Cash, and

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

24. Resolution Re: Designation of Transfer Authority for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

25. Resolution Re: Membership in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

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

26. Resolution Re: Reaffirmation of Existing Board of Education Bylaws and Policies for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

27. Resolution Re: Reaffirmation of Existing Board of Education Curricula for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

time as modified by the Board of Education. An inventory of the existing curricula is maintained in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

28. Resolution Re: Reaffirmation of New and Existing Board of Education Textbooks for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the new and existing textbooks of the Montclair Board of Education be, and hereby, are readopted, effective immediately and until such time as modified by the Board of Education. An inventory of the existing textbooks is maintained in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

29. Resolution Re-Establishing Board Committees for 2017-2018 School Year

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution as amended:

WHEREAS the bylaws of the Board of Education provide that committees be established by action of the Board, and that all committees are dissolved at the Board’s annual reorganization meeting;

RESOLVED that the Board hereby re-establishes the following Board Committees, as amended, until its next reorganization meeting, unless dissolved earlier by Board action:

- Board of School Estimate
- Community Engagement/ Communications Committee
- Essex County SBA
- Essex Regional Educational Services Commission
- Martin Luther King Breakfast Committee
- MEA Negotiations
- MFEE Advisory/Liaison
- MHCA Negotiations
- MPA Negotiations
- NJSBA
- Policy and Legislative
- School Climate and Wellness
- SEPAC Liaison
- Special Education Committee
- Technology, Finance and Facilities
- Urban School Boards

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 6-1

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

30. Resolution Re: Renewal of Contract/Appointment of Architect of Record for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of Professional Services...", and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education, being in need of architectural services, went through an RFP process in the 2014-2015 school year and awarded a contract to Parette Somjen Architects on November 17, 2014 at the following hourly rates:

Job Description	Rate	
Principal	\$164	/per hour
Project Manager/Coordinator	\$102	/per hour
Associate	\$143	/per hour
Project Architect	\$122	/per hour
Designer / Consultant	\$77	/per hour
Productions / Draftsman	\$60	/per hour
Administrative Support	\$52	/per hour
Contract Administrator	\$107	/per hour
Additional Reports / Prints Requested	\$0	No charge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the renewal of contract and appointment of Parette Somjen Architects for the 2017-2018 school year at the rates provided in their RFP.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

31A. Resolution Re: Renewal of Contracts/Appointments of Legal Counsel, Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of Professional Services...", and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education, being in need of legal counsel, went through an RFP process in the 2014-2015 school year and awarded contracts to Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP on November 17, 2014 at the following hourly rates:

Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP for Special Education Counsel, \$160/hr.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the renewal of contracts and appoints legal counsel services to Schenck Price Smith & King, LLP through July 10, 2017 at the rates provided in their RFP.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 5-0-1

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

31B. Resolution Re: Renewal of Contracts/Appointments of Legal Counsel, Machado Law Group, for 2017-2018 School Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the board of education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of Professional Services...", and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education, being in need of legal counsel, went through an RFP process in the 2014-2015 school year and awarded contracts to Machado Law Group on November 17, 2014 at the following hourly rates:

Machado Law Group for General Counsel and Labor/Negotiations Counsel, \$160/hr.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the renewal of contracts and appoints legal counsel services to Machado Law Group for the 2017-2018 school year at the rates provided in their RFP.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 5-0-1

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

32. Resolution Re: Renewal of Contract for Broker of Record – Employee Health Benefits

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of extraordinary unspecifiable services ...", and

WHEREAS, the district requires a Broker of Record for Employee Health Benefits for the 2017-2018 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education issued a Request for Proposal on November 10, 2015 and received proposals from various firms providing this service,

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education awarded the contract for the remainder of 2015-2016 to Doyle Alliance Group at a commission level of 2.5% of premium for the medical, prescription drug and dental programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby renew the contract with Doyle Alliance Group for the 2017-2018 school year at a commission level of 2.5% of premium for the medical, prescription drug and dental programs.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

33. Resolution Re: Schedule of Meetings for 2017-2018

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the open public meeting act requires that all board meetings be advertised in advance,
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the attached schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 school year, and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the board secretary to advertise these meetings.

All Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the George Inness Annex Atrium, Montclair, New Jersey, unless noted otherwise. The Board will open in Public Session and go immediately into Executive Session. The public portion of the meetings will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

Monday, July 10, 2017*	Public Meeting
Saturday, July 22, 2017 **	Board Governance
Monday, August 21, 2017	Public Meeting
Wednesday September 6, 2017	Workshop
Monday, Sept. 18, 2017	Public Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017	Workshop
Monday, October 23, 2017	Public Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 1, 2017	Workshop
Monday, Nov. 20, 2017	Public Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017	Workshop
Monday, Dec. 18, 2017	Public Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018	Workshop
Monday, Jan. 22, 2018	Public Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018	Workshop

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018	Public Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018	Public Budget Workshop
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Public Budget Workshop
Monday, March 5, 2018	Public Meeting (NOTE: Tentative Adoption of 2018-19 Budget)
Monday Mar. 12, 2018	Public Meeting (NOTE: Adoption of 2018-19 Budget)
Wednesday Mar. 28, 2018	Workshop
Monday Apr. 16, 2018	Public Meeting
Wednesday May 2, 2018	Workshop and Public Meeting
Wednesday May 16, 2018	Reorganization Meeting
Wednesday Jun. 6, 2018	Workshop and Public Meeting
Monday Jun. 18, 2018	Public Meeting

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

34. Resolution Re: Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education affirms that it will continue to operate under the 2016-2017 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials until such time as a successor agreement has been executed for 2017-2018, as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b) 13 through 15, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education further agrees to comply with the guidelines pertaining to law enforcement operations in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

35. Resolution Re: Request for Tax Levy From Township of Montclair for 2017-2018 School Year

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair for the school year 2017-2018 the amount of \$112,636,548 as per the attached schedule.

MONTCLAIR BOARD OF EDUCATION

TAX LEVY REQUEST SCHEDULE
 2017-2018

Date	Amount
7/11/2017	\$ 5,250,000
7/27/2017	\$ 5,000,000
8/11/2017	\$ 5,068,274
9/13/2017	\$ 5,000,000
9/27/2017	\$ 5,250,000
10/11/2017	\$ 5,000,000
10/27/2017	\$ 5,250,000
11/13/2017	\$ 5,000,000
11/28/2017	\$ 5,250,000
12/13/2017	\$ 5,000,000
12/20/2017	\$ 5,250,000

1/10/2018	\$	4,568,274
1/29/2018	\$	4,500,000
2/13/2018	\$	4,750,000
2/26/2018	\$	4,500,000
3/13/2018	\$	4,750,000
3/27/2018	\$	4,500,000
4/11/2018	\$	5,500,000
4/26/2018	\$	4,500,000
5/11/2018	\$	4,750,000
5/29/2018	\$	4,500,000
6/13/2018	\$	4,500,000
6/20/2018	\$	5,000,000
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	\$	112,636,548
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Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

36. Resolution Re: Purchase Authorization From State and Cooperative Purchasing Contracts

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

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 2017-2018 school year to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year;

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, the Federal General Services Administration, and cooperative purchasing programs in other states, and those contained on the Division's website (<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pricelists.shtml>); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby authorize the District purchasing agent to make purchases of all goods and services entered into on behalf of the following cooperative purchasing agencies:

- Educational Data Services
- Hunterdon Regional Cooperative
- Educational Services Commission of New Jersey
- Keystone Purchasing Network
- Western States Contracting Alliance
- Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative
- Essex Regional Educational Services Commission

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves the continued participation in ACES Natural Gas Services and ACES Electric Generation Services bidding process through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services Bid Cooperative Pricing System.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the District Purchasing Manual as on file in the Business Office.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

38. Resolution Re: Authorization to Pay Claims Against the Board

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education at times has the need to made a payment of claims in between regular monthly board meetings, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve such intermittent payments as may be required for the effective conduct of school district affairs, and for said payments to be presented to the Board of Education for approval at its next regular meeting.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 7-0

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

N. MINUTES

Jessica de Koninck moved to approve the following resolution:

