

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2022**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President	x	
Paul Brislin, Vice President	x	
Denise Bogle	x	
Danielle Christmann	x	
Tasha DeGeorge	x	
Andree Campbell	x	
Michael Zernhelt	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.**

**6. The Board Secretary shall administer the oath of office to the newly elected Board member:**

1. Tasha DeGeorge was sworn in on May 10, 2022 in BA's office and has declined to do the ceremonial swearing in at tonight's meeting.

**7. 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 6:33 p.m.

Motion: Danielle Christmann 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Bogle

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Executive Session at 10:09 p.m.

Motion: Danielle Christmann 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Zernhelt

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Motion: Paul Brislin 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: All in Favor

**8. CSA REPORT - John Nittolo, Acting CSA** - The District and school grade reports for HIB. NJDOE released this today. Our District school is 66. Students started NJSLA testing this week. Going smoothly, trying to create a stress free environment for the students. Friday is the GEOY luncheon honoring Ms. Smith and Nurse Mott.

**9. SBA REPORT - Carl Morelli, BA** - Regarding roof project, we had our first pre-construction meeting on April 28, 2022 at the school. During this meeting, it was confirmed that all material has been delivered. Construction will begin week of May 24, 2022. Looking at a 10 week project depending on the weather. It will be completed before September. It will not disrupt the classrooms. Regarding the library project, the roof, led lighting and new tiles were installed and we had our first soft opening on May 10, 2022. Regarding our school building, we have begun working on updating the PreK bathrooms. Kindergarten bathroom has been added to the summer remodel list. Thank you everyone for voting to pass the budget. Thank you Mr. Nittolo for his work and support. Thank you Mayor Ianella for letting us join the town meeting to present the budget. Looking forward to implementing the budget as of July 1, 2022.

**10. BOARD OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS** - This will be moved to May 25, 2022 meeting.

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann                      Seconded: Paul Brislin                      Discussion: Barbara Holstein** asked if there was an issue with Mike’s vote since he technically was not on the Board at the time. Mr. Garcia stated that if he read them and watched the video he could confirm the accuracy of the minutes. Mr. Nittolo stated that we ran into this problem at another meeting.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x	x			x	x	5
NO								
ABSTAIN				x	x			2
ABSENT								

**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 March 14, 2022.

**Moved: Paul Brislin                      Seconded: Denise Bogle                      Discussion: Danielle Christmann** stated that she was not here for this meeting. Mr. Garcia stated that abstaining votes do not count as yes or no. A majority of those present and voting are necessary. He recommends that 3 votes are sufficient to pass.

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES	x	x				x		3
NO								
ABSTAIN			x	x	x		x	4
ABSENT								

**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 March 29, 2022.

**Moved: Barbara Holstein**

**Seconded: Andree Campbell**

**Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x		x		x		4
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>			x		x		x	3
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**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 April 11, 2022.

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Danielle Christmann**

**Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>		x		x		x		3
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	x		x		x		x	4
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2022 Reorganization Meeting.

**Moved: Denise Bogle**

**Seconded: Danielle Christmann**

**Discussion:**

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

### 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 10:20 p.m.

Motion Danielle Christmann

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Brislin

Voice vote: All in Favor

A woman came up to the microphone but did not identify herself. Read an anonymous facebook post that was posted yesterday. Read the post. Ask the Board if they could clarify tonight the status of the aides for the hiring of the next school.

Mr. Garcia advised the Board to not respond to anonymous comments. We also do not want to discuss personnel in public. The purpose of public comment is for a person to come and state their name and address. Mr. Nittolo stated that he can generically speak to these things. On tonight's agenda there are many paraprofessionals on the agenda determined necessary by our CST. There will be bus aides. We cannot hire bus aides until we approve people. Then we can ask who is willing to be a bus aide. The cafeteria does now appear on the agenda. While there are RIFs it is because of creations of new positions that can take on these responsibilities. We actually have an increase in overall staff next year. We will have an increase in Special Ed., CST, Guidance Counselors, Interventionists. There is not any section of our personnel that is not growing intelligently next year all within the confines of a zero percent based budget. Please contact me when you have a question. I specially said that social media is not the best way to get information to me or to Mr. Andriac or Mr. Morelli or anyone. Ask us and I am brutally honest with what I'm allowed to be brutally honest about.

