

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President	x	
Michael Zernhelt, Vice President	x	
Christopher Bell	x	
Paul Brislin	x	
Andree Campbell	x	
Tasha DeGeorge	x	
Jaime Johnson	x	

Others Present:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Andriac - Acting Superintendent	_x_	_____
Michael Bussow, SBA/BS	_x_	_____
Joseph Garcia, Esq. – Board Atty.	_x_	_____

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. PRESENTATIONS - Ms. Holstein stated that we have 2 presentations tonight. One for our audit by Ardito & Company and one by Kelly Mitchell for the Board’s ethics training. Ms. Holstein stated that the ethics training normally would have been done over the summer but the NJ School Boards was a little short staffed so we are doing it now. Ethics training is required annually and will have to be done after the ReOrg meeting in May or sometime in the summer.

1) Anthony Ardito, partner of Ardito & Company LLC presented the audit presentation to the Board. Ms. Holstein stated that this is the most thorough report that she has ever seen and is glad for the change in the auditors and is very pleased with the audit report. Mr. Bussow thanked Mr. Ardito and expressed how easy it was working with him and appreciates the findings that he had to help our office move forward. Mr. Brislin echoed Ms. Holstein’s thoughts and thanked Mr. Ardito for being one of the most thorough presentations that he has sat through.

2) Kelly Mitchell, NJSBA Representative presented the yearly Board Ethics Training to the Board Members.