1. Public Board Meeting held on May 3, 2017

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 5-0-2

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

O. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

P. DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Resolution Re: Approval of School Field Trips

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

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 OF TRIP	SCHOOL	GRD	TEACHER	DESTINATION	COST	PURPOSE	DURING SCHOOL HRS.
5/8/2017 Raindate 5/9/2017	Buzz Aldrin	7-8	Lambert	Woodman Field Montclair, NJ	\$0	Ray Spivey Town Wide Middle School Track Meet	Yes 5.5hrs.
5/26/2017	Edgemont	2	Melhuish	Montclair Art Museum 2 S. Mountain Ave. Montclair, NJ	\$0	Art History Museum visit about Henri Matisse.	Yes 2hrs.
6/2/2017	Glenfield	6-8	Maloy	Metropolitan Museum New York, NY	\$50	Students enrolled in the "Mythology" STEAM classes will complete a scavenger hunt in the museum	Yes 5.5hrs.
7/7/2017	MHS	10-12	English/Portas	Mutter Museum 19 S. 22 nd Street Philadelphia, PA	\$0	College of Physicans of Philadelphia –Students will view the medical oddities, anatomical, pathological specimens and antique medical equipment	Yes 10hrs
7/21/2017	MHS	10-12	English/Portas	Bell Labs-Nokia Bells 600 Mountain Ave. Murray Hill, NJ	\$0	See/tour the different labs for communication and satellites. New Core capabilities for broadband, Malware, reports for all mobile devices.	Yes 4.5hrs.
6/6/2017	Nishuane	2	Matire, White, Covello, Garone, Bracy, Wiedmann, Hastings, DePasquale	Hillside School Montclair, NJ	\$0	Second graders will tour Hillside school to help them transition to feeder school and third grade.	Yes 3hrs.
6/19/2017	Watchung	K	Amendola	Brookdale Park Watchung Avenue Bloomfield, NJ	\$12	End of the year picnic.	Yes 4.5hrs.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

Q. BUSINESS OFFICE

1. Resolution Re: Approval of Conference and Travel Report

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SCHOOL DEPT.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Elections/ STS – NJ	6/9/17	Ben Selby	CO	\$7.00	Training and changes in statutes and laws.	Jamesburg, NJ
How to Start a Middle School STEM Course – Makerspace and NGSS for Middle School/ College of New Jersey	7/10-14/17	Daniel Taylor	Buzz Aldrin	\$337.00	As the STEM teacher Leader this training will better his knowledge and practice of STEM education and NGSS.	Ewing ,NJ

Wxplaining College Options Breakfast/ Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, Stanford	5/22/17	Shirley Sharples	MHS	\$0	This conference will provide relevant, updated information on college trends to share with junior year students planning for college in the fall.	Morristown, NJ
School Behavioral Threat/ NJDOE	5/22/17	Kristin Koenigsfest Jaime Doshi	MHS	\$0	Assisting in preventing target violence and learning new guidelines.	Hamilton, NJ
Advanced Placement Reading/ College Board/ETS	6/1-9/17	Alyson Wasko	MHS	\$0	At the annual AP Reading for AP Environmental Science she will score student essays and participate in professional development with colleagues from across the US in high school and college.	Cincinnati, OH
AP Reader/ Educational Testing Service	6/11-17/17	Scott Feinstein	MHS	\$0	This seminar will better prepare him to teach subject matter and to guide students to produce higher quality projects and to score higher on the AP Exam.	Kansas City, MO
NJ DECA/ NJ DECA	5/17/17	Ken Schnitzer	MHS	\$0	Monthly meeting of DECA Advisors.	Fairfield, NJ

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 Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog	x			
Jevon Caldwell-Gross				x

Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

2. Resolution Re: Parental Contract for Student Transportation 2016-2017 School Year – Student ID #983999

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a settlement agreement exists between the Montclair Board of Education and a parent/legal guardian to transport their child to and from P. G. Chambers School, Hanover, New Jersey 07927 and

WHEREAS, the parent/legal guardian is providing the services required by this contract, the Montclair Board of Education shall pay the parent/legal guardian \$692.17 to transport said child per the IRS mileage reimbursement rate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does approve the Parent Contract for such transportation.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

3. Resolution Re: Approval of Submission of Renewal Application for Temporary Instructional Space for Off-Site Use – Salvation Army Community Center, 2017-2018 School Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

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

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has been offered space by the Salvation Army Community Center, at no cost, for use by special education students transitioning

from 12th grade into adult life at age 21 to work with them in a collaborative relationship with our Transition Program, and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army Community Center, located at 13 Trinity Place, has space available in classrooms 3, 4, and 6 which include a fully functioning kitchen and a coffee shop room designed with job training in mind,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the submission of a Renewal Application for Temporary Instructional Space (attached) for an off-site location.