Motion to close Public Comment at 10:25 p.m.

Motion Michael Zernhelt

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Friday, June 3, 2022 (Field Day) as an early dismissal with June 10, 2022 (Field Day rain date) being approved as an early dismissal contingent upon Field Day not being held on June 3, 2022 in the event it rains.

**Moved: Barbara Holstein                      Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge      Discussion: Barbara Holstein is happy to see that we are having field day.**

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

**A-2 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the 3rd Grade Field Trip to Claws N Paws Animal Park on June 9, 2022 from 9AM to 3PM at a cost of \$390.00 (transportation provided).

**Moved: Danielle Christmann                      Seconded: Andree Campbell      Discussion: Barbara Holstein hopes the 3rd grade enjoys the field trip,**

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

**A-3 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement to Provide Professional Services between J and B Therapy and Montague Elementary School effective July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

**Moved: Denise Bogle                      Seconded: Andree Campbell                      Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7

<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**A-4 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Tuition Contract for Educational Services between the Sussex County Educational Services Commission and the Board of Education of Montague Township whereas the SCESC shall provide an educational program at Northern Hills Academy for Student ID#4951539647 with a start date of May 11, 2022 and the full-time tuition cost of \$57,670.00 (prorated) for the 2021-2022 school year program (*the fee shall be payable monthly in the amount of \$5,767.00 for May and June, 2022*) and shared paraprofessional cost of \$27,390.00 (prorated - payable monthly in the amount of **\$2,739.00** for May and June 2022) (Pending transportation).

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Paul Brislin**

**Discussion:**

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, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Bell Choir to perform for the Montague Senior Citizen Club at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Sandyston, New Jersey on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (transportation will be provided by Montague School).

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Andree Campbell**

**Discussion: Denise**

**Bogle said that she believes the Seniors will thoroughly enjoy entertainment. Barbara Holstein also agreed and said that they will be really impressed with our bell choir because they are phenomenal and she hopes that pictures are taken and get posted on the school website. Ms. Holstein thanked Ms. Taylor, who is in charge of the bell choir, for making this happen.**

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, that the Montague Board of Education approve Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6PM for the Preschool Graduation.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Barbara Holstein**

**Discussion: Mr. Nittolo**

**stated that the Board will be invited. Barbara Holstein stated it is also Flag Day.**

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

**15. PERSONNEL**

**P-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve John Nittolo as the Principal and Acting Chief School Administrator for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann                      Seconded: Andree Campbell                      Discussion: Barbara Holstein made a statement after voting. We have to look at the bottom line of the budget and fiscal needs of the District. When we examine all contracts currently we have to move in the direction that provides our students, parents and taxpayers the ability to maximize the learning potential of all children which is our mission at Montague. We appreciate all the assistance and dedication that Mr. Nittolo has brought to the District since March 2021. He has been greatly appreciated and respected. However, the time has come for the District to fully utilize other staff and reduce our administrative expenses in order to preserve our budget going forward. I want to thank Mr. Nittolo for his time and dedication that he has given to our District and sincerely appreciate it. Ms. Bogle stated that has been a positive influence in this building. We see major changes in the building and we want to thank you for that.**

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

**P-2 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**ADMINISTRATIVE & NON-ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (Individual Contracts)**

Name & Position

James Andriac, Vice Principal and Director of Early Childhood Education

Carl Morelli, School Business Administrator and Board Secretary

Mark Romano, IT Specialist/Project Manager

David Miller, Director of School Facilities

Melinda Bellis, Administrative Assistant to School Business Administrator

Dana Berry, CSA Confidential Secretary/CST Secretary/Administrative Assistant to Board Secretary

Danielle Conklin, Administrative Assistant to the District Office/Food Services and Transportation Coordinator

Lynn Frost, Main Office Secretary

Rene Metzgar, Treasurer of School Monies

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Denise Bogle**

**Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								

<b>ABSENT</b>								
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**P-3 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**TEACHERS (Collective Agreement) - TENURED**

