

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 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
Erin Callahan, 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."

Presentation: Third Grade- Lighthouses

Old Business: Special Election Results: Yes- 320 No- 702

Approval of Minutes:

**January 6, 2014 – Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2014 – Regular Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Ms. Raefski
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 7:07 p.m.

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

Mr. Mannion- questions about Hopkins study
Ms. Offenloch- complained OPRA request denied
Mrs. Olenick- quoted/questions Hopkins study, Hopes new Board can work with Port Jervis
Ms. Case-Kennedy- questioned Hopkins study- compare Philly to Montague?
Mr. Bender- need microphones
Mr. Mannion- microphones/ 2% cap

Mr. Nicolette- provided information to Board on “World Café”- talk about solutions not problems
Mrs. Bisl- start fresh/clean slate/town torn apart/work together
Mrs. Mikulski- come together as community
Mr. Zitone- work together for solutions (Township Committee/School Board)- we are in boat together need to all row in same direction

Motion to close public comment at 7:35p.m.

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

Ms. Borrego- stated that there would be a resolution on the next meeting’s agenda to change ByLaw #0155 and designated committee members.

Administration

AD- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education authorizes the 7th-8th grade transition committee to explore all options for the 7th and 8th grades, to speak to the professionals, the state Department of Education and other individuals regarding the referendum project, to speak to and meet with other districts regarding send-recv relationships and to explore all other options. The committee will report back to the Board with any recommendations and the Board as a whole will make a determination on action to be taken to approve and/or implement any recommendation. The committee will not commit the Board to a course of action without Board approval.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 4-3 No- Mrs. Kurtzman, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Osborne
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 January 30, 2014 travel/reimbursement form.

ATTACHMENT P-1

Motion Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
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 November 2013 (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 November 2013 (FY2014).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the transfers/budget adjustments as listed below for January 30, 2014 (FY 2014).

ATTACHMENT FI 3

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the January 30, 2014 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#19854-#20214	\$425,123.71
Lunch Bill List	#1541-#1550	\$ 15,548.88
Student Council	#301	\$ 15.84

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 December 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.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski
Vote 4-3 No- Mrs. Kurtzman, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Osborne (need more information)
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Waycie
Board Secretary