

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY BARBARA HOLSTEIN at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President	X	
Denise Bogle, Vice President	X	
Dale Bouma		X
Paul Brislin	X	
Danielle Christmann	X	
Krista Mikulski	X	
Glen Plotsky	X	

Others Present:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Nittolo- Acting CSA	<u> X </u>	_____
Carolyn Joseph – Interim SBA/BS	<u> X </u>	_____
Joseph Garcia – Board Attorney	<u> X </u>	_____
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3. FLAG SALUTE

4. MISSION STATEMENT - The mission of the Montague Township School District is to provide the best educational experience and opportunities to realize the potential of every child.

5. LEGAL NOTICE - 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.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 6:31 p.m.
 Motion: Barbara Holstein 2nd Denise Bogle Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.
 Motion: Barbara Holstein 2nd Glen Plotsky Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m.
 Motion: Barbara Holstein 2nd Glen Plotsky Voice Vote: All in Favor

7. CSA REPORT - John Nittolo, Acting Superintendent

We held our first School Improvement Panel and School Safety Team meeting and discussed the Mentoring Plan, Evaluation System, and Professional Development. The Mentoring Plan discussed how many teachers who are on staff are going to be mentors. Montague's Response Intervention Tiered System of Supports is being created by Michelle Visco, Anna Dawson and Genene Meli. Professional Development and Training was discussed with year long focus being on intervention with the goal to responding appropriately to individual child's needs. Creating a toolkit of available resources at the school to identify what we have and don't have. Updating Parent

Teacher Handbook and Teacher Handbook to reflect our values and update to reflect new start and stop times. Met with new BA, Ms. Joseph, regarding budget needs, maintenance, etc. All Special Ed students will be receiving amended IEPs over the summer just to reflect time changes only. Updated Montague Safe Reopening Plan to reflect the allowable changes for September. Back to School night tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm (fall back date 9/14/21). Will be doing a traditional Back to School night. Board members are welcome to attend.

8. SBA REPORT - NONE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Barbara Holstein moved to dissolve the standing committees per Policy # 9130. Voice vote ALL IN FAVOR. Do not have to make a motion to operate as a Committee of the Whole. Board of the Whole Committee to begin August 9, 2021 and to be conducted as a worksession.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

12. 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.

The board uses the public comment 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.

Motion to open public comment at 7:24 p.m.

Motion: Glen Plotsky 2nd Danielle Christmann Voice Vote: All in Favor

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close public comment at 7:26p.m.

Motion: Barbara Holstein 2nd Danielle Christmann Voice Vote: All in Favor

13. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

PERSONNEL P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following employees, pending background check, for the 2021-2022 School Year.

- Laura Bellamy/Teacher - Step BA1 - \$60,000
- Emily Weiss/Teacher - Step BA1- \$60,000
- Lynn Frost/Clerical - Step H - \$21 hr
- Dolores Albanese/Bus Driver - Step E - \$19.50 hr.
- Heather Konya/Paraprofessional-Step D

Moved: Glen Plotsky

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	X		X	X	X	X	X	6
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		X						1

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Motion open public comment at 7:37 p.m.

Motion: Denise Bogle 2nd Barbara Holstein Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close public comment at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Barbara Holstein 2nd Denis Bogle Voice Vote: All in Favor

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

19. NEW BUSINESS - Paul Brislin asked to make a motion to authorize training of backup personnel for Mark Romano regarding virtual BOE meetings. John Nittolo said it could cost taxpayers money. Barbara Holstein asked Joseph Garcia, Esq., "what can be done if we cannot do virtual meeting?" Joseph Garcia, Esq., said there is no obligation to do virtual meetings. If it will just be an in person meeting it just needs to be advertised as such. Glen Plotsky recognizes the fact it will cost more money to have a substitute but seems having a backup cannot hurt. Person to be picked by Mr. Nittolo and Mr. Romano.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	X		X	X	X	X	X	6
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		X						1

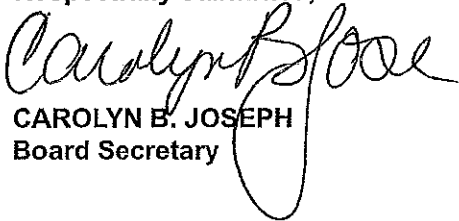
20. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY: - NO

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Denise Bogle 2nd: Paul Brislin Voice Vote: All in Favor

Time of Adjournment: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



CAROLYN B. JOSEPH
Board Secretary