Name & Position

Taffy Banghart, Elementary School Teacher

Jennifer Battikha, Elementary School Teacher

Denise Bellini, Elementary School Teacher

Carl Ferriere, Elementary School Teacher/Elementary School Teacher with Mathematics Specialization in Grades 5-8

Lorie Jeskey, Elementary School Teacher/Teacher of English/Teacher of the Handicapped

Clancey Lane, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization:World Language/Spanish in Grades 5-8

Brenten Runne, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Reading Specialist

Jody Taylor, Teacher of Music

Debra Vigorito, Elementary School Teacher

Michelle Visco, Elementary School Teacher

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Michael Zernhelt**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-4 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**TEACHERS (Collective Agreement) - NON-TENURED**

Name & Position

Christine Aschoff, Teacher of Health and Physical Education

Taylor Barbagallo, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Ashley Bongiorno, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Jessica Coppolino, School Library Media Specialist/Teacher of English



Anna Dawson (Cortiana), Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities/504 Coordinator/Special Education Building Coordinator

Christina DeCola, Speech Language Specialist

Samantha Frost, School Social Worker

Devyn Harrell, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Chandler Howard (Smith), Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Casey Levens, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Korinn Loriz, Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Melissa Martinique, Teacher of Preschool through Grade 3/Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Reading/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Kerry McCormick, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6

Megan McElhaney, Preschool Master Teacher/Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Danielle Mott, School Nurse

Melissa Neamand, Teacher of Art/Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6

Darah Pinzone, School Counselor

Emily Schiabor, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Social Studies in Grades 5-8/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Jamie Sivertsen, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/Teacher of Students with Disabilities

Michael Spina, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6/ Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: ELA in Grades 5-8

Michele Tagliabue, Teacher of Students with Disabilities/Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization: Language Arts/Literacy Specialization in Grades 5-8/Speech Language Specialist

Rachel VanGorden, Teacher of Biological Science/Teacher of Agriculture

Emily Weiss, Elementary School Teacher in Grades K-6

Alexandria Zeim, Elementary School Teacher Grades K-6

**Moved: Barbara Holstein**

**Seconded: Denise Bogle**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call</b>	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								

<b>ABSENT</b>								
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**P-5 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**PRESCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONALS (Collective Agreement): PEA Grant**

Heather Beheran  
 Andrea Conklin  
 Aileen Donovan  
 Meghan Putera  
 Kristen Fazio

**Moved: Michael Zernhelt**

**Seconded: Denise Bogle**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-6 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**NON-PRESCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONALS (Collective Agreement)**

Jacqueline Ruiz  
 Tracy Edwards P/T  
 Andrea Bailey P/T  
 Jessica Blake P/T

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Danielle Christmann**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-7 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**CUSTODIANS (Collective Agreement)**

Hao La  
 Dayne Takach P/T Night

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Michael Zernhelt**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call</b>	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total

<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**P-8 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education, approve the following employees, pending background check, for the 2022-2023 school year:

**CUSTODIANS (Collective Agreement)**

Jason Saavedra  
Tabatha-Lynn Hall

**Moved: Michael Zernhelt**

**Seconded: Denise Bogle**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-9 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

**BUS DRIVERS (Collective Agreement)**

Lyndsey Brigham  
James Cicalese  
Gary Dennison  
Kathleen Donovan  
Penny Snook  
Darrell Stewart

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Danielle Christmann**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-10 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointment for the 2022-2023 school year:

**BEFORE AND AFTERCARE AIDE - Melissa Stoll**

**Moved: Tasha DeGeorge**

**Seconded: Andree Campbell**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call</b>	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total

<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**P-11 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following reappointment for the 2022-2023 school year:

**CAFETERIA STAFF (Collective Agreement) - Tracy Greco, Cafeteria Manager**

**Moved: Denise Bogle**

**Seconded: Tasha DeGeorge**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-12 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Employee #63288344 effective June 30, 2022.

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Michael Zernhelt**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-13 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Employee #97767784 effective June 30, 2022.

**Moved: Denise Bogle**

**Seconded: Andree Campbell**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-14 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Employee #49286685 effective June 30, 2022.

