

8. **SBA REPORT** - Roof will be repaired probably within the next couple of weeks or months. It will not be done during school hours. Also, replaced some floor tiles in the building and have new drinking fountains. Moving forward with HVAC. Meeting with architects. Project will take place in summer 2022. Working with auditors for the 2020-21 school audit. Reviewing all the grants. Also reviewing our 2021-22 school budget to see where we stand with the original budget and actually where we need to be now.

9. **BOARD OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

Barbara Holstein reached out to Kathy Helewa, NJ School Board Rep who is present at the meeting and will be speaking about being a Board of the Whole and giving comparisons as to what will be different as a Board of the Whole versus a Standing Committee.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - An email from Charles and Kimberly Fletcher complementing the school grounds was read.

11. **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 8:12 p.m.

Motion: Dale Bouma 2nd Glen Plotsky Voice Vote: All in Favor

1. Savita from Hardyston - Concerns with wearing masks. Teachers must be available to read students' facial expressions. Real resolution of years ago. Rights have been taken away by the governor. Exec. Order 251

2. Andrea Campbell - Agrees with Mr. Savita. Wearing masks - can't see our facial expressions. Irreputable damage to children.

Motion to close public comment at 8:19 p.m.

Motion: Glen Plotsky 2nd Dale Bouma Voice Vote: All in Favor

12. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Uniform State Memorandum Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved: Dale Bouma

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

Discussion: Barbara Holstein reviewed Agreement. Had questions regarding what can and cannot take place in school. John Nittolo said it details the school district and Law Enforcement what is mandated to report. Same since 2019.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education requests a Waiver for a Full Time, Non Teaching, Principal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved: Dale Bouma

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-3 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve LabQ, Budd Lake, NJ, to provide COVID19 Test services, at no charge to the district, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved: Dale Bouma

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion: Paul Brislin asked who is paying for this? John Nittolo said no bill to school. No cost to staff. It will go through insurance first. If not covered then it will be covered by funds from CARES ACT. Barbara Holstein asked “Who are these tests for?” John Nittolo answered “for any staff member not vaccinated. School nurse to do. 2 types of testing. Results in 18-24 hr.” Barbara Holstein status on adding students?” John Nittolo said “any student who shows signs and/or symptoms and parent signed waiver we can test the child. We cannot randomly test a child without consent”. Joe Garcia, Esq., said, “I don’t see a liability risk.” Krista Mikulski asked “what other testing, prior to COVID, did the nurse test for?” Dale Bouma asked if there’s a fee to the parents? John Nittolo stated that it goes through parent insurance and then through CARES ACT.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x	x		x		x		4
NO			X		X		X	3
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Joseph Garcia, Esq., discussed the Addendum Resolution to implement the mask mandate. Resolution implementing removes language accepting self or parental attestation of medical Exec. Order 251. Barbara Holstein read Amended Resolution. Joseph Garcia, Esq., explained amending and removing language.

Discussion: Glen Plotsky stated that this policy now mirrors the Executive Order 253 in effect. Only allows Governor’s exemptions. Denise Bogle stated what Ronald Regan stated when he said the Federal Government has taken too much money from the people, too much authority from the States and too much liberty from the Constitution. As Board members we are to abide by the US Constitution and the State of NJ Constitution. Doesn't want our District to be cited for violation. Barbara Holstein cited the beginning of the oath of Board members. Oath does not say that this is according to an attorney's opinion or anyone else’s opinion and interprets it differently and uphold the constitutional rights of all parents of the school district and cannot support new policy removing parents rights. Paul Brislin stated when he took his oath of office it was in fact to the Constitution of the US and the Constitution of NJ and did not take an oath of allegiance to any particular official. Dale Bouma asked if staff would be fined if they didn't comply with Executive Order. He says it should be the parents’ right but doesn’t want staff to be penalized or fined. Joseph Garcia, Esq., asked to discuss it in closed session. Denise Bogle agrees with Dale Bouma.

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

Barbara Holstein made a motion to have Public Comment on Amendment since it was not on the agenda. Seconded by Dale Bouma. Motion to open public comment at 9:23 p.m.

Savis Savitis from Hardyston. Nothing bad to say. Voted for Resolution. It is unconstitutional and unacceptable for the Governor to put a threat against the Board. Every day we accept it and we are walking down the wrong path and teaching our children to walk down the wrong path.

Motion to close public comment at 9:25 p.m.

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

18. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY: - NONE

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: **Barbara Holstein**

2nd: **Glen Plotsky**

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Time of Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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