

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 6:35 p.m. due to technical issues**
2. **ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President	x	
Denise Bogle, Vice President	x via zoom (6:42p.m.)	
Paul Brislin	x	
Andree Campbell	x	
Danielle Christmann	x	
Tasha DeGeorge	x	
Michael Zernhelt	x	

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

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 6:37 p.m.
 Motion Tasha DeGeorge 2nd Paul Brislin Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:22 p.m.
 Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Andree Campbell Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:22 p.m.
 Motion Denise Bogle 2nd Andree Campbell Voice Vote: All in Favor

7. CSA REPORT - John Nittolo, HIB half yearly/yearly report. From January through June there were 2 unfounded HIB reports. No HIB reports from the beginning of the year to December. Thanked Melissa Neamand for yearbooks and thanked School Craft. June 17, 2022 is the last day of school which is also a 1:30 p.m. dismissal. Also thanked everyone for their patience with the bussing issues. Barbara Holstein also thanked Ms. Neamand for working on the yearbooks.

8. SBA REPORT - Carl Morelli - Roof restoration project began last week. So far everything is going well and there have been no disturbances to classes. If there is anything it may be some smells in the air from products that are being used but there is nothing hazardous being used. We also completed a school safety assessment which was done in conjunction with the Sussex County Sheriff's Department and the NJ State Police and David Miller, our new Facility Manager was in attendance too. Spent a good part of the day assessing the building inside and outside, doors, windows, any possibilities of anything regarding covering our school, building, land, students and staff. We are putting a plan in place and will be discussed with administration and NJ State Police and Sheriff's department. As reports come out they will be shared with the public and Board. We do have a lot of open land and do not want to take an opinion that nothing can ever happen because we live in a nice quiet part of the woods. Looking to have something within the month to have a complete report compiled and to present to the Board.

9. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Barbara Holstein - Ms. Holstein attended the Sussex County Educational Service Commission meeting on June 6, 2022. Just learning about their services. They are a tuition base only so they can raise their budget. Would like to meet with Carl Morelli to discuss more of this and learn more about it during a whole board workshop. Their meeting was basically reappointing everyone and reappointing their budgets. They are also going to be adding a nurse bank to the services that they offer. Their cost was \$325.00 per day which is not the cost they would be charging to the District that would be more. We do have students attending there. A superintendent's report was given at the meeting regarding a roundtable meeting she had with parents. Eight out of the 10 parents who were in attendance at that meeting were wanting them to go back to normal operations. They want masks optional and go back to having outings. They are working hard to balance that concern within their population there. Will be attending next month's meeting too. Enjoyed our workshop meeting that we had.

10. CORRESPONDENCE -

1. Email and flier from Bridget Gregory of Family Promise of Sussex County. Will post this to the website. Do not need a formal roll call. No board objection.
2. Email from Brandon Walsh regarding a board member's attendance and public comment at another school board meeting. Barbara Holstein stated that the email was about her. She said she has her first amendment right to attend any school board meeting and have public comment. If anyone has any questions, Joseph Garcia, Esq., will be happy to answer. Joseph Garcia, Esq., stated that each board member has the right to go to meetings and express your opinions as long as you are not speaking on behalf of the board. Mr. Brislin stated that Mr. Walsh is not a resident of that school district and that he was in attendance at the meeting and he indicated that he was a former board member of another board of education so he was doing exactly what he was condemning Ms. Holstein for doing.

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 and the Executive Minutes of May 11, 2022.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Paul Brislin

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

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 7:36 p.m.

Motion Tasha DeGeorge

2nd Michael Zernhelt

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Sandy Hull, lives in Layton, NJ. Has a packet of information for each BOE member regarding the CR Club’s proposal to change the Delaware Water GAP National Recreation Area to a national park. Urging the BOE to pass a resolution opposing this change proposed by the PA and NJ Chapters of the Sierra Club. There is a chance that the school Impact Aid could be affected. The school board at Kittatinny and Hampton Township have recently passed resolutions opposing this matter and Sandyston is in the process of working on a resolution opposing this project. Please read the information and contact her with any questions. She is part of a 501(C) organization called the Delaware Water GAP Defense Fund.