**Moved: Barbara Holstein**

**Seconded: Michael Zernhelt**

**Discussion:**

<b>Roll Call</b>	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7

<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								
<b>ABSENT</b>								

**P-15 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Employee #67273136 effective June 30, 2022.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Denise Bogle**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-16 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Employee #44058493 effective May 10, 2022.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Paul Brislin**

**Discussion:**

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

**P-17 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education to renew Karen Moriarty as a bus driver according to the Collective Agreement.

**Moved: Tasha DeGeorge**

**Seconded: Andree Campbell**

**Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x		x	x	x	x		5
<b>NO</b>		x						1
<b>ABSTAIN</b>							x	1
<b>ABSENT</b>								

## 16. FINANCE

**F-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the March 30, 2022 thru May 11, 2022 - Bill List attached and listed below:

Fund 10	\$ 76,452.14
Fund 11	\$ 898,058.46
Fund 12	\$ 19,646.50
Fund 20	\$ 91,446.19
Fund 60	\$ 34,130.36
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,119,733.65</b>

**Moved: Barbara Holstein      Seconded: Paul Brislin      Discussion:**

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

**F-2 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the substitute teacher pay rate of \$115 per day for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Moved: Denise Bogle      Seconded: Michael Zernhelt      Discussion: Barbara Holstein** thinks this is the average daily rate in the District. We were at \$90 so this is an increase

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

**F-3 WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 provides that a board of education may “reduce the number of teaching staff members employed in the district whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of reduction in the number of pupils or of change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause;”

**WHEREAS**, for reasons of economy, and position and staffing restructuring in light of current District operational needs and student enrollment the following existing full time employee (“FTE”) positions are recommended for abolishment:

Transportation/Facilities/Custodial Manager

**WHEREAS**, based foregoing and information provided by the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education finds it advisable to reduce the total number of positions in the District for the 2022-2023 school year through a reduction in force;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Montague Board of Education as follows:

That (1) Transportation/Facilities/Custodial Manager

1. Position is hereby eliminated as a result of a reduction in force;
2. That affected employee will promptly receive appropriate notification of their respective employment status; and
3. That the Acting Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to provide the necessary notification to affected employee.

**Moved: Michael Zernhelt      Seconded: Denise Bogle      Discussion:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
<b>YES</b>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
<b>NO</b>								
<b>ABSTAIN</b>								

<b>ABSENT</b>								
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**F-4 WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:28-9 provides that a board of education may “reduce the number of teaching staff members employed in the district whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is advisable to abolish any such positions for reasons of economy or because of reduction in the number of pupils or of change in the administrative or supervisory organization of the district or for other good cause;”

**WHEREAS**, for reasons of economy, and position and staffing restructuring in light of current District operational needs and student enrollment the following existing part time employee (“PTE”) position is recommended for abolishment:

Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

**WHEREAS**, based foregoing and information provided by the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education finds it advisable to reduce the total number of positions in the District for the 2022-2023 school year through a reduction in force;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Montague Board of Education as follows:

That (1) Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

1. Position is hereby eliminated as a result of a reduction in force;
2. That affected employees will promptly receive appropriate notification of their respective employment status; and
3. That the Acting Superintendent or his/her designee is authorized to provide the necessary notification to affected employee.

**Moved: Paul Brislin**

**Seconded: Danielle Christmann**

**Discussion:**

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

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**B-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Viking Pest Control’s Contract for services dated April 25, 2022.

**Moved: Danielle Christmann**

**Seconded: Michael Zernhelt**

**Discussion:**

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



## 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 to open Public Comment at 10:51 p.m.

Motion Denise Bogle                      2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Zernhelt                      Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to close Public Comment at 10:52 p.m.

Motion Denise Bogle                      2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Zernhelt                      Voice Vote: All in Favor

**18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - Barbara Holstein stated that due to concerns raised and the Board's goals to improve their relationship with the community we are going to officially rescind by motion the May 4, 2022 BOE officer election results for both board president and vice president by motion of vote by Board of the Whole and we will then proceed with both positions for officers presented for nominations and voting by the whole board.

