

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 27, 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 | VIA ZOOM | |
| Glen Plotsky | X | |

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| Others Present: | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
| John Nittolo- Acting CSA | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Carolyn Joseph – Interim SBA/BS | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Joseph Garcia – Board Attorney | <u> X </u> | <u> </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 6:32 p.m.
 Motion: Denise Bogle 2nd Dale Bouma Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.
 Motion: Glenn Plotsky 2nd Dale Bouma Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:07 p.m.
 Motion: Dale Bouma 2nd Barbara Holstein Voice Vote: All in Favor

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

HIB Report- Zero incidents reported/Zero incidents founded. GOTR (Girls on the Run)-Darah Pinzone has requested creating GOTR at Montague Twp. School. A faculty meeting was held Sept. 22, 2021 and delayed opening was on Sept 27, 2021 for Linkit training, SGO and PDP development and Paraprofessional Behaviorist training and Handle with Care. Back to School Night feedback- great turnout and very positive comments concerning our staff and the facilities. New American Rescue Plan funding (total for Montague is \$1,161,882.00).

The ARP system opens Sept. 29, 2021, giving Montague its last 1/3 which is about \$330k plus an additional:

- Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant; \$50k
- Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant; \$40k
- Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant; \$40k
- New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant \$45k

The Security grant amendment was completed. On Oct. 11, 2021, Columbus Day, Montague Staff will be attending inservice meetings. Paras will receive training from Ed Services and our teaching staff will attend county-wide training at Frankford and Bridges training will take place at Montague. Photo day is Oct. 1, 2021. Performed both drills within the time frame of 10 and 15 days (Fire and Lockdown). New Bus communication system and GPS has been installed. Sandwich Lobby-Sandyston: backpack donation to go with our Weekend Bag program. The Start Strong assessments will take place on Oct. 5,6,7, 2021.

8. SBA REPORT - Carolyn B. Joseph, BS

Good Evening. Today was a very productive day. I was able to locate and draw monies from three (3) old REAP grants dating back to 2018 totaling \$89,126.00. Unfortunately, just like the REAP grants, I have experienced a Black Hole with finding a foundation to work from. I have many more onions to peel. I remain optimistic that I will be able to establish this foundation. If any Board member would like more specifics, call me or visit me. This concludes my report.

9. BOARD OF WHOLE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

Brain Pop - Ms. Holstein commented and questioned the program Brain Pop. Mr. Nittolo explained how this program works. Other board members commented on the content of this program.

New Jersey School Board Association - Policy updates - Ms. Holstein wanted to review the documents NJSBA forwarded to the Board. However, due to the length of this document, she decided to have copies made for each Board member and to put them up at the school for review on October 11, 2021.

Transportation - Ms. Mikulski questioned the capacity of our school buses versus the student enrollment. Mr. Nittolo commented there is a bus driver shortage. A transportation analysis will be provided for our next Board meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Received email from parent regarding our mask policy at school.

A-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve a Day Field Trip for the 4th Grade to visit the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania.

Moved: DALE BOUMA

Seconded: DENISE BOGLE

Discussion: Glen Plotsky questioned the cost. Monies budgeted in grants, etc., CARE III

| Roll Call | Bogle | Bouma | Brislin | Christmann | Mikulski | Plotsky | Holstein | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| YES | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 7 |
| NO | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | |

14. PERSONNEL

P-1 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.

Soccer Coach - Anna Dawson - \$1,000 stipend

504 Coordinator - Anna Dawson - n/a

Truancy Officer - James Andriac - n/a

Sunny Seeds - Anna Dawson and Chandler Smith = \$500.00 per instructor (paid from CARES ACT funding)

Bus Aide- Melissa Stoll- \$18 per hour

Moved: DALE BOUMA Seconded: PAUL BRISLIN

Discussion: Dale Bouma - Girl on the Rune Program. John Nittolo - Not a real overlap - some duplication CARES funding.

| Roll Call | Bogle | Bouma | Brislin | Christmann | Mikulski | Plotsky | Holstein | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| YES | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 7 |
| NO | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | |

15. FINANCE

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve August 24, 2021 thru September 13, 2021 - Bill List attached and listed below:

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| Fund 10 | \$ 63,215.75 |
| Fund 11 | \$314,486.52 |
| Fund 12 | \$ 3,820.00 |
| Fund 20 | \$126,551.82 |
| Grand Total | \$508,074.09 |

Moved: DALE BOUMA

Seconded: DENISE BOGLE

Discussion: NONE

| Roll Call | Bogle | Bouma | Brislin | Christmann | Mikulski | Plotsky | Holstein | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| YES | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 7 |
| NO | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | |

F-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's Report (A-148) and the Treasurer's of School Monies Report (A-149) for the month of July, 2021 and that they are in agreement.

Moved: DALE BOUMA Seconded: GLEN PLOTSKY Discussion: NONE

| Roll Call | Bogle | Bouma | Brislin | Christmann | Mikulski | Plotsky | Holstein | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| YES | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 7 |
| NO | | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | | | | | | |

F-3 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the establishment of a new bank account for the **MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** with the Provident Bank in Montague, New Jersey.

Moved: DALE BOUMA Seconded: DENISE BOGLE Discussion: NONE

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

16. TRANSPORTATION/TUITION

T-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township approves the Tuition Contract for Student #100268 to the Titusville Academy for the 2021-22 school year.

Moved: DALE BOUMA Seconded: BARBARA HOLSTEIN Discussion: NONE

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

T-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township approves the three Joint Transportation Agreements with the Kittatinny Regional School District for the 2021-22 school year.

Moved: DALE BOUMA Seconded: DANIELLE CHRISTMANN Discussion: NONE

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

17. 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 open public comment at 7:58 p.m.

Motion: Dale Bouma 2nd Danielle Christmann Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close public comment at 7:59 p.m.

Motion: Paul Brislin 2nd Dale Bouma Voice Vote: All in Favor

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Barbara Holstein thanked John Nittolo for the beautification of the building. John Nittolo stated that the classrooms have more seating room and that the students are responding very well.

Denise Bogle - Agricultural program. Clearing and planting more active with families during growing. Grange Garden.

Danielle Christmann was impressed with Back to School night and their speeches. They care about the children. Barbara Holstein is open to listen.

Dale Bouma Presentation of Students and clubs. Can we have them? John Nittolo reached out and will do so.

19. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY: - NO

21. ADJOURNMENT

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Joseph

CAROLYN B. JOSEPH
Board Secretary