

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 6:30 PM
GEORGE INNES ANNEX ATRIUM
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 AT 6:30 PM
22 VALLEY ROAD, MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

A. STATEMENTS

1. Meeting Notice

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been approved in the following manner:

1. On Monday, April 9, 2018, notice of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board in the first floor main hall of the Board of Education building, 22 Valley Road and filed with the Township Clerk. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.
2. On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, notice of this meeting was posted in the Herald News and the Star Ledger. The date, time and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.

“Please be advised that this meeting is considered a public meeting under the law and may be taped, broadcast, used or reproduced in ways and in mediums beyond the control of the Board of Education. Individual statements and opinions expressed are solely those of the speakers and do not necessarily represent the Montclair Board of Education.

Please keep in mind that if you directly disclose personally identifiable information or personally sensitive data regarding yourself or others during this public meeting, this information may be collected and used by others. Accordingly, the Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility and will not be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Speakers should, therefore, carefully evaluate their statements for individual consequences under the law, and should obtain any appropriate professional advice prior to speaking.”

B. ROLL CALL at 6:37 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

Jevon Caldwell Gross 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:

- 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 4-0

	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			

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

E. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION at 7:18 pm

F. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Resolution: Appointment of Board of School Estimate Member

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the following Board Member is hereby appointed to represent the Montclair Board of Education on the committee as outlined below in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:65-30 until the next organizational meeting of the Board and until the appointment and qualification of their successor.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Board of School Estimate

Jessica de Koninck

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 4-0

	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			

I. BUSINESS OFFICE

1. Resolution: Appointment of Labor Negotiator

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, Legal services have previously been determined to constitute professional services which are exempt from public bidding under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(h), N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, The Montclair Board of Education is presently in need of legal and labor negotiations services in connection with contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, The Montclair Board of Education has previously received and reviewed proposals from various firms providing said service; and

BE IT RESOLVED that, after reviewing same, the Board approves Genova Burns Attorneys-At-Law to provide comprehensive legal and labor negotiations services in connection with contract negotiations as Labor counsel effective immediately with rates in accordance with that listed in their proposal dated February 28, 2018.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 4-0

	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			

J. PERSONNEL/SUPERINTENDENT

1. Barbara Pinsak Resolution

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education with much gratitude and appreciation provides Barbara Pinsak, with notice that her services as Interim Superintendent shall cease on April 30, 2018, in accordance with her employment contract and by reason of the appointment of a permanent Superintendent.

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

	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. Dr. Kendra Johnson Resolution

Joe Kavesh moved to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. Kendra Johnson as Superintendent of Schools effective May 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, in accordance with the employment contract approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 3, 2018.

Seconded by Jevon Caldwell Gross and approved by a vote of 4-0

	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			

K. BOARD COMMENTS

L. ADJOURNMENT at 8:11 pm

Jevon Caldwell Gross moved to adjourn

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

	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			