Attachment A

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR
(multiple site form)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- If requesting a renewal past the 5th year, a request for continued use needs to be made to the County Superintendent and attached to this page. Include the need, and future plan for site.
- Attach a floor plan for each facility indicating room dimension, and fire sensor
- Copy pages as need for more facilities

Name of facility or TCU	Address	Max # students/ aides/ teachers	Year of Initial Application	Indicate current Renewal Term	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th or beyond	Grades Serviced
Salvation Army Community Center	13 Trinity Place, Montclair, NJ 07042	19 in 3 Classrooms	2009	8th	12-Age 21	

The Board of Education approved the renewal temporary application for the 2017-2018 school year on May 16, 2017.

A COPY OF RESOLUTION FROM MINUTES MUST BE ATTACHED

Certified by:

(Chief School Administrator)

(Date)

(Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

(Date)

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S USE ONLY:

Date of inspection by County Office: _____ Inspected by: _____
 Included in Long-Range Facility Plan: Yes _____ No _____
 For the _____ - _____ school year, approval: _____ is granted _____ is
 not granted _____
 subject to the following conditions:
 (County Superintendent) _____ (Date)

 FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION USE ONLY:

Date of Evaluation: _____ Substandard Approval Date: _____
 Unapproved Date: _____ Abandoned by Date: _____
 Permanent Approved Date: _____
 District Abandoned Date: _____ Ref: _____
 Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

4. Resolution Re: Approval of Rental Lease with Salvation Army Community Center, 2017-2018 School Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has been offered space by the Salvation Army Community Center for use by special education students transitioning from 12th grade into adult life at age 21 to work with them in a collaborative relationship with our Transition Program for the 2017-2018 school year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a lease agreement at no fee with Salvation Army Community Center, 13 Trinity Place, Montclair, New Jersey, for the 2017-2018 school year.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

5. Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Health Benefits and Professional Services, 2017-2018 School Year

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education currently provides medical benefits pursuant to negotiated agreements with employee associations and Board of Education policy for all covered employees through participation in the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey PPO, POS, EPO, OMNIA and programs, and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education has received an offer of renewal for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 utilizing the minimum premium funding mechanism with the Montclair Board of Education holding the reserves with both an aggregate stop loss and an individual stop loss included, with an increase of 8.7% over the 2016-2017 maximum liability,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the renewal of the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey programs to provide medical benefits for all covered employees effective July 1, 2017, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator shall be authorized to issue contracts to such provider agencies as described above for the 2017-18 school year.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

6. Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Professional Services

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 states in part "Any contract, the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold, shall be negotiated and awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore if the subject matter thereof consists of Professional Services...", and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of counseling services, and

WHEREAS, on recommendation of the Superintendent the Montclair Board of Education awards this contract retroactively,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education awards a contract to Ursula Liebowitz, MSW, LSW at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, not-to-exceed \$ 1000.00 and \$125.00 per two hour staff workshops.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

7. Resolution Re: Award of Contract Through Hunterdon Regional Cooperative for Boiler/Burner Cleaning and Inspection

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-11a provides that, "the boards of education of two or more districts may provide jointly by agreement for the provision and performance of goods and services for their respective districts, or one or more boards of education may provide for such provision or performance of goods or services by joint agreement with the governing body of any municipality or county."

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education on June 20, 2016 and May 16, 2017 approved the use of Hunterdon Regional Cooperative based on Title 18A:18A-11a; and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Welding Company, Inc. of Hillside, New Jersey is listed on the Hunterdon Regional Cooperative as having been awarded a bid for boiler inspection, cleaning and repair under bid #SER-10D at an hourly rate of \$84 per hour and a 30% parts mark-up;

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is desirous of utilizing Manhattan Welding Company Inc. for inspection, cleaning and repair of the district's various boilers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby authorize the Business Administrator to contract with Manhattan Welding Company, Inc. to provide the services described above.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

8. Agenda Title: Change Order #2 for Auditorium HVAC Replacement at Glenfield School

Franklin Turner moved to approve the following resolution:

Topic: 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.

