

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 28, 2013**

Call to Order/ Flag Salute/Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Beverly Borrego	X	
Thomas Bolen III	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Barbara Holstein	X	
Sheila Hughes		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: Chinese New Year Celebration by the Second Grade

Superintendent's Report: Kindergarten registration is scheduled for the first week in March and Bear Fair is scheduled for Saturday March 23rd.

Old Business:

Ms. Borrego read statement concerning the transition of students back to New Jersey.

New Business:

Approval of Minutes

January 22, 2013 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Marion, 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 8:07 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

None

Motion to close public comment at 8:07 p.m.

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

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve a written request to the County Board of Elections to move future elections to the Montague Municipal Township Building, so as not to lose instructional days.

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 Tuition Agreement (AD) with Bonnie Brae, effective November 29, 2012 for a per diem rate of \$345.00 per day.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Marion to approve AD 1 and AD 2
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Personnel

P 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the travel and related expense reimbursement for the personnel as indicated on the February 28, 2013 travel/reimbursement form.
ATTACHMENT P-1

P 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the resignation of Ronald Pittman, Full Time custodian, effective February 18, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski to approve P 1 and P2
Vote 6-0
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 December 2012 (FY2013).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

FI 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of December 2012 (FY2013).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the February 28, 2013 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#19130-#19260	\$1,240,676.18
Lunch Bill List	#1495-#1499	\$11,752.28

ATTACHMENT FI 3

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the transfers as listed for February 28, 2013 (FY 2013).

ATTACHMENT FI 4

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of January 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 6. BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2013-2014 School Year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2013-14 Total Expenditures	\$8,330,069	\$201,000	\$ 132,731	\$8,663,800
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$2,773,809</u>	<u>\$201,000</u>	<u>\$16,731</u>	<u>\$2,991,540</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$5,556,260	0	\$116,000	\$5,672,260

And to advertise said tentative budget in the New Jersey Herald in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Montague Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for all staff and board members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Montague Elementary School, Route 206, Montague, New Jersey on March 27, 2013 at 7PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Mr. Gelderman to approve FI 1 thru FI 6
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the following groups/organizations listed below:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
HPCC	Meeting/Cafeteria	3/1/2013	6:30-9:30PM	\$75

Please Note: This approval is to authorize use of the facilities to a specific group/organization for the purpose indicated above and in no way burdens the Montague School or Board of Education with the responsibility of notification of any cancellations for whatever reason. Notification of cancellation or adjustment to the dates indicated is the sole responsibility of the Group/Organization named above.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Holstein
Vote 6-0
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 8:10 p.m.

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

Mrs. Olenick: questioned when the agenda is placed on website, what was purpose of advisory group, statement about keeping families together was a lie and thank you to High Point, New Jersey Herald and Times Herald Record for keeping us informed.

Ms. Eckert- Frankford resident: would cause a tax increase, not fair if tuition was lower than cost per student, survey population.

Mr. Henn- questioned start date, Mrs. Hodge and Ms. Borrego said they did negotiate with Port Jervis, I talked to Mr. Xanthis, he said you didn't , Bev you lied, Janice you lied

Ms. Kennedy- communication very poor, hear nothing from Board or Administration

Mr. Mannion- you said you would be transparent- haven't.- you have not negotiated with Port Jervis, I have called them, need more transparency, we have had a successful relationship with Port Jervis

Mr. Mitchell- no assistance from Port Jervis with son, only assistance was from Montague

Mrs. Marion- Port Jervis does contact parents via email and phone

Mr. Collibus- trust in Board, stop degrading, taxes will go up regardless, choice would be for the children

Mrs. Bisl- Thank you Board, keep options open, our children are at stake

Motion to close public comment at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried