

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Agenda
July 20, 2020
6:00 pm**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Dale Bouma		
Paul Brislin		
Jennifer Caramucci		
Danielle Christmann		
Billy Underwood		
Charles Teufert, Vice President		
Glen Plotsky, President		

Others Present:

Timothy Capone - Chief School Administrator
Maria Costa – Board Secretary- Remote

III. Flag Salute

IV. The mission of the Montague Township School District is to provide the best educational experience and opportunities resources allow, in order to realize the potential of every child.

V. In accordance with the New Jersey Sunshine Law, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school and advertised in the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday New Jersey Herald.

VI. Announcement of Executive Session

VII. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Township Board of Education recess and proceed to executive session to discuss personnel matters and legal issues. Action may or may not be taken.

Motion to open Executive Session at ____pm
Motion ____ 2nd ____ All in Favor/Opposed

Motion to close Executive Session at ____pm
Motion ____ 2nd ____ All in Favor/Opposed

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at ____pm

Motion _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor/Opposed

VIII. Board Retreat

IX. CSA Report

X. SBA Report

XI. Correspondence

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC ON THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2020 REGARDING
THE MATTER OF IN RE: PETITION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A
SENDING-RECEIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PORT JERVIS BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

On December 24, 2019, the Montague Board of Education filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking to terminate its current sending-receiving relationship with the High Point Regional Board of Education and enter into a new sending-receiving relationship with the Port Jervis Board of Education to educate Montague's students in grades 9-12.

The High Point Regional Board of Education has not opposed this petition and the Port Jervis Board of Education supports this petition.

On July 15, 2020, the Acting Director of the Bureau of Controversies and Disputes for the Department of Education, Jennifer Killough-Herrera, ordered that members of the public have the opportunity to comment on the proposed new sending-receiving relationship between Montague and Port Jervis. As such, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-6.1*, the record in this matter shall remain open for a period of 20 days in order to allow the public an opportunity to comment. This 20-day period shall begin to run on this 20th day of July, 2020.

The public shall have 20 days from today to submit any written comments to the Commissioner of Education, at the following address: PO Box 500, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Comments cannot exceed 10 pages in length and must be submitted to the Commissioner of Education in duplicate (that is, two copies must be sent to the Commissioner). Pursuant to the regulation, the comments shall address the following question: Will the proposed sending-receiving relationship between Montague and Port Jervis, whereby Montague students in grades 9-12 would attend Port Jervis High School, result in a substantial negative impact on any of the affected districts in one or more of the following areas: financial implications; quality of education received by students; and racial composition of the student populations.

Any person or entity that submits comments to the Commissioner is required also to serve a copy at the same time upon Montague, High Point Regional, and Port Jervis at the following addresses. Please note that all three must be copied.

(1) Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., Esq.
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, PC
100 Southgate Parkway
Morristown, NJ 07960
Counsel for Montague

(2) Douglas Silvestro, Esq.
BUSCH LAW GROUP, LLC
450 Main Street
Metuchen, New Jersey 08840
Counsel for High Point Regional

(3) Thomas Scapoli, Esq.
 Ingerman Smith, LLP
 550 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 209
 Harrison, New York 10528
Counsel for Port Jervis

Anyone filing comments with the Commissioner must include with his/her comments a signed statement showing proof of service in the following form:

I certify that on _____, which is the same date that I mailed two copies of the comments included herein to the Commissioner of Education, I mailed copies of the comments to the legal counsel for the Board of Education of Montague, the Board of Education of High Point Regional, and the Board of Education of Port Jervis at the addresses stated in the notice regarding public comment.

Once all comments are received, Montague, High Point Regional, and Port Jervis will have 20 days to file any reply.

XII. Resolution for public comment on uncontested petition to terminate send-receive agreement with High Point Regional, in order to re-establish send-receive with Port Jervis.

XIII. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 board meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

Roll Call	Bouma	Brislin	Caramucci	Christmann	Underwood	Teufert	Plotsky	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

XIV. Public Session – Agenda Items

Public comment is invited on all matters pertaining to the school district. All participants shall be permitted four (4) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

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evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

Motion to open public comment at ____ pm

Motion _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor/Opposed

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XV. Action Items

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve a 2nd reading of 9323/9324 Agenda Preparation /Advance Delivery of Meeting Material (see attached)

Moved:

Seconded:

Roll Call	Bouma	Brislin	Caramucci	Christmann	Underwood	Teufert	Plotsky	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

XVI. Financial Items

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve June 30, 2020 Bill List attached and listed below:

	Check Numbers	Amount
Regular Bill List	#A:25672-A:25687	\$42,659.47
Lunch Program	F: N1726	\$4,258.80

Moved:

Seconded:

Roll Call	Bouma	Brislin	Caramucci	Christmann	Underwood	Teufert	Plotsky	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve July 1, 2020 thru July 20, 2020 Bill List attached and listed below:

	Check Numbers	Amount
Regular Bill List	#A:N0714-N0715	
	A:25688-A:25701	\$150,067.34

Moved:

Seconded:

Roll Call	Bouma	Brislin	Caramucci	Christmann	Underwood	Teufert	Plotsky	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

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XVIII. Unfinished Business

XIX. New Business

XX. Executive Session if necessary:

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XXI. Adjournment

Motion ____ 2nd ____ All in Favor/Oppose

Time of Adjournment: _____