Background Information: In accordance with Public School Contract Law, specifications were prepared, advertised, and sealed bids received on May 12, 2016 for Auditorium HVAC Replacement at Glenfield School. The contract was awarded to Envirocon, 490 Schooley's Mountain Road, Hackettstown, New Jersey, 07840 in the total amount of \$210,900.

Superintendent's Recommendations: It is my recommendation that the Montclair Board of Education approves change order #2 in the credit amount of \$210.00 as follows: Screwed EMT

Fittings are permitted for 350-amp electrical service to rooftop RTU-1. Punch list item #13 is completed.

Seconded by Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

R. PUPIL SERVICES

1. HIB

Eve Robinson moved to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 027473 on 5/16/17 for reason set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: yes
 - b. School Counselor will meet with students.

- B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 065428 on 5/3/2017 for reason set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
 - a. Substantiated: yes
 - b. 3 days in-school suspension
 - c. Meeting with parents
 - d. Information and counseling with counselor

- C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 055250, # 055306, # 055165, # 055626 on October 2016 to 4/27/2017 for reason set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the

Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

- a. Substantiated: yes
- b. In-school suspensions ranging from 1 to 2 days
- c. Meeting with parents
- d. Written apology
- e. Anti- bullying brochure
- f. and counseling with counselor

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

S. HUMAN RESOURCES

- 1. Resolution Re: Approval of Personnel Report

Eve Robinson moved to approve the following resolution:

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

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

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 6-0

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

T. BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Resolution in Support of the Bloomfield Board of Education's Opposition to the
Application of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS The Bloomfield Board of Education on March 31, 2017, received a copy of an application to establish a charter school in the Township of Bloomfield under the name The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School intending to serve 240 students in grades 6-8; and

WHEREAS The Bloomfield Board of Education believes the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School appears to be a resubmission of the failed 2016 Frank Sinatra Charter School of the Arts application; and

WHEREAS the failed 2016 Frank Sinatra Charter School of the Arts application was deemed by the New Jersey Department of Education to "not provide a compelling rationale" and "the arts program is not clearly explained"; and the "existing [founder] group does not demonstrate strong expertise in business, finance and facilities management"; and the current application is not substantially different from the 2016 application; and

WHEREAS the founders of The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School appear to have submitted an identical application for the East Orange Conservatory Charter School; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Board of Education operates a successful public school system with eight elementary schools serving grades K-6, one middle school serving grades 7 and 8, one high school, an Early Childhood Center and an alternative high school; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Board of Education has resolved to oppose the application for the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School and has set for the reasons and basis for that opposition with great detail;

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Public School District's fine arts, music and theater programming and technology and curriculum initiatives already meet the expressed mission of the proposed Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a charter school in Bloomfield serving 240 students would result in the state-mandated diversion of funds from the Bloomfield Board of Education of approximately \$2,300,000 plus any required additional special services costs and transportation costs. Such payments would threaten the school district's educational offerings by requiring material reductions in teaching staff and programs; and

WHEREAS, the founders of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School have not demonstrated community demand and support for a charter school; and

WHEREAS the founders of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School have no demonstrated track record of successfully starting and sustaining a charter school; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-4(c) provides that the local board of education shall review a charter school application and forward a recommendation to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Dept of Education within 60 days of receipt of the application and the Bloomfield Board of Education has opposed that application; and

WHEREAS for the reasons stated in the Bloomfield Board of Education resolution, and because the Montclair Board of Education opposes the approval of new charter schools or the expansion of existing charter schools without a comprehensive review of the charter school program by the New Jersey Department of Education and further opposed the approval of new charter schools or the expansion of existing charter schools without the provision of sufficient State funds to support charter schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education formally supports the opposition of the Bloomfield Board of Education to the application for the establishment of The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kimberley Harrington, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Education, Essex County Interim Superintendent of Schools Joseph Zarra, Senator Nia H. Gill, Assemblywoman Sheila Oliver, Assemblyman Thomas Giblin, Senator Ronald L. Rice, Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo, Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker, Montclair Mayor Robert Jackson and the members of the Montclair Township Council, Essex County Freeholder Brendan Gill and the Bloomfield Board of Education.

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

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

U. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the George Inness Annex Atrium.

V. ADJOURNMENT at 11:05 pm

Jessica de Koninck moved to adjourn:

Seconded by Franklin Turner and approved by a vote of 6-0

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