Barbara Holstein made a motion to rescind the nomination and election of the Board President. Seconded by Andree Campbell. No Discussion.

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

Joseph Garcia, Esq., stated that Barbara and all relinquished positions they were elected to at least meeting and we will redo the vote. No motion and a second just open nominations and Carl please make sure everyone has an opportunity to nominate. Michael Zernhelt stated that the motion was made to take away the president but you didn't say vice president. Barbara stated it was a combined motion.

Carl Morelli opened the nominations for the election of BOE President. Denise Bogle nominated Barbara Holstein. Andree Campbell seconded the motion. Barbara Holstein stated there is no second and asked Ms. Campbell to please withdraw her second which Ms. Campbell did. Danielle Christmann nominated Paul Brislin for President. There are no more nominations. Carl Morelli stated he has two people nominated Barbara Holstein and Paul Brislin.

Joseph Garcia, Esq., stated that before you call the vote in accordance with past practice here on the Board rather than giving a yes or no on one specific candidate instead call the roll and each member can state the name they would like to be president.

1. Denise Bogle - Barbara Holstein
2. Paul Brislin - Passed and then abstained
3. Andree Campbell - Barbara Holstein
4. Danielle Christmann - Paul Brislin
5. Tasha DeGeorge - Paul Brislin
6. Barbara Holstein - Barbara Holstein
7. Michael Zernhelt - Barbara Holstein

Ms. Holstein is elected BOE President.

We will now move forward with the nomination of Vice President. Danielle Christmann nominated Paul Brislin. Michael Zernhelt nominated Denise Bogle. No other nominations.

1. Denise Bogle - Denise Bogle
2. Paul Brislin - Passed and then abstained
3. Andree Campbell - Denise Bogle
4. Danielle Christmann - Paul Brislin
5. Tasha DeGeorge - Paul Brislin
6. Barbara Holstein - Denise Bogle
7. Michael Zernhelt - Denise Bogle

Ms. Bogel is elected Vice President

Tasha DeGeorge wanted to address the facebook post by Barbara Holstein where she spoke for the Board as “We” on May 5, 2022 on the Montague Friends of High Point Regional Montague Elementary School the part that she doesn’t agree with is that she didn’t say she wasn’t speaking as the Board president. Now pledging the newly elected BOE members pledging their campaigns. Tasha DeGeorge does not feel that Barbara Holstein has the right to speak for her on a private page where she doesn’t identify herself and you are going as the BOE President speaking of the meeting that happened the night before. She doesn’t have a problem speaking on her private page but not for herself. Barbara Holstein asked if Tasha DeGeorge could read the post which she did. Tasha DeGeorge doesn’t want Barbara to speak on her behalf on a page that is not an official page or school page. Wasn’t aware of it being approved by the BOE. Barbara Holstein stated that she did not speak on behalf of the Board. It’s written no different from a journalist approach. It is not speaking on behalf of the BOE and it doesn’t state that. Joseph Garcia, Esq., reviewed the post and stated that all BOE members have 1st amendment rights. Individual members have the right to make 1st amendment posts and to have freedom of association and to align themselves politically frankly and doesn’t see this post as speaking on behalf of the Board. Barbara Holstein stated that it was to be a positive statement. Tasha DeGeorge has an issue with the past issues on this facebook page. Joseph Garcia, Esq., stated that it is not an official page and doesn’t state it is specifically from the BOE. Tasha DeGeorge would like for communications to be approved. Barbara Holstein stated that she thinks they have demonstrated in the past year decorum and respect on this board. Outside of BOE we are individuals allowed to represent ourselves. Tasha DeGeorge asked Barbara Holstein to keep it on her page. Barbara Holstein said Tasha’s concerns are duly noted.

Danielle Christmann asked Denise Bogle if she is able to serve as VP since she declined at the last meeting. Do we need to amend A15 and A16? Joseph Garcia, Esq., said he did not see the need to amend.

## 21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Michael Zerhelt                      2nd Danielle Christmann                      Voice Vote: All in Favor  
Time of Adjournment: 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carl Morelli*

CARL MORELLI, Board Secretary