

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 6:30 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
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The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30pm. The meeting will go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm when it will re-open to the public.
- R. ADJOURNMENT

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CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL REQUESTS

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 upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to the Montclair Board of Education 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>
ANTI-RACIST LANGUAGE TEACHING	10/24/2020	NATALY ROMERO	EDGEMONT	\$79.81	THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE APPROACHES THAT SUPPORT LANGUAGE-MINORITIZED STUDENTS.	VIRTUAL
MCKINNEY VENTO TRAINING	10/23/2020	WHITNEY GIBBS	RENAISSANCE	\$0.00	A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT NAVIGATING THE SERVICES UNDER DCF AND CSOC.	VIRTUAL
CHOICES MATTER: COMPLICITY & ACTION DURING THE HOLOCAUST	10/23/2020	SHANA STEIN	MHS	\$0.00	THE PPOGRAM GOALS ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH MHS'S GOAL 2 TO BUILD CITIZENSHIP BY CREATING A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT.	VIRTUAL

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.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Educations to accept and/or refuse the grant allocations;

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant allocations for fiscal year 2021 as noted below:

COVID-19 Technology Funds for Nonpublic Schools funded by the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF):

Immaculate Conception High School	\$ 10,223
Lacordaire Academy	\$ 9,788
Montclair Cooperative School	\$ 5,264
Montclair Kimberley Academy	\$ 44,066
Saint Cassian School	\$ 9,701

Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant:

Montclair Board of Education	\$ 276,942
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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO BUZZ ALDRIN SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Jay Turner and Steve Greenberg of Gym Source has generously donated \$9,275 worth of exercise equipment to the Buzz Aldrin School,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges their donation.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION'S TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION AND CAREER (NJSBA TEC) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) et seq, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A et seq and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) and per Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2011-35 authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System through multiple lead agencies, for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020 the governing body of the Montclair Public School District, County of Essex, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services with New Jersey School Boards Association's Technology for Education and Career (NJSBA TEC) program, which provides cost-saving solutions for delivering the most current school technology and digital learning opportunities,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education acknowledges that this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Montclair Public School District Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), N.J.S.A. 18A:18A et seq and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) and per Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2011-35. The Board President is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with multiple lead agencies which will be put before the board on an as needed basis.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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**APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)
PART B AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO INCLUDE CARRYOVER FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires Boards of Education to approve the submission of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B grant application and any amendments;

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is in need of amending the fiscal year 2021 IDEA grant application to include carryover funds from the fiscal year 2020 as follows:

	<u>Original</u> <u>Award</u>	<u>Carryover</u>	<u>Adjusted</u> <u>Award</u>
IDEA Basic	\$ 1,836,218	\$ 129,716	\$ 1,965,934
IDEA Preschool	\$ 60,365	\$ 32,087	\$ 92,452

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B grant amendment for fiscal year 2021 to include carryover funds from the fiscal year 2020 as detailed above.

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APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS BROKER AS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(A)(2)

WHEREAS, the Montclair Board of Education is desirous of obtaining Employee Health Benefits Brokerage Services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) exempts from public advertisement for bids and bidding extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10) defines “insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services” as an extraordinary unspecifiable service exempt from public advertisement; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montclair Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to solicit proposals for Certain Insurance Services as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2).

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**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PARETTE SOMJEN ARCHITECTS FOR
PROJECTS – WATCHUNG SCHOOL TURF FIELD MODIFICATIONS AND NEW PLAYGROUND**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1) states in part “Any purchase, contract or agreement... may be made, negotiated or awarded by the Board of Education by resolution at a public meeting without advertising for bids..., and

WHEREAS, The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Public School Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, and

WHEREAS, The Montclair Board of Education is in need of professional services for Watchung School Turf Field Modifications and New Playground, and

WHEREAS, Funds are or will be available for this purpose,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Parette Somjen, Architects to provide this service for a fee of \$49,500.00 and approves the proposal on file in the Business Office.

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TRANSFER REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached Transfer Report for August 2020.

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S1701 TRANSFER REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached S1701 Transfer Report for August 2020.

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BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached Board Secretary Report for August 2020.

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TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached Treasurer of School Monies Report for August 2020.

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BILLS LIST REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the attached Bills List Reports for October 2020 in the amount of \$4,159,664.77.

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MONTHLY PAYROLL

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the monthly payroll amount paid from the payroll accounts for September 2020 in the amount of \$8,118,892.02.

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FINANCE APPROPRIATIONS, ENCUMBRANCES, EXPENDITURES REPORT

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(4) requires monthly certifications by Boards of Education that major account/fund balances have not been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary has certified that no major account has been over-expended for the month ending August 2020 and that sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, ALL Board members have been provided with expenditure summaries;

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education collectively certifies the expenditures of the district for the month ending August 31, 2020 to be within the guidelines established under N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), with General Operating Fund expenditures as follows:

August 2020

Budgeted Appropriations:	\$ 132,744,127.00
Encumbrances (open purchase orders):	\$ 111,136,419.00
Expenditures (cash disbursements):	\$ 6,085,538.17

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy shall be appended to and made a part of these minutes.

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TAX LEVY REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Board of Education does hereby approve the request for tax levy from the Township of Montclair in the amount of \$10,950,000.00 for the month of October 2020.

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AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES – AIR FILTRATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the emergency contract provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7, the School Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent (hereinafter “School Business Administrator”) is authorized to award contracts without public bidding when an emergency affects the health and safety of the school, even though the cost of the work will exceed the District’s bid threshold;

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator is satisfied that an emergency exists;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education in the Township of Montclair, County of Essex does hereby ratify and approve the emergency contract award by its Purchasing Agent, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 to Timilon Corporation in the amount of \$135,830.00 and such other amounts as required for immediate purchase of an air filtration systems, for the reasons on file in the office of the School Business Administrator;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and directs its School Business Administrator to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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PLACEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF TUITION FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the Acceptance of the Non-Resident Students listed below:

ID #	Details	Grade	Annual Cost	Start Date
985304	High School	11	14,457.00	9/8/20

WHEREAS, the parent will be required to pay for tuition,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the Non-Resident Students.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Italian American Committee on Education has generously donated \$4,500 for an Arcobaleno Italian Language Program to the High School,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education acknowledges their donation.

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APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the out-of-district placements for the students listed below:

Student ID	School	Tuition	Effective Date
982486	Spectrum 360	\$99,341.82	09/21/2020
989006	St. Joseph's School for Blind	\$80,962.86	09/10/2020
982642	Vista Counseling Services	\$29,400.00	07/01/2020
043055	Essex County Vocational Tech. School	\$4,552.00	09/01/2020
048175	Essex County Vocational Tech. School	\$4,552.00	09/01/2020
985688	Essex County Vocational Tech. School	\$4,552.00	09/01/2020
988213	Essex County Vocational Tech. School	\$5,911.00	09/01/2020
986762	Essex County Vocational Tech. School	\$5,911.00	09/01/2020

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the placement of these students.

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FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING BYLAW

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education approves the first reading of the following Bylaw;

A. P 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings

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FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education approves the first reading of the following Policies;

- A. P 2200 – Curriculum Content (M)
- B. P 2240 – Controversial Issues
- C. P 5600 – Student Code of Conduct & Restorative Justice Practices (M)