

# **MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



## **PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 AT 6:30 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
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- A. ROLL CALL
- B. RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION
- C. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – ROLL CALL
- D. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- E. STATEMENTS
  - 1. Meeting Notice
- F. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
- G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
- H. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 1. Communications / Climate and Culture
  - 2. Curriculum/Special Education/Technology
  - 3. Policy
  - 4. Finance and Facilities
- I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board will allow time for the public to comment on agenda and non-agenda items.
- J. BUSINESS OFFICE
  - 1. Approval of Acceptance of Donation to Nishuane School
  - 2. Approval of Acceptance of Donation to Technology
  - 3. Approval of Receiving Placement and Acceptance of Tuition for Out-Of-District Student for 2020-2021 School Year
  - 4. Approval of Montclair Early Childhood Corporation (Montclair Community Pre-K) Addendum A(3) to Lease Agreement for 2020-2021 School Year
  - 5. Approval Authorizing Award of a Solar Power Purchase Agreement to EZenergy/Greenskies Energy, LLC
  - 6. Approval of Award for Professional Development Consultation and Training Services
  - 7. Approval of Award for Specialized Communication Strategy Consulting Services
- K. PUPIL SERVICES
  - 1. Approval of Placements to Early Explorers for 2020-2021 School Year
- L. OPERATIONS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES
  - 1. Approval of Second Reading of Policy - Attachment
    - A. P 8600 – Student Transportation (M)
- M. PERSONNEL
  - 1. Personnel Report (Provided within Addendum)
- N. BOARD COMMENTS
- O. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next public meeting of the Montclair Board of Education will be held virtually on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:30pm. The meeting will go into closed session until approximately 7:30 pm when it will re-open to the public.
- P. ADJOURNMENT

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**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO NISHUANE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS,** Amy Lui Abel, a Nishuane parent, is generously donating \$200-\$300 for Nishuane School's Mandarin Program,

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

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**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION TO TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS,** The Montclair Fund for Excellence (MFEE) is generously donating a \$20,000 grant to the Montclair Public Schools to support vital technology that can address increasing challenges of remote/hybrid learning,

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

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**RECEIVING PLACEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the placements listed below for the 2019-2020 school year:

<b>ID #</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
988609	Buzz – 8th	\$ 15,436	09-10-20

**WHEREAS,** the sending district will be required to pay for tuition,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves this placement.

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**APPROVAL OF MONTCLAIR EARLY CHILDHOOD CORPORATION (MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY PRE-K)  
ADDENDUM A(3) TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montclair Board of Education hereby approves an amendment to the lease agreement with the Montclair Early Childhood Corporation for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the terms of the lease addendum for the 2020-2021 school year, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator and the Board Attorney to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A SOLAR POWER  
PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO EZENERGY/GREENSKIES RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC**

**Whereas,** The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair School District in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "School District"), expects to approve/has approved an Energy Savings Improvement Plan in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6, which anticipates the use of a solar power purchase agreement as one of its energy conservation measures in order to help maximize energy savings under the plan; and

**Whereas,** The Board of Education of the School District authorized the use of competitive contracting for the selection of a solar power purchase agreement provider, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6 and *Local Finance Notice 2009-10*, dated June 12, 2009; and

**Whereas,** the successful solar power purchase agreement provider will be required to engineer, procure, install, finance, operate and maintain the solar panels for a term not to exceed 15 years in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42(o), as well as guarantee the cost of electricity from the system during such term pursuant to the solar power purchase agreement (collectively, the "System"); and

**Whereas,** The Board of Education advertised for the receipt of proposals pursuant to a Request for Proposals, and received proposals from four (4) solar providers in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 *et seq.* and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4.1 *et seq.*, and

**Whereas,** the Request for Proposals established criteria for the evaluation of the power purchase agreement provider responses, for the purpose of evaluating each proposal and its ability to meet the School District's technical, managerial and cost requirements; and

**Whereas,** The Board of Education received proposals from Eznergy/Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC, Biostar Renewables, HESP Solar and Sunvest Solar, all in accordance with its advertised Request for Proposals; and