Barbara Holstein thanked her for coming to speak to the BOE and for looking out for everyone’s backyard. Mr. Brislin asked Ms. Hull if Congressman Gottheimer has taken a position on this matter? Ms. Hull says that Mr. Gottheimer supports this 100% and that she has left Mr. Gottheimer 7 unanswered voicemails as well as sent him numerous correspondences and only received 2 responses that tell her nothing.

Brent Runne, teacher at Montague Township School, thanked all BOE members who were able to attend the track banquet. Ms. Holstein said it was a wonderful event. Ms. Bogle thanked Mr. Runne for getting the track program running again and Ms. Campbell thanked Mr. Runne for inviting them. They had a wonderful time.

Marcia Miller, Clifton, NJ. Spoke about the sex education standards for the 2022 academic school year. Voiced her concerns regarding the sex education standards for the NJ Government schools. Believes it is not age appropriate.

Motion to close Public Comment at 7:48 p.m.

Motion Michael Zernhelt

2nd Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: All in Favor

13. FINANCE AND INSURANCE

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the May 12, 2022 through June 8, 2022, 2022 - Bill List attached and listed below:

Fund 10	\$ 66,159.61
Fund 11	\$648,620.32
Fund 12	\$ 4,772.79
Fund 20	\$ 61,149.05
Fund 60	\$ 59,636.62
Grand Total	\$840,338.39

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Andree Campbell

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x	x	x	x		6
NO								
ABSTAIN							x	1
ABSENT								

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

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Andree Campbell

Discussion: Mr. Morelli stated that he is still in the process of updating our audit report to our CDK system. There were approximately 6 months of entries that were not updated going back to last summer. Working with the auditors and taking it one month at a time. December’s report is now accurate and sent to the County. Will be moving to January’s report within the next week. Once we get to February we will be 100% accurate to our audit that was done. Ms. Holstein stated that when Ms. Joseph was here and she was made aware of discrepancies that were found. Glad it is being rectified and being taken care of. Ms. Holstein asked if there are any penalties? Mr. Morelli stated that when the audit will be done there may have been questions and comments.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	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 completion of an application and receipt of a Safety Grant Award:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Montague Township School District, hereinafter referred to as the “Educational Institution,” is a member of NJSIG; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: 1) The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2022 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,600.00 for the purposes set forth in their safety grant application, which is attached hereto; and, 2) The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if the money could go towards the Safety Evaluation/Program? Mr. Morelli stated this is a yearly grant that the District has been receiving for about the past 4 or 5 years and yes it goes towards anything regarding safety within the building.

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

F-4 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Montague Township School District Board of Education and Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP, Bylaw, Policy & Regulation Manual at a cost of \$10,000.00 plus annual fees.

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion: Ms. Holstein stated that she reviewed the Agreement and stated that the BOE has been operating under NJSchool Boards since 2017. Strauss Esmay is a full inhouse company. They keep up with the policies and advise the Board it will also provide the management of the policies online and the language on all of them are up to date. Mr. Morelli stated that they are the top rated policy company in the State. Most of the Districts in our County use them. Ms. Bogle stated that there are 22 districts in Sussex County that use Strauss Esmay.

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

F-5 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education appoint Nisivoccia LLP, as the auditors for the Board whose term of office shall be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The cost of these services shall be \$31,500.00.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

