

# **BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE**

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018 AT 7:30 PM  
AT THE GEORGE INNESS ATRIUM  
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018 AT 7:30 PM  
GEORGE INNESS ANNEX ATRIUM  
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Statements
  1. Meeting Notice
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Presentations
  - 2017-2018 Board Mission, Vision, Goals
  - 2017-2018 District Goals
  - Curriculum and Instruction
  - Technology
  - Transportation
- VI. Comments from the Public

The Board will allow time for the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.
- VII. Review and Approval of Minutes of Public Budget Meetings held on:
  - March 16, 2017
  - March 20, 2017
  - March 30, 2017
  - November 29, 2017

VIII. Resolutions

1. Resolution of the Board of School Estimate of the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey Fixing the Cost of the School District's Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation And Security Upgrades Project
2. Resolution of the Board of School Estimate of the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey Fixing the Cost of the School District's Capital Projects

IX. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

The next meetings of the Montclair Board of School Estimate will be held on the following dates: Thursday, March 22, 2018, Monday, March 26, 2018 and Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the George Inness Annex Atrium at 141 Park Street.

X. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
 HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 AT 8:00 PM  
 GEORGE INNESS ATRIUM  
 141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order at 8:00 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	

Staff Members	
Members of the Public	70
Members of the Press	2

- V. Review and Approval of Minutes

**Robert Jackson moved to approve the following minutes**

- 1. Public Budget Meetings held March 22, 2016, March 28, 2016 and April 4, 2016

**Seconded by Joe Kavesh and approved by a vote of 4-0-1**

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

2. Discussion of the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget
3. Receive Comments and/or Questions from the Public Concerning the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget
4. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

The Board of School Estimate will meet on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm in the George Inness Annex Atrium at 141 Park Street. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 8:00 pm in the first floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 205 Claremont Avenue.

5. Adjournment at 10:35 pm

**William Hurlock moved to adjourn**

**Seconded by Rich McMahan**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jackson	x			
Rich McMahan	x			
William Hurlock	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joe Kavesh	x			

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE  
**BUDGET REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 AT 7:30 PM  
GEORGE INNESS ATRIUM  
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order at 7:30 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	

Staff Members	
Members of the Public	30
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. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board of School Estimate will be held on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 8:00 pm. in the First Floor Conference Room at the Montclair Town Hall, 205 Claremont Avenue.

- VIII. Adjournment at 9:10 pm

Rich McMahon moved to adjourn

Seconded by William Hurlock

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

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jackson	x			
Rich McMahon	x			
William Hurlock	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joe Kavesh	x			

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE  
BUDGET ADOPTION AND PUBLIC HEARING  
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017 AT 8:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
205 CLAREMEONT AVENUE  
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jackson	<b>x</b>	
Rich McMahon	<b>x</b>	
William Hurlock	<b>x</b>	
Jessica de Koninck	<b>x</b>	
Joe Kavesh	<b>x</b>	

Staff Members	<b>3</b>
Members of the Public	<b>50</b>
Members of the Press	<b>2</b>

- 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.

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Steven DiGeronimo

Interim Business Administrator

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

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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  
 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 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:

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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.

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Steven DiGeronimo  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

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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**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jackson	x			
Rich McMahon	x			
William Hurlock	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joe Kavesh	x			

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 AT 7:30 PM  
GEORGE INNESS ATRIUM  
141 PARK STREET, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order at 7:32 pm
- II. Statements
  - 1. Meeting Notice
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Jackson	x	
Rich McMahon	X8:10 pm	
William Hurlock	x	
Laura Hertzog	x	
Joe Kavesh	x	

Members of the Public	15
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- V. Discussion of the Following:
  - 1. Health Benefits Review – Doyle Alliance
  - 2. Capital Projects Review – Parette Somjen
  - 3. Director of Facilities – John Eschmann
  - 4. Financial Review – Emidio D’Andrea, School Business Administrator



