

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 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	
Dale Bouma		x
Paul Brislin	x	
Danielle Christmann	x	
Krista Mikulski	x	
Glen Plotsky		x

Others Present:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Nittolo - Acting CSA	x	
Carl Morelli, SBA/BS	x	
Joseph Garcia, Esq. – Board Atty.	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.

Note - Jody Taylor, Music teacher invited the Board to the Montague Winter Concert for Thursday, January 27, 2022 and to the High Point District Music Celebration Concert scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7PM at High Point High School.

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 6:34 p.m.

Motion: Danielle Christmann 2nd: Paul Brislin Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Danielle Christmann Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Paul Brislin Voice Vote: All in Favor

7. PRESENTATIONS - HVAC presentation by EI Associates - Architects & Engineers (options for HVAC system) (approx. 7PM)

8. CSA REPORT - John Nittolo, Acting CSA. Start Strong results will be put online but presentation will be put off until the February 14, 2022 meeting. Zero HIB investigations. Zero founded reports from last month. Budget discussions have commenced with Ms. Joseph and Mr. Morelli. Will provide very detailed explanations behind costs for the budget. Since the last meeting numbers have decreased for virtual absences. No teachers are out right now for COVID related issues. Mid-year budget review on January 26, 2022 (via Zoom along with Carolyn Joseph). ARC is virtually scheduled for January 25, 2022. Federal Lands Impact Aide due January 31, 2022. 8th grade visits High Point on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Tentatively 13 will be attending High Point. Charter and Tech have delayed opening for January 27, March 24 and April 28. Bus 1 and Bus 4 will do double bus runs instead of implementing a delayed opening. Our buses are getting relatively full. Enrollment is increasing. At some point we will have to get another bus whether it is contracted or bought.

9. SBA REPORT - Carl Morelli, BA - Began a review of the budget, the grants, the awards and expenditures and will have a preliminary report compiled for the Board for next meeting to start going over issues and budget for next school year.

10. BOARD OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS - Board has received a letter of resignation from Dale Bouma. Board will be making a motion to accept the resignation. Ms. Holstein asked Board members to go on the NJSBA website and review what they have for Board goals. Would like to discuss Board goals at the ReOrganization meeting. Board will have to review roof and HVAC projects from Parette Somjen and EI so they can be voted on at the February 28th meeting. Link for Petition for Board of Ed Candidate will be posted on the website.

Motion to accept Dale Bouma's resignation

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		2

11. CORRESPONDENCE - Received correspondence regarding High Point. Will get back to the person after speaking with the Board attorney.

12. 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 and the Executive Minutes of December 6, 2021.

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		7

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Minutes of December 20, 2021.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Mikulski	Plotsky	Holstein	Total
YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		2

13. 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 9:25 p.m..

Motion Denise Bogle

2nd Danielle Christmann

Voice Vote: All in Favor

NONE

Motion to close Public Comment at 9:26 p.m.

Motion Barbara Holstein

2nd Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: All in Favor

14. ADMINISTRATION

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Learning Supports and Specialized Services’ English Language Service Three-Year Program Plan for the School Years 2021-2024 (see attached).

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion: A plan needs

to be in place. Everyone runs on the same schedule. Ours had to be updated. Krista Mikulska asked about outsourcing. Mr. Nittolo stated that some Districts pay for services – Barbara Holstein asked if we are providing our World Language instruction online? Mr. Nittolo stated that we provide it in school through Ms. Claney Lane. You must have a dedicated person on staff dedicated to a specific language.

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YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		2

A-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the \$100.00 membership dues for the 2021-22 FLISA Membership (Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association - Education for Children, Fairness for Taxpayers). (See attached)

Moved: Denise Bogle Seconded: Danielle Christmann Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if we were paying \$100 to pay for access to the Federal Impact Aid? **Mr. Nittolo** answered no. **Ms. Holstein** stated that a large portion of Montague is Federal Land. **Mr. Nittolo** stated that **Mr. Hutchinson** recommended this to him. **Mr. Brislin** stated he is voting yes as this is an investment

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ABSENT		x				x		2

15. PERSONNEL

P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Employee #69411718** maternity leave effective March 21, 2022.

Moved: Paul Brislin Seconded: Denise Bogle Discussion: Barbara Holstein congratulated the employee.

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YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		2

P-2 BE IT RESOLVED, P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **DAYNE TAKACH** as full time custodian, at \$41,600.00, pending background check for the 2021-2022 school year.

Moved: Denise Bogle Seconded: Danielle Christmann Discussion: Mr. Nittolo stated that we are replacing one full time custodian with another full time custodian.

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YES	x		x	x	x		x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT		x				x		2

16. FINANCE

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve December 21, 2021 thru January 24, 2022 - Bill List attached and listed below:

Fund 10	\$ 65,621.37
Fund 11	\$826,232.78
Fund 12	\$ 5,975.00
Fund 20	\$ 68,696.30
Fund 60	\$ 32,531.00
Grand Total	\$999,056.45

Moved: Paul Brislin Seconded: Denise Bogle Discussion:

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Motion Danielle Christmann 2nd Denise Bogle Voice Vote: All in Favor

NONE

Motion to close Public Comment at 9:40 p.m.

Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Paul Brislin Voice Vote: All in Favor

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Denise Bogle

2nd Danielle Christmann

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Time of Adjournment: 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL MORELLI
Board Secretary