Discussion: Paul Brislin asked what the fee was for the prior year? Carl Morelli said he will check the budget from last year. If there was an increase it was a slight increase. Mr. Morelli thinks it was close to \$30,000 but doesn't have the information in front of him. It could be listed on our user-friendly budget under Audit Fees. Paul Brislin stated that the reason he was asking was because the prior CSA gave them a substantial increase due to the prior CSA blaming the former BA not doing their job adequately so the auditors had to allegedly spend a lot more time so the former CSA was quite generous in giving them a rather substantial increase at the time at taxpayer expense. Mr. Morelli stated that he has discussed with the auditors coming in on a quarterly basis at the same price instead of coming in at the end of the year and stated it is financially a prudent thing to do. Mr. Brislin stated that he believes the Municipality is also doing it on a quarterly basis which he believes is more efficient. Mr. Brislin asked Mr. Morelli if he has any thoughts on periodically soliciting RFPs to other audit firms to see if the \$31,500 fee is an appropriate fee to their competition. Mr. Morelli stated that from his experience we are certainly in the ballpark. It also depends on the type of audit they are doing for the District. If the District runs more efficiently and their billable hours are reduced then it keeps the yearly audit fee in line.

The \$31,500 is in the ballpark. Ms. Holstein asked if the \$31,500 is the maximum number for the year? Mr. Morelli stated that is correct and the only time it would go over is if we are hiring to do work over the audit. That would be a project by project basis and would need board resolution.

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

F-6 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement between R&L DataCenters, Inc. and Montague Township School District Board of Education beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Moved: Danielle Christmann **Seconded: Paul Brislin**

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

F-7 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education renew CDK Systems, Inc. for the 2022-23SY at a cost of \$11,025.00.

Moved: Denise Bogle **Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge**

Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if this was fully inclusive of what we are currently using. Mr. Morelli stated yes.

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

F-8 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement for Legal Services - Special Counsel between the Montague Board of Education and the law firm of Comegno Law Group, P.C., effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Moved: Danielle Christmann **Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge**

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

F-9 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Contract for Services between Best Choice Home Care, LLC and the Montague Township School District beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion: Mr. Nittolo stated that we contract with nurses. All prices are comparable. We also use Sussex County Ed Service and Morris County Ed Services. We do not have to have a nurse in the building. If there was a day Nurse Mott would not be here we would have to send out an alert telling everyone that there was no nurse that day and that any medication would have to be handled by the parents and any emergencies would be calling 911.

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

F-10 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education authorize the submission of the ESEA Grant applications for FY2023, and accepts the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2023 application as listed:

Title I, Part A- \$95,537

Title II, Part A- \$11,780

Title IV - \$10,000

Moved: Andree Campbell

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion: Mr. Nittolo stated that these numbers are consistent with what we receive each year. Title I fluctuates a little based on our free and reduced population and other at need students. We use it towards PD and supplies. We have spent Title IV the past 2 years on STEM and agriculture and Title II funds sometimes goes towards our online learning platforms. ESEA stands for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	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 Township Board of Education approve the Business Administrator as the accountability officer for Federal Grants for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Denise Bogle

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

Discussion: Mr. Morelli thanked the BOE for the additional title.

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 accept, with regret, the resignations of the following employees, effective June 30, 2022:

1. Employee ID #41339615
2. Employee ID #35977347
3. Employee ID #80055114

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Andree Campbell

Discussion: Ms. Holstein stated that we appreciate the time the staff spent with us.

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 James Andriac, as Vice Principal and Director of Early Childhood Education with an annual salary of \$108,150.00

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Andree Campbell

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 approve the contract of Carl Morelli, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 with an annual salary of \$110,000.00.

Moved: Denise Bogle

Seconded: Paul Brislin

Discussion: Mr. Morelli thanked the BOE for giving him the opportunity to remain at the school for the year.

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

P-5 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following employees for the 2022-2023 school year.

Mark Romano, IT Specialist/Project Manager at an annual rate of \$84,000.00

David Miller, Director of School Facilities at an annual rate of \$84,000.00

Melinda Bellis, Administrative Assistant to School Business Administrator at an annual rate of \$50,000.00

Dana Berry, CSA Confidential Secretary/CST Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Board Secretary at an annual rate of \$46,000.00

Danielle Conklin, Administrative Assistant to the District Office/Food Services and Transportation Coordinator at an annual rate of \$46,000.00

Lynn Frost, Main Office Secretary at an hourly rate of \$21.50

Rene Metzgar, Treasurer of School Monies at an annual rate of \$5,304.00

Barbara Holstein would like to make a motion to table this item to be discussed in workshop pending requests that were made by some of our staff that was brought to the Board’s attention during the workshop executive session.

Motion to table:

Moved: Barbara Holstein

Seconded: Paul Brislin

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

P-6 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following staff members as Extended School Year Teachers/Summer Learning Acceleration Program for the summer of 2022 according to the negotiated MEA hourly rate.

- Taylor Barbagallo
- Ashley Bongiorno
- Emily Weiss
- Megan McElhaney
- Chandler Howard (Smith)
- Casey Levens
- Brent Runne
- Devyn Harrell
- Kerry McCormick
- Clancey Lane
- Rachel VanGorden
- Anna Dawson (Cortiana)
- Michele Tagliabue
- Samantha Frost
- Lori Jeskey

SUBSTITUTES, IF NEEDED

Darah Pinzone
Alexandria Zeim
Korinn Loriz
Emily Schiabor

Moved: Micahel Zernhelt

Seconded: Andree Campbell

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

P-7 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following staff members as Extended School Year **Paraprofessionals** for the summer of 2022 according to the negotiated MEA hourly rate.

Aileen Donovan
Kristen Fazio
Meghan Putera
Jacqueline Ruiz

Moved: Denise Bogle

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

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

P-8 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following staff members as Extended School Year **Bus Aides** for the summer of 2022 according to the negotiated MEA hourly rate.

Aileen Donovan
Kristen Fazio
Meghan Putera

Moved: Andree Campbell

Seconded: Paul Brislin

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

P-12 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **Katlyn Vallis**, as new Preschool Relief Teacher, BA Step A, \$60,000.00, pending background check, for the 2022-2023 school year, with a start date of August 31, 2022.

Moved: Denise Bogle

Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge

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

P-13 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 School Improvement Panel (ScIP) members as follows:

- Anna Dawson (Cortiana) - CST
- Meghan McElhaney - Preschool
- Chandler Howard (Smith) and Debra Vigorito - K-2/Mentoring
- Brent Runne - Grades 3-4
- Jessica Coppolino - Middle School/Special Area
- Lori Jeskey - Middle School/Special Ed/MEA
- Michelle Visco and Michele Tagliabue - Interventionist/MEA
- Darah Pinzone - Counselor

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Andree Campbell

Discussion: Ms. DeGeorge asked what the School Improvement Panel does? Mr. Nittolo stated that they are the school leadership team. They discuss mentoring plans, professional development curriculum, student schedules. They are all good members who seem to want to do good things for the school. You do have to do a ScIP.

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

P-14 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve five (5) days per diem during the summer of 2022 for each member listed below as part of the School Improvement Panel (ScIP).

- Anna Dawson (Cortiana) - CST
- Meghan McElhaney - Preschool
- Chandler Howard (Smith) and Debra Vigorito - K-2/Mentoring
- Brent Runne - Grades 3-4
- Jessica Coppolino - Middle School/Special Area
- Lorie Jeskey - Middle School/Special Ed/MEA
- Michelle Visco and Michele Tagliabue - Interventionist/MEA
- Darah Pinzone - Counselor

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Andree Campbell

Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if this is so they can meet together? Mr. Nittolo said yes.

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

P-15 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Darah Pinzone, Guidance Counselor, ten (10) days per diem for the summer of 2022 at the agreed upon rate per the MEA contract.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

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

P-16 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following job descriptions: **Academic Interventionist and Speech Therapist**.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Denise Bogle

Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if the Academic Interventionist replaces the RTI people? Mr. Nittolo stated that RTI is part of intervention. You have to follow the Montague tiered system of supports. While positions had been created at the school for interventionists we never had a job description for said position so we created one for people who are in place and others who may be hired in the future.

