

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019
6:00 pm**

Mr. Plotsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Jennifer Caramucci	X	
Diane Cole	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Glen Plotsky, President	X	
Linda Spinapolice, Vice President	X	
Charles Teufert		X
Billy Underwood	X	

Others Present:

Timothy Capone - Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute

Mr. Plotsky led those present in a salute to our flag.

Mr. Plotsky read the following mission statement and notice of this meeting:

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

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 Times Herald Record.

CSA Report

- October 29- highlight all exceptional programs, staff present.
- Rec CA 10/29, 11/5 Board of Education meetings, not necessary, election night.
- October 23, 9:30pm- NJSBA-Convention- MES presenting- "Creating A Single Vision"
- Sports- meets- 1.6 miles
- Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving
- Next meet at Kittatiny this Thursday.
- Christina DeCola- volunteers
- Sign up for Soccer

- Agricultural Program- 5th – 8th grade funding available. Reach out to Sussex County Community College.
- Vito Gagliardi- Presentation by Porzio in reference to send/ receive-feasibility study. BOE given copy of the study.
- Presentation covered Demographic analysis and Racial Impact, Education Analysis.

SBA Report

- None

Correspondence

- Two emails- Parents' inquiries regarding students.

Approval of Minutes- Not Available.

Public Session

Motion to open public comment at 8:11pm

Motion Jennifer Caramucci 2nd Billy Underwood All in Favor

Motion to close public comment at 8:22pm

Motion Jennifer Caramucci 2nd Billy Underwood All in Favor

Public comment is invited on all matters pertaining to the school district. All participants shall be permitted three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

Board meetings are a meeting of the Board conducted in public, NOT a meeting of the public conducted in the presence of the Board.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this 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.

- Mannion- “Rogue Group” from 2013, cost to taxpayers, questions sending seventh and eighth to Port Jervis, questioned Hesper why ok now? Was not in 2013- Hesper responded that he was not at the department then.
 - Glen Plotsky addressed, Tim Capone addressed. “Doing it Right” No studies done in 2013.

- \$10K/year “unrealistic.” 10-year agreement.
- Linda Spinapolice- parents can have more choices. Tim Capone addressed, thinks the study is conservative regarding the cost savings.
- Charles Fletcher asked why the presentation was not on the agenda. Response was that the CSA reports are not itemized.
- Anna Imperia- “Educator at High Point” claims Montague students doing so well at High Point. Jennifer Caramucci and Linda Spinapolice addressed.
- Diane Cole- If Seventh and Eighth graders go to Port Jervis, no need to repeat studies.
- Brent Runne, Michelle Visco- hard work of staff, Thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Capone. Thankful for Chrome Books, Promethian Boards, Budget for needs and wants, after school activities, field trips, STEM, Spanish and Agriculture. Gave an invitation to attend the Fall Showcase.
- Tim Capone thanked Kelly Edsall to spearhead Chess and Christine DeCola for youth cross-country.
- Rebecca Dann - STEM teacher- Thanked Board of Education for STEM support.
- Mannion- NJSP remove individual without court order, person wants to come to these meetings.
- Danielle Conklin- PTA- purchased blocks for Pre-K.
 - Glen entertain motion to accept donation.
 - Diane Cole and Linda Spinapolice vote yes. Jen Caramucci and Billy Underwood abstain.
- Kim Hart- Thank you Board of Education focus on what is the best for all the District.
- Mannion- Will board of Education entertain motion to undo and let individual back to meetings. Tim Capone addressed. Glen Plotsky stated we will not do motion.
- Unfinished- Two policies need to have second readings per Linda Spinapolice.
Administering on October 1- Administering med.
 - Motion Linda Spinapolice, Jenner Caramucci to accept second. All others vote yes. Diane Cole Abstains.

Fiscal Items

Block vote F-1 – F-6.

- Moved by Jennifer Caramucci.
- Seconded by Sally Kurtzman.
- Caramucci, Cole, Kurtzman, Plotsky, Spinapolice, Underwood all in favor.
- Teufert Absent.

Administrative Items

Block vote A1 – A2

- Moved by Jennifer Caramucci.
- Seconded by Linda Spinapolice.
- Caramucci, Cole, Kurtzman, Plotsky, Spinapolice, Underwood all in favor.
- Teufert Absent.

A3

- Moved by Sally Kurtzman.
- Seconded by Diane Cole.
- Underwood, Caramucci, Cole, Kurtzman, Plotsky, Spinapolice all in favor.
- Teufert Absent.

Personnel Items

Block vote P-1 through P-3.

- Moved by Jennifer Caramucci.
- Seconded by Billy Underwood.
- Underwood, Caramucci, Kurtzman, Plotsky, Spinapolice, in favor.
- Cole, Abstain.
- Teufert, Absent.

Adjournment

Motion Jennifer Caramucci 2nd Linda Spinapolice

Time of Adjournment: 8:35PM

All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Costa
Board Secretary