

**Montague Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2013**

**Call to Order/ Flag Salute/Roll Call**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Beverly Borrego	X	
Thomas Bolen III	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Barbara Holstein	X	
Christine Bisl	X	
James Marion	X	
Adrienne Raefski	X	

**Others Present:**

Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal  
John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Cherie Adams Esq., Board Attorney

**In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school and advertised in the New Jersey Herald."**

**Presentations:**

**Montague Elementary School Bell Choir**

**Middle School Presentation- George Gelderman**

**Middle School Referendum- Lisa Gorab, Esq., Bond Counsel and Gregory J. Somjen AIA, Architect**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**November 20, 2013- Special Meeting  
November 20, 2013- Executive Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Ms. Holstein  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

**Open to Public (Agenda Items Only)**

**During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.**

**Motion to open public comment at 7:50 p.m.**

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Marion

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Several members of the public expressed their positive and or negative opinions concerning the proposed referendum for a Middle School. Lisa Gorab, Esq., Bond Counsel and Gregory J. Somjen AIA, Architect responded and answered several questions and concerns about the proposed project.

**Motion to close public comment at 8:50 p.m.**

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Administration**

**AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 School Year Contract (JF) with the Roxbury Township District at an estimated cost of \$14,857.**

**AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 School Year Contract (NV) with the Roxbury Township District at an estimated cost of \$13,045.**

**AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of approve the second reading of the revised Bylaws-Policies and Regulations.**

**ATTACHMENT AD- 3**

**AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of approve that the 2014 Re-Organization meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7PM, followed by a regular Board Meeting. If the meeting is cancelled due to school closure it will be held on Tuesday January 7, 2014 at 7PM.**

**AD 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of approve the following change in the 2013-2014 school calendar: January 28, 2014 will be a half day with a 1PM dismissal.**

Motion to approve AD 1 thru AD 5 by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Bolen

Vote 7-0

Motion Carried

**AD 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following resolution providing the submission of the Ballot Question to the school district voters at a Special School District election to be held Tuesday, January 28, 2014:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX,  
NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A  
BALLOT QUESTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS  
AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) of the Township of Montague in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the "State") desires to undertake expansion and renovation of the Elementary School to accommodate the School District's middle school students (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, to accomplish the Project, the Board seeks to authorize the submission of a ballot question (the "Proposal") at a special School District election to be held Tuesday, January 28, 2014 (the "Election") and to authorize certain actions required to be taken in connection with the conduct of the Election and the undertaking of the Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Education of the Township of Montague in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

*1. A special School District election (the "Election") of the legal voters of the School District shall be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the School District for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot.*

*2. At the Election the following Proposal shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District:*

**PROPOSAL**

**The Board of Education of the Township of Montague in the County of Sussex, New Jersey is authorized to (A) undertake the expansion and renovation of the Elementary School to accommodate the School District's middle school students; and (B) spend and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$12,997,694 to finance the cost of such project.**

**The State has agreed to provide debt service aid for the project in the amount of 41% of final eligible costs. The final eligible costs are \$2,098,699. This project includes \$2,210,923 for school facilities construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standard developed by the Commissioner of Education, or that are not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).**

3. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

4. The Board hereby (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letter of the New Jersey Department of Education dated December 16, 2013 (the "NJDOE Eligibility Letter"); (ii) elects to receive the State Share in the form of debt service aid; (iii) determines to construct the Project; (iv) agrees to locally fund any excess costs and (v) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to comply with the provisions of all applicable laws to the

Sussex County Superintendent of Schools, Sussex County Clerk, Sussex County Board of Elections, and to the Clerks of the constituent municipalities and to request such persons to undertake their respective functions under such laws, as applicable, in connection with the Election.

6. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 24-16 and 24-17 of the Education Law, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officers of the Township, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township, and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution. The Board hereby directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to cause such Supplemental Debt Statement to be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

7. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel and the Architect for the Project, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election, including preparation and submission of all required applications for receipt of the Debt Service Aid. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized to revise the Proposal in order to conform same to statutory requirements.

8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Gelderman  
Vote 6-0  
Motion Carried

**Personnel**

**P 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education, approve Charles Fletcher as a substitute teacher.**

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mrs. Bisl  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

**Finance**

**FI 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of October 2013 (FY2014).**

**ATTACHMENT FI**

**FI 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of October 2013 (FY2014).**

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**FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the December 17, 2013 Bill List attached and listed below:**

	<b><u>Check Numbers</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Regular Bill List</b>	<b># 20017- #20090</b>	<b>\$783,500.62</b>
<b>Lunch Bill List</b>	<b>#1533-#1540</b>	<b>\$11,708.01</b>
<b>Student Council</b>	<b>#300</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>

**ATTACHMENT FI 3**

**FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of October 31, 2013 the appropriations section of the budget did not reflect any over expenditures in any of the major accounts or funds, and based upon the appropriation balances reflected and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.**

**FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Montague Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, with one recommendation, as prepared by Nisivoccia & Company LLP.**

**FI 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan, based on the Report of Audit for the Montague Board of Education for fiscal year end June 30, 2013.** ATTACHMENT FI 6

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Holstein  
Vote 7-0  
Motion Carried

### **Open to Public (Any Items)**

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

### **Motion to open public comment at 9:00 p.m.**

Motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Holstein  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

Several members of the public expressed both positive and negative comments and questions about both the proposed middle school referendum and the transition of students from Port Jervis.

### **Motion to close public comment at 9:45 p.m.**

Motion Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

### **Adjournment**

### **Motion to adjourn meeting 9:45 p.m.**

Motion Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Ms. Holstein  
All in Favor  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Waycie  
Board Secretary