

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President	x	
Denise Bogle, Vice President	x	
Paul Brislin	x	
Andree Campbell	x	
Danielle Christmann	X (TELEPHONE)	
Tasha DeGeorge	x	
Michael Zernhelt	x	

Others Present:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Andriac - Acting CSA	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Carl Morelli, SBA/BS	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Matthew Giacobbe, Esq. – Bd Atty.	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

3. FLAG SALUTE - FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE OR PRAYER

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 Paul Brislin 2nd Denise Bogle X All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion Tasha DeGeorge 2nd Michael Zernhelt X All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion Paul Brislin 2nd Michael Zernhelt X All in Favor

7. CSA REPORT - James Andriac, Acting Superintendent - Teachers have been back in the building getting their classrooms ready. Thank you to Dave Miller and his crew for getting the building ready. The building looks better than it has in the past 10 years. Kindergarten orientation is Thursday, August 25, 2022 and PreK orientation is Monday, August 29, 2022. The library has new windows. We are excited for the new year.

8. **SBA REPORT - Carl Morelli, BA** - The roof restoration project is almost complete with the trim and gutters remaining. Summer cleaning has been completed. Thank you to the custodial team. PreK bathroom renovations will be completed. The installation of cameras, phones, wifi, scanner system for book checkout has been completed. The exterior color needs to be picked by the BOE.

Barbara Holstein asked what is the possibility of it being painted in a mutual color and having the children paint murals? The BOE discussed neutral colors - beige, tan, gray, mat finish. Carl Morelli will get a couple of samples.

On the financial side, we have rolled over accounting software into the new school year with much needed work due to incorrect coding. Our audit report has been uploaded into our accounting program. As of this evening, our treasurer has our January, February and March information to complete her reports. She will receive April, May and June next week.

Our audit will begin Monday, November 7, 2022 and should be completed by the end of November for the school year 2021-2022.

9. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Barbara Holstein** - met with Mr. Andriac and Ms. Cortiana on Monday, August 22, 2022. The dumpster area was full of desks and chairs that were thrown there and covered with a tarp for 3 to 5 years. Very happy to look forward to a positive light. Went up to a top field and happy to hear that the chicken coop is going to be utilized and Ms. Van Gorden will be hacking chickens again this year. There are a lot of improvements that still need to be made. There is so much potential for our middle school kids to have and to create a program. The roof looks well done. Utilizing the parking lots and Carl looking into it with Dave putting a parking lot in for the buses in the lower wing. Mr. Andriac spoke to Ms. Van Gorden about possibly putting a garden at the top of the field. Ms. Bogle will give Ms. Van Gorden the names of a top beekeeper and top poultry farmer. Congratulations to Dave Miller on his recent marriage on behalf of the BOE.

10. 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 7:39 p.m.

Motion 2nd X All in Favor

Motion to close Public Comment at 7:39 p.m.

Motion Paul Brislin 2nd Tasha DeGeorge X All in Favor

11. FINANCE AND INSURANCE

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following assemblies:

Date	Vendor	Price
October 12, 2022	Mallory's Army	\$1,200.00
February 8, 2023	Hoop Wizard	\$2,000.00
May 16, 2023	Dialed Action Agency, LLC	\$2,000.00

MOTION TO TABLE by Paul Brislin and seconded by Tasha DeGeorge - NEED BACK UP INFO REGARDING ASSEMBLIES

Discussion: Mr. Brislin asked what the assemblies were. Mr. Andriac will provide the BOE with information on all the assemblies listed.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

12. PERSONNEL

P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Jessica Blake, pending background check, as a full time paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year

Moved: Paul Brislin Seconded: Danielle Christmann Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

P-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Adrienne Cooper, pending background check, as a substitute teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge Seconded: Andree Campbell Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

P-3 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Mary Blizzard, pending background check, as a Speech Pathologist, Step B, MA+30 at a salary of \$67,000. for the 2022-23 school year

Moved: Andree Campbell Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

P-4 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approves the suspension of employee #10000 without pay pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.3.

Moved: Paul Brislin Seconded: Michael Zernhelt Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

13. TRANSPORTATION

T-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **DANIELLE GIULIANO**, as full time bus driver, pending background check, \$22.00 an hour, with a start date of August 31, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge Seconded: Michael Zernhelt Discussion: None

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

14. CURRICULUM AND CHILD STUDY TEAM

C-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the curriculum for the 2022-23 school year.

MOTION TO TABLE made by **Barbara Holstein** and seconded by **Paul Brislin**

Discussion: Ms. Bogle would like more information on each of the areas listed. Ms. Holstein would like some website links and examples on how it is used in the classrooms.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

15. ADMINISTRATION

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the 11am delayed opening on September 12, 2022 to accommodate a staff safety session.

Moved: Denise Bogle Seconded: Andree Campbell Discussion: Mr. Andriac said he didn't want to do any delayed openings this year but is taking the opportunity to have the State police come in and do a safety presentation for our staff. Ms. Holstein thanked them for coming to do this for our school.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	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 Township Board of Education approve the Marshall evaluation model for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved:Tasha DeGeorge Seconded: Andree Campbell Discussion: Mr. Brislin asked what is the plan? Mr. Andriac stated that the Marshall evaluation is free and it is a much better evaluation system than the Danielson model. It is for evaluating the staff.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

16. PUBLIC SESSION

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Motion to open Public Comment at 8:07 p.m.
 Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Paul Brislin X All in Favor

Motion to close Public Comment at 8:08 p.m.
 Motion Andree Campbell 2nd Tasha DeGeorge X All in Favor

17. NEW BUSINESS - Ms. Bogle asked about the buses and asked if they are being fully operational for the start of school. Mr. Andriac said yes they will be. Our new transportation coordinator has been working hard on getting the routes completed.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Barbara Holstein 2nd Tasha DeGeorge X All in Favor
Time of Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Morelli

CARL MORELLI, Board Secretary