

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AT 6:00 PM
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AT 6:00 PM
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141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

B. ROLL CALL at 6:02 pm

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

C. 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;
- a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it;
- a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public 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
- 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 Jessica de Koninck and approved by a vote of 5-0

	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			

Jevon Caldwell Gross arrived at 6:06 pm, Anne Mernin arrived at 6:10 pm.

- D. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:39 pm
- E. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- F. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Members	
Members of the Public	20

Members of the Press	
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G. COMMITTEE, LIAISON AND CONFERENCE REPORTING

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Presentation on the Academy at Glenfield School, by Andrew Evangelista

I. SEARCH UPDATE

J. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of the Status of Bond Ordinances
2. Discussion of the Financial Forecast Template
3. Discussion of the proposed resolution regarding Assessment of Montclair Public Schools Current Special Education Landscape
4. Discussion of the process for selecting a new board appointed trustee for the Montclair Community PreK
5. Discussion on the following policies: 1. P2200 – Curriculum Content (Revision re: Non-traditional families); P2415 – No Child Left Behind Programs; P5460 – High School Graduation; P5533 – Student Smoking; P5755 – Equity in Educational Programs and Services; P0131 – Bylaws and Policies
6. Review of Draft Agenda for Monday, November 20, 2017 meeting

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION

L. BUSINESS OFFICE

1. Resolution: Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-3.1, requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required maintenance activities" for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Montclair Board of Education are consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-1.1 et seq., and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Montclair Board of Education in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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			

2. Resolution: Approval of Bills and Claims

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the attached bills list dated November 1, 2017 in the amount of \$18,337.50.

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			

3. Resolution: Approval of Conference and Travel

Jevon Caldwell Gross 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						
<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOARD MEMBER/ EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SCHOOL DEPT.</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BARGAINING AT THE TABLE/ NJSBA	11/17/17	LAURA HERTZOG	CO	\$201.16	THIS PROGRAM COVERS THE MECHANICS OF BARGAINING; HOW TO ANALYZE UNION DEMANDS; WAYS TO USE COMPARATIVE DATA; IMPASSE PROCEDURES; AND AT THE TABLE TECHNIQUES.	WEST TRENTON, 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 6-0-1

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Laura Hertzog			X self 11/17/17	
Jevon Caldwell-Gross	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joseph Kavesh	x			
Anne Mernin	x			
Eve Robinson	x			
Franklin Turner	x			

M. PUPIL SERVICES

1. HIB

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

- A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 067922 on 10/6/17 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 student
 - c. Character Education/Conflict management
- B. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 042015 on 10/11/2017 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. School Counselor will meet with students for counseling
 - c. Character Education/Conflict management
 - d. Counseling on psychoeducational relationship, aggression and communication strategies
- C. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 019423, # 019447 on 10/11/2017 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. School Counselor will meet with students for counseling and monitoring
 - c. Lunch detention
- D. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 013411 on 9/22/2017 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: No
 - b. School Counselor will meet with students for counseling twice a month for check in
- E. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 019887 on 10/02/2017 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. School Counselor will meet with students for counseling
- F. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation Involving SID # 984135, # 068742 on 10/10/2017 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: No
- b. School Counselor will meet with students for counseling and conflict resolution

Seconded by Franklin Turner 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. DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Resolution: Approval and Adoption Curriculum – Public Speaking

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve and adopt curriculum;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves and adopts the Public Speaking curriculum for the ESS program.

Seconded by Franklin Turner 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			

O. PERSONNEL

- 1. Resolution: Approval of Personnel Report

Jevon Caldwell Gross 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 6-0-1

	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			

P. BOARD COMMENTS

Q. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the George Inness Annex Atrium at 141 Park Street. The meeting will go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm when it will re-open to the public.

R. ADJOURNMENT at 10:21 pm

Joe Kavesh moved to adjourn

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			