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

P-17 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Lisa Cirello**, substitute nurse, pending background check, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge

Discussion: Mr. Nittolo stated that this is a reappointment actually as Ms. Cirello has been in our building before and will be in the first four days of our summer program. Ms. Holstein was happy to have a nurse on the substitute list.

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

P-18 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Ivette Manning, Lisa Hoehn and Juliet Myers**, as substitutes, pending background check, if necessary, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Tashe DeGeorge

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

Discussion: Barbara Holstein asked if we have enough substitutes or do we need more? Mr. Nittolo stated we always need more substitutes.

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

P-19 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Michael Bussow**, as part-time summer custodian at an hourly rate of \$17.50, pending background check, from July 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022.

Moved: Danielle Christman

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

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

P-20 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Elizabeth Palazzo**, as Special Education Teacher, MA+15 Step E, \$72,000.00, pending background check, for the 202-2023 school year, with a start date of August 31, 2022.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Andree Campbell

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

P-21 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Michael Harris**, as STEM Teacher, MA Step D, \$69,000.00, pending background check, for the 202-2023 school year, with a start date of August 31, 2022.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

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

15. BUILDING & GROUNDS

BG-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education allow the Montague PTA to use the cafeteria on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:30PM for their last PTA meeting of the school year.

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

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

15. BUILDING & GROUNDS

BG-2 BE IT RESOLVED at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education oppose a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve until a formal plan is presented for public review and comment.

WHEREAS, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area (DEWA) was established September 1, 1965, on 10 National Recreation Areas of the National Park Service, currently encompassing nearly 70,000 acres in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is a protected area in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources; and

WHEREAS, the DEWA offers recreational opportunities such as hiking, walking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, camping canoeing, boating, cross country skiing, bird watching, horseback riding, sightseeing, and special events; cultural resources, infrastructural facilities, national resources and rare, threatened and endangered species of plants, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and

WHEREAS, the Montague School District is made up of Federally owned property and the residents of Montague enjoy the recreational opportunities as well as a cultural and natural resources of the open space and local businesses benefit from the tourism brought by State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife and DEWA bring to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Montague School District is aware of a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no insight or plan for the change in designation; namely the environmental, economic and agricultural impact to the DEWA and to the residents and local businesses of Montague; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on possible changes to public lands, namely, Delaware National Park, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park and state of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife lands as well as acquisition of private property; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on the plan to facilitate this change; the implementation of the fee collection and location of collection stations; and how funding will be provided for the National Park; and the impact on the **THE FEDERAL IMPACT AID GRANT PROGRAM for Montague School District**; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no explanation on the location, size and parameters of the “Preserve” area, the activities allowed and disallowed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Montague School District affirms its opposition to any change in designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area for reasons set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Montague School District firmly opposes the proposal of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club, or any other organization seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National park and Lenape Preserve unless and until a formal plan is presented offering information on the environmental, economic (inclusive of the Federal Impact Aid Program) and agricultural impact of the proposed change; sources of funding; the fee structure and the plan for the implementation of fees and collection station locations; a map of the area depicting the location of the Lenape Preserve; the plans for any acquisition of additional private or public lands; and the impact this proposal will have on the residents of the Montague Township and Sussex County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE Montague School District requests that once said formal plan is presented, the public shall have ample time to review, question and comment on the plan prior to any action taken by the United States Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montague School District requests copies of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden; Governor Phil Murphy; U.S. Senator Robert Menendez; U.S. Senator Cory Booker; Congressman Josh Gottheimer; Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill; Congressman David Norcross; Congressman Jefferson Van Drew; Congressman Christopher Smith; Congressman Frank Pallon, Jr; Congressman Tom Malinowski; Congressman Albio Sires; Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.; Congressman Bonnie Watson Coleman; New Jersey Senator Steven V. Oroho; New Jersey Assemblyman F. Parker Space; New Jersey Assemblyman Harold Wirths; NJ Senator Michael Doherty; Assemblyman John DeMaio; Assemblyman Eric Petersen; Congresswoman Susan Wild (PA) ; Congressman Matt Cartwright(PA) U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey; U.S. Senator Bob Casey; New Jersey Sierra Club, Chapter Chair Rich Isaac; Vice Chair John Kashwick; Pennsylvania Sierra Club; Sussex County Board of County Commissioners; all municipalities of

