

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2021  
6:30 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 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:

	Present	Absent
John Nittolo- Acting CSA	___X___	_____
Carolyn Joseph – Interim SBA/BS	___X___	_____
Joseph Garcia – Board Attorney	___X___	_____
_____	_____	_____

**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 6:32PM  
 Motion Dale Bouma                      2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Brislin                      Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 6:53PM  
 Motion Dale Bouma                      2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Christmann                      Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 6:53PM  
 Motion Glen Plotsky                      2<sup>nd</sup> Dale Bouman                      Voice Vote: All in Favor

**7. CSA REPORT - John Nittolo, Acting CSA**

7th grade had to be split into 2 classes - 2 groups of 15. 5th grade changed to a more traditional elementary type situation where one teacher teaches the academics subject areas. Transition going smoothly and I'm happy with it. Have to advertise for someone to replace the person who took over 5th grade class. New pictures uploaded to the website. I took part in the very first summer learning think tank with the Dept. of Education for Sussex County to rethink what the summer program looked like in County.

Trying to come up with better practices. Uploading all data we have to our LinkIt platform and we have professional development on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Does not affect the school day. We have Girls on the Run on the agenda. Sat in on the High Point Regional Principal meeting to discuss any issues that are relevant or pertinent to all. Sussex Tech visited the school last week to speak to the students. 8th grade is going to High Point for their school visit on November 17, 2021. Received email from parent regarding school lunch. We are dealing with supply chain shortages. We are trying to work out a solution for children to have options when going through the lunch line on a daily basis. All NJDOE reports, such as School Performance Report, School Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Report, Title 1 Comparability Report, Title 1 ReAllocation Report, Preschool 5 Year Plan and District Enrollment and Planning Worksheet have been completed, uploaded and submitted on time. PTA and MEA put on the Fall Festival this past weekend and handprints have been placed on the cafeteria wall. Thank you to all that participated.

**8. SBA REPORT - Carolyn Joseph, Interim SBA/BS**

Good Evening. I am making progress in putting together old items not addressed. I am also moving forward utilizing our grants. Our auditors have been in and have taken a lot of paperwork back to their office. They are returning this Friday, October 29, 2021. They too are making good progress. This weekend, weather permitting, we are having our roof repaired. Hopefully, Saturday it should be completed if not Sunday. This concludes my report.

**9. BOARD OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS - NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - Received email regarding school lunches**

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2021.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann      Seconded: Dale Bouma      Discussion: None**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>			X	X		X	X	4
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>		X						1
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

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**Moved: Danielle Christmann      Seconded: Paul Brislin      Discussion: None**

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<b>YES</b>			X	X		X	X	4
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>		X						1
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2



**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 7:05PM      Motion: Dale Bouma      2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Christmann  
 Voice Vote: All in Favor

**NONE**

Motion to close Public Comment at 7:05PM      Motion: Glen Plotsky      2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Brislin  
 Voice Vote: All in Favor

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education, approve the submission of the Division of Early Childhood Services - Five Year Preschool Program Operational Plan, Former Abbott’s Charter Schools & PEA Districts, due November 15, 2021, along with the 2022-2023 District Enrollment and Planning Workbook. (See attached).

**Moved: Dale Bouma      Seconded: Danielle Christmann      Discussion: None**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>		X	X	X		X	X	5
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

**14. PERSONNEL**

**P-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the creation of the Girls on the Run Program, with Ms. Darah Pinzone as Coordinator. Stipend of \$750.00 included in CARES Act funding.

**Moved: Glen Plotsky      Seconded: Dale Bouma      Discussion: Barbara Holsteins** asked for a brief synopsis of what the programs are going to be doing for our students. Mr. Nittolo reads Ms. Pinzone’s application. There is a male program that’s called “Let’s Go Run” and if we can find someone to spearhead that program we may be able to get a male program going.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>		X	X	X		X	X	5
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

**P-2 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following employees, pending background check, if needed, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Andrea Bailey - Paraprofessional, Step C, \$27,000.00

Alexandria Zeim - Teacher, Step A, \$60,000.00

**Moved: Dale Bouma      Seconded: Paul Brislin      Discussion: Mr. Nittolo stated that Ms. Zeim is already employed. She is our educator we had in Art Program but now put her in charge of our new 5th grade stand alone class so now we are advertising to replace her for the Art and 1st grade position.**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>		X	X	X		X	X	5
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

**P-3 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the resignation of teacher, 35738400, effective December 21, 2021.

**Moved: Dale Bouma      Seconded: Danielle Christmann      Discussion: Paul Brislin says to add “with regret” Mr. Nittolo says that they wish Ms. Coolong nothing but the best and our arms and doors are always open to her. Barbara Holstein says the Board agrees with Mr. Nittolo.**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>		X	X	X		X	X	5
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

**15. FINANCE**

**F-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve September 27, 2021 thru October 25, 2021 - Bill List attached and listed below:

Fund 10	\$223,862.32
Fund 11	\$670,397.19
Fund 20	\$ 92,820.99
Fund 60	\$ 20.00
Grand Total	\$987,100.50

**Moved: Dale Bouma      Seconded: Danielle Christmann      Discussion: None**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
<b>YES</b>		X	X	X		X	X	5
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>	X				X			2

