

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 18, 2021
6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order 6:57 PM

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Denise Bogle, Vice President	X (Via phone conference)	
Dale Bouma	X	
Paul Brislin		X
Danielle Christmann, Board Secretary	X	
Barbara Holstein, President	X	
Glen Plotsky		X

Others Present:

John Nittolo - Active Chief School Administrator
Joe Garcia - Board Attorney

III. Flag Salute

IV. 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.

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 7:00 PM
Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann
Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:18 PM
Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann
Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:18 PM
Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann
Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to appoint Danielle Christmann as board note taker for this meeting
Motion: Barbara Holstein Second: Dale Bouma
Voice Vote: All in Favor

VIII. SBA Report - None

IX. Correspondence - None

X. Approval of Minutes - None

XI. Public Session

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 7:20 PM
Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann
Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close public comment at 7:22 PM
Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann
Voice Vote: All in Favor

P-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve Traci Edwards, as Paraprofessional, at Step D for the remainder 2020-2021 Board Year.

Motion to Amend to add next year 2021 - 2022 and also to change the spelling of the name to Tracy Edwards.

Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Barbara Holstein

Voice Vote: All in Favor

P-1 Vote

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Barbara Holstein

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X		X	X		4
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT			X			X	2

P-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Active Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve Aileen Donovan, as Paraprofessional, at Step D for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Danielle Christmann

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X		X	X		4
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT			X			X	2

P-3 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve Heather Beheran, as Paraprofessional, at Step D for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Danielle Christmann

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X		X	X		4
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT			X			X	2

Motion to approve for the 2021 - 2022 school year budget.

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, the general fund tax levy for the base budget and there are no additional spending proposals of the Montague Township School District were defeated by the voters at annual school election; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A et seq. The Board of Education did submit the budget documents to the Municipal Governing Body for review and ultimately certification of the taxes to the Sussex County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Montague have reviewed the defeated school budget; and

WHEREAS, the above reduction will result in a tax levy in the amount of \$6,572,446 for the Montague Township School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Total General Fund Tax Levy proposed on the ballot: \$6,672,446.

Revised General Tax Levy Fund: \$6,572,446.

Total Reduction to the General Fund: \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montague Board of Education approve final 2021 - 2022 fiscal year school budget with above state General Fund Tax Levy of \$6,572,446 and approve the final submission of the 2021-2022 fiscal year school budget to the Sussex County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Danielle Christmann

Discussion: -0.68% to -2.17% reduction.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X		X	X		4
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT			X			X	2

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Motion to open public comment at 7:29 PM

Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann

Voice Vote: All in favor

No public comment

Motion to close public comment at 7:31 PM

Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann

Voice Vote: All in Favor

XV. Unfinished Business - None

XVI. New Business -

Motion to appoint Melinda Bellis as the Official Custodian of Records.

Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X		X	X		4
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT			X			X	2

XVII. Executive Session if necessary:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montague Township Board of Education recess and proceed to executive session to discuss personnel matters and legal issues.

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No executive session needed

XVIII. Adjournment Motion

Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Danielle Christmann

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Time of Adjournment: 7:33 PM