Sussex County; State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; National Park Service, Charles Sams, Director; National Park Service Northeast Region, Gay Vietzke, Regional Director; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Sula Jacobs, Superintendent; Delaware River Basin Commission; Partnership of the Delaware Estuary; National Lands Trust; Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge Seconded: Barbara Holstein

Discussion: Michael Zernhelt stated that Ms. Hull is his cousin and does all the printing for the organization that is against this but wanted to ask if he can vote. Joseph Garcia, Esq., said since he does printing work and has a financial relationship with the entity advocating for this he should recuse himself. Barbara Holstein stated that she has been following this subject and in full agreement with standing in opposition. Feels it will affect our school district as well as our Federal Impact Aid. This type of designation change would incur more expenses to our taxpayers. If we lose our Impact Aid that has to be made up somewhere. This needs to be explored more. There seems to be no dialogue between the people proposing this plan and to the public. As a school board member Ms. Holstein feels there is too much ambiguity on the effects it could have on our school district. Ms. DeGeorge stated that she is personally against it because her family lost land from eminent domain. There are also so many different reasons. Andree Campbell thanks Ms. Hull for her work on this matter.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X		6
NO								
ABSTAIN							X	1
ABSENT								

16. TRANSPORTATION

T-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept the Montague Township School - School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report dated May 23, 2022 documenting the following information:

Time of Drill	Location	Route #s	People Overseeing Drill	Other Info
9:00AM	Front of Building	M1, M2, M3, M4 & M5	James Andriac, Danielle Conklin & Sussex County Sheriff Department	2nd evaluation drill of the 2022-23SY

Moved: Paul Brislin Seconded: Danielle Christmann

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

T-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the School Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Service Agreement between the Montague Township School District and Krapf School Bus NJN Inc., for a term beginning June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Moved: Danielle Christmann

Seconded: Michael Zernhelt

Discussion: Mr. Morelli explained that this is a 2 year service agreement which contains several items regarding servicing the buses. In this agreement are several charges for different items (i.e., tires, oil, inspections, etc.). The main purpose for this agreement is to keep accurate records of our inspections, safety inspections, reinspections, safety record for each vehicle and to make sure our vehicles are maintained the best possible way. Mr. Morelli will be looking at each cost line for items to make sure we are paying services. It is an all encompassing agreement but we are not tied into every line item. It is an as needed basis. The company is also local so they can do whatever they can on our premises. Ms. Holstein had a concern as she reviewed the contract regarding the basic fluids and the DEF fluid in particular. \$13.26 for a 2.5 gallon container is not the cost effective way to purchase DEF. It is usually put into a school bus once or twice a month. We can probably keep a drum of DEF on site. Are we able to use our bus drivers to shuttle the buses back and forth and not their drivers? Mr. Morelli said yes that is correct.

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

17. POLICY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

PL-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve The Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument the our 2022-2023 teacher evaluation instrument for Montague Township School District.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorg

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

Discussion: Ms. Holstein asked if this is a pretty standard framework and if we are changing this? Mr. Nittolo stated you could change it if you want to. We are using the 2007 Danielson Framework and all we needed to do was buy the book from ASDE for \$40. This is what we have been using.

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

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	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, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Sussex County Educational Services Commission Contract for CST Services for School Psychologist for the Extended School Year 2022 (July 1, 2022-August 30, 2022).

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES			x	x	x			3
NO						x		1
ABSTAIN		x					x	2
ABSENT	x (left meeting at 2nd exec. session)							1

A-4 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Sussex County Educational Services Commission - Ancillary Educational Service Agreement and rates for the 2022-2023 SY.