- 5. 2018-2019 Budget Calendar
- 6. Future Meeting Dates

VI. Public Comments

VII. Adjournment at 8:48 pm

Rich McMahon moved to adjourn:

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

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Jackson	x			
Rich McMahon	x			
William Hurlock	x			
Jessica de Koninck	x			
Joe Kavesh	x			

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,  
NEW JERSEY FIXING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CARBON  
MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLATION PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,  
NEW JERSEY** as follows

1. This Board of School Estimate hereby acknowledges receipt of the resolution of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, new Jersey as the Statement of the Board of Education in connection with the reappropriation of \$326,120 unspent bond proceeds to fund the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in buildings district wide, and each Member of the Board of School Estimate by its signature attached to this resolution acknowledges receipt of such Statement.

2. This Board of School Estimate hereby fixes and determines that \$326,120 of the unspent bond proceeds is estimated to be necessary to fund the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in buildings district wide. A Certificate shall be prepared and delivered to the Board of Education and the Township of Montclair in the form attached hereto stating that \$326,120 is necessary for this purpose.

3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Emidio D'Andrea, Secretary of the Board of School Estimate of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed resolution was duly adopted by the Board of School Estimate by the vote set forth below at a meeting of the Board of School Estimate as reflected in the minutes of a meeting of the Board of School Estimate duly called and held in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law of New Jersey on January 31, 2018 and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the resolution as set forth in the original minutes.

Vote in Favor:

Vote Opposed:

Abstentions:

Absences:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Board of School Estimate this 31st day of January, 2018.

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Emidio D'Andrea, Secretary

(SEAL)

APPENDIX

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

We, the undersigned members of the Board of School Estimate of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolution of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey adopted January 31, 2018 determining that \$326,120 unspent bond proceeds are necessary to fund the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in buildings district wide.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Robert Jackson

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Councilor Rich McMahon

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Councilor William Hurlock

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Board Member Laura Hertzog

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member Joseph Kavesh

I, the Secretary of the Board of School Estimate of The Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby certify that the Board of School Estimate has fixed and determined that the amount necessary to complete the Project is \$326,120.

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Secretary, Board of School Estimate

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY FIXING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY** as follows:

1. This Board of School Estimate hereby acknowledges receipt of the resolution and the Statement of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey determining that it is necessary to issue school bonds in the amount of \$3,400,000 for the purposes and in the amounts set forth therein, and each Member of the Board of School Estimate by its signature attached to this resolution acknowledges receipt of such Statement.

2. This Board of School Estimate hereby fixes and determines that \$3,400,000 is estimated to be necessary to fund these projects.

3. Two certificates stating that \$3,400,000 is necessary for these purposes in the form attached hereto shall be prepared. One shall be delivered to the Board of Education and one shall be delivered to the Township of Montclair.

4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Emidio D'Andrea, Secretary of the Board of School Estimate of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed resolution was duly adopted by the Board of School Estimate by the vote set forth below at a meeting of the Board of School Estimate as reflected in the minutes of a meeting of the Board of School Estimate duly called and held in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Law of New Jersey on January 31, 2018 and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the resolution as set forth in the original minutes.

Vote in Favor:

Vote Opposed:

Abstentions:

Absences:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Board of School Estimate this 31st day of January, 2018.

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Emidio D'Andrea, Secretary

(SEAL)

APPENDIX

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

We, the undersigned members of the Board of School Estimate of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolution of The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey adopted January 31, 2018 determining that \$3,400,000 for the purposes and in the amounts set forth therein, and each Member of the Board of School Estimate by its signature attached to this resolution acknowledges receipt of such Statement.

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Mayor Robert Jackson

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Councilor Rich McMahon

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Councilor William Hurlock

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Board Member Laura Hertzog

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Board Member Joseph Kavesh

I, the Secretary of the Board of School Estimate of The Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby certify that the Board of School Estimate has fixed and determined that the amount necessary to complete the Project is \$3,400,000.

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Secretary, Board of School Estimate