**Whereas,** the Eznergy/Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC proposal offers to sell electricity to the School District at a base price of \$0.0049/kWh (subject to a 1.5% annual escalator over the 15 year term of the power purchase agreement), which is considerably lower than the current price of energy for the School District for the sites which are subject to the contemplated power purchase agreement; and

**Whereas,** The Board of Education now believes it is in the best interest of the School District to award the transaction to Eznergy/Greenskies Renewable Energy, LLC (referred to hereinafter as "Eznergy") based on its proposal to engineer, procure, install, finance, operate and maintain the System and

guaranty the cost of electricity produced in accordance with its proposal, applicable law and the power purchase agreement to be executed; and

**Whereas,** Honeywell Building Solutions, Energy Services Group (“Honeywell”), previously appointed by this Board of Education as a consultant to assist with respect to, among other things, the solar component of the above referenced Energy Savings Plan, has prepared an evaluative report, which is attached to this resolution, and which, together with the School District’s Evaluation Committee’s (“Committee”) recommendation, forms the basis for this award recommendation; and

**Whereas,** the evaluative report and recommendation was made available to the public when it was made available to the Board, at least 48 hours prior to the adoption of this resolution; and

**Whereas,** the proposed power purchase agreement, which was appended to and advertised with the Request for Proposals, has been or is in the process of being reviewed by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, the School District’s special counsel (“Special Counsel”), in connection with the School District’s Energy Savings Improvement Program and this contemplated power purchase agreement award;

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

**Section 1.** The Board of Education hereby accepts and awards the proposal submitted by Eznergy, in accordance with the Request for Proposals described herein and determines to enter into a power purchase agreement with Eznergy for them to provide, finance, operate and maintain the System for the agreed upon cost of electricity set forth above, and in its proposal.

**Section 2.** The Board of Education authorizes and directs the Board President and/or the Business Administrator, and such other necessary personnel as the case may be, to execute the power purchase agreement on behalf of the School District in substantially the form submitted to this Board of Education (and which was submitted and advertised with the Request for Proposals), with such changes as may be approved by Special Counsel after continuing review thereof with Eznergy and its legal counsel, and the signature of the authorized School District officials on such power purchase agreement shall be conclusive proof of such approval and execution.

**Section 3.** The Board of Education ratifies the distribution by Honeywell, the Business Administrator and other appropriate School District officials of the attached evaluative report to the general public, and also ratifies the recommendation of the Committee in making this award.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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**AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for professional development and consulting services by the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair;

**WHEREAS,** the purchasing agent has solicited at least two competitive quotations, if practicable;

**WHEREAS,** the response by Elland Road Partners is most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

**WHEREAS,** funds are or will be available for this purpose

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The firm Elland Road Partners shall be retained to provide professional development consultation and training services in accordance with an agreement subject to the review and by with such modifications and adjustments approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
2. The Agreement is awarded for the 2020-2021 school year from the period 12/3/20 to 6/30/21, on an hourly basis not to exceed a total contract amount of \$9,000.

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**AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED COMMUNICATION STRATEGY CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** there exists a need for specialized communication strategy consulting services by the Board of Education of the Township of Montclair; and

**WHEREAS,** the District shall be reimbursed for cost of the services by insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The firm Elland Road Partners shall be retained to develop and execute a diversity, equity and inclusion crisis communication strategy services in accordance with an agreement subject to the review and by with such modifications and adjustments approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
2. The Agreement is awarded for the 2020-2021 school year from the period 12/3/20 to 6/30/21.
3. The cost of the services shall be reimbursed by insurance claim #NJPF20070937.

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**PLACEMENTS TO EARLY EXPLORERS FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** the Superintendent recommends that the Board approves the actions contained in the placements listed below to the Early Explorers for the 2020-2021 school year:

Student ID	School	Annual Cost	Effective Date
987381	Early Explorers	\$3,500.00	9/8/20
989044	Early Explorers	\$3,500.00	11/19/20

**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 these placements.

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**SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montclair Board of Education approves the second reading of the following Policy;

- A. P 8600 – Student Transportation (M)