Moved: Andree Campbell

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

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

A-5 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Sussex County Educational Services Commission - Northern Hills Academy 2022-2023 Tuition Rate Sheet.

Moved: Tasha DeGeorge

Seconded: Danielle Christmann

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

A-6 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Tuition Contract dated May 12, 2022 between the Montague BOE and Lakeland Andover School for Student ID 3811650735 commencing May 16, 2022 with a tentative total tuition of \$58,500.00 (prorated \$7,150.00 for May, 2022 and June, 2022).

Moved: Paul Brislin

Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge

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

A-7 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Contract for Educational Services - ESY 2022 between the Sussex County Educational Services Commission and the Montague Township BOE for the following students to attend Northern Hills Academy for the 2022 Extended School Year Program commencing July 5, 2022:

Student ID #	Tuition Amount	Paraprofessional	Add't Therapy	Total
6347937694	\$11,660.00	N/A	N/A	\$11,660.00
2454617903	\$10,220.00	N/A	N/A	\$10,220.00
8590606188	\$10,220.00	\$5,562.00	\$1,245.00 (3)	\$17,027.00
4951539647	\$11,660.00	\$5,562.00	N/A	\$17,222.00
8647176929	\$11,660.00	\$5,562.00	\$415.00 (1)	\$17,637.00

Moved: Denise Bogle

Seconded: Andree Campbell

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

20. 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 to open Public Comment at 9:01 p.m.

Motion Danielle Christmann

2nd Michael Zernhelt

Voice Vote: All in Favor

James Baldini, from Charter School, His Superintendent asked him to attend a couple of meetings for his internship and appreciates having an open meeting.

Motion to close Public Comment at 9:02 p.m.

Motion Tasha DeGeorge

2nd Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: All in Favor

22. NEW BUSINESS - Discussed the New Jersey Student Learning Standard covered under the Comprehensive Health & Physical Education 2020 NJSL-CHPE. Ms. Holstein stated that they had legal advisement from Joseph Garcia, Esq., as they needed to have before they moved ahead. Wanted to confirm all members are clear on the legal items discussed. Ms. Holstein asked the BOE members if they had any questions or wanted anything added to the resolution. Ms. Holstein asked Mr. Garcia a question regarding the 2nd Whereas. Mr. Garcia stated how it should read to make it a catch all. Ms. Holstein asked if any Board member was opposed to the change.

Barbara Holstein made a motion regarding the health and physical education curriculum

WHEREAS, The Montague Board of Education has major reservations regarding some of the curriculum set forth by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards covered under the Comprehensive Health & Physical Education 2020 NJSL-CHPE which can be found at the:

https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/chp/index.shtml?fbclid=IwAR1avLE8ciSUQImpTf_7PObtTjs3Gix1pQ_4F2PSbpFJUxt8dYJ4Rrv-8ss#standard2.1

WHEREAS, the Montague School Board refuses to approve curriculum and/or instructional materials that would result in subject matters including but not limited to oral sex, anal sex, masturbation, and gender identity being discussed with children at all grade levels;

WHEREAS, some of the curriculum set forth by the NJSL is extreme, age inappropriate and was adopted without consideration of parental rights in these sensitive subject matter areas that would directly affect child(ren) education and private lives;

WHEREAS, it is undisputed that, generally speaking, the State Department of Education does not mandate curriculum;

WHEREAS, is also undisputed that the authority to approve instruction materials is vested in the local Boards of Education;

WHEREAS, the Montague School Board intends to exercise its authority to approve instruction materials that are current, medically accurate, developmentally and age-appropriate, and developed and selected through meaningful and ongoing consultation with the school community, including parents;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Montague Board of Education shall NOT adopt any curriculum set forth by the New Jersey Student Learning Standards covered under the new Comprehensive Health & Physical Education 2020 NJSL-CHPE that is not developmentally and age-appropriate, or that would result in subject matters including but not limited to oral sex, anal sex, masturbation, and gender identity being discussed with children at all grade levels.

