

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 30, 2014**

Call to Order/ Flag Salute/Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Beverly Borrego	X	
Thomas Bolen III	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Adrienne Raefski	X	
Diane Cole	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Debra Osborne		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: 1. First Grade Readers Theater
2. LEAP: Thomas Edison Inventions**

Superintendent’s Report:

Reviewed District’s results on last QSAC assessment. Montague continues to be a high performing school.

Introduced Chelsea Bacho, the 2014 Montague Student of the Year

The 2014-2015 Annual Budget Presentation to the Public

*Mrs. Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal
Mr. John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

Old Business:

Ms. Borrego said she had spoken with the NJSBA representative and discussed possible dates for workshops. It was decided that the Board would hold two workshops with the representative: Tuesday, May 27th from 6-8pm and Wednesday, July 2nd from 6-8pm

New Business:

Mr. Gelderman gave an update on the 7th and 8th Grade Transition Committee

Approval of Minutes

March 19, 2014 – Regular Meeting

March 19, 2014 – Executive Meeting

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
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 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Mrs. Bisl-Asked if Sussex-Wantage was being considered, hoped we don't pull out of High Point

Mrs. Mikulski- do we have a plan, get sense Board is stalling

Mr. Dunn- are their target dates- plan/ referendum

Mrs. Olenick- apologized for statements last meeting, grandfathering students at Port Jervis, communication with Port Jervis

Mrs. Bisl- thank you for working hard on transition

Mrs. DeGeorge- Port Jervis has sports tryouts, few selected from Montague, PTA offended-have several successful events

Ms. Holstein- clarified where students will attend school in 2014-2015, students are not in limbo

Motion to close public comment at 8:16 p.m.

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

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve a Pre-School Disabled Program to be in session from July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014, Monday through Thursdays.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Personnel

P 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following employees for the July 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014 extended school year Preschool Disabled Program. (1 teacher and 1 aide for 2.5 hrs./day)

Lorie Jeskey	Teacher	\$53.19	per hour
Mary Ellen Kithcart	Teacher (sub)	\$53.55	per hour
Barbara Mosher	Aide	\$19.80	per hour
Lynn Decker	Aide	\$17.58	per hour

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
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 February 2014 (FY2014).

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 February 2014 (FY2014).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the April 30, 2014 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	# 20345- #20427	\$937,870.59
Lunch Bill List	#1551- #1561	\$30,795.30

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 February 28, 2014 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.

Motion to approve FI 1 thru FI 4 by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6-0
Motion carried

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education hereby adopt the following budget for the 2014-2015 school year:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2014-2015 Total Expenditures	\$8,464,472	\$201,000	\$ 140,609	\$8,806,081
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$2,797,087</u>	<u>\$201,000</u>	<u>\$15,972</u>	<u>\$3,014,059</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$5,667,385	0	\$124,637	\$5,792,022

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.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 5-1 (Mrs. Cole- No)
Motion Carried

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education recess and proceed to Executive Session to review legal matters.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Gelderman, to open Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to close Executive Session at 8:32p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Bolen, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:32 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:32p.m.

Motion Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Gelderman

All in Favor

Motion Carried