

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 23, 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

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Hodge reviewed the Consolidated Monitoring Report received from the New Jersey Department of Education.

Presentation:

Referendum for 7th and 8th Grade Addition, Lisa Gorab, Esq., Bond Counsel

Old Business:

Personnel, Transportation and Transition Committee reports were given by Committee Chairpersons.

New Business:

Open to Public (Bond Questions only)

Motion to open public comment at 7:20 p.m.

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

Mrs. Spinapolice had question concerning state and local share amounts.

Motion to close public comment at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
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 questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to open public comment at 7:40 p.m.

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Mrs. Olenick- commented on prepared statement, bus route to High Point, clam shaped desks, NJ Statute, Board Policy

Mr. Nicolette- World Café never happened. People never had a chance to talk

Mrs. Ames- commented on bussing, offered to be on Transition Committee

Mrs. Mukulski- communication failed, need to market our school

Mr. Teufert- commented on who helped with revision, he is qualified, 3.2 million is reasonable

Mr. Henn- commented on \$88 was not good for old people

Ms. Holstein- transition Committee appointed by BOE President, Sussex and Kittantiny didn't meet needs

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to close public comment at 7:40 p.m.

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

June 25, 2014 – Regular Meeting

June 25, 2014 – Executive Meeting

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

Administration

AD-1 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, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 construct an addition to and renovate the Elementary School to provide educational spaces to accommodate the District's 7th and 8th grade students (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, September 30, 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, September 30, 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) construct an addition to and renovate the Elementary School to provide educational spaces to accommodate the district's 7th and 8th grade students; and (B) spend and issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$3,258,452 to finance the cost of such project.

The State has agreed to provide debt service aid for the project in the amount of 40% of final eligible costs. The final eligible costs are \$1,925,778. This project includes \$25,740 for school facilities construction elements (180 sq. feet) 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 June 20, 2014 (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 Clerk of the Township of Montague 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 Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 4- 2 (no- Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Kurtzman)
Motion Carried

AD-2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education Approve the submission of the consolidated monitoring corrective action plan as reviewed.

AD- 3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approves the submission of Principal waiver request.

AD- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Special Education Tuition Agreement (NB) for September 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with the Celebrate the Children school at an estimated cost of \$92,907.

AD-5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the July 7, 2014 through July 31, 2014 Special Education(RLD) with Hamburg School District at an estimated cost of \$2390.

Motion to approve AD -2 thru AD – 5, by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Finance/Insurance

FI 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of May 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 May 2014 (FY2014).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

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

ATTACHMENT FI 3

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

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#20585-#20599	\$48,906.95

ATTACHMENT FI 4

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the July 23, 2014 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	# 20600-#20646	\$711,771.59
Lunch Program	#1574-#1577	\$18,931.95

ATTACHMENT FI 5

FI 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23A-16.10, as of May 31, 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 by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the pupil transportation contract for bus routes HP-1 for the 2014/2015 school year between First Student Bus Company, Inc. at a cost of \$39,000.60.

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the pupil transportation contract for the 2014/2015 school year between Kittatinny Regional High School and the Montague Board of Education at a cost of \$14,080.

BGT 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 school year pupil transportation contract (SUMP 1) with Mitchell and Pegeen Harper at a cost of \$17,100. (Pending insurance confirmation).

Motion to approve BGT 1 thru BGT 3 by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote: BGT 1 5-1 (no- Mrs. Cole)
BGT 2, 3 6-0
Motion Carried

Executive Session

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

Motion to open Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Ms. Raefski

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor

Motion Carried

P-1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Confidential Staff member salaries as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski

Vote 6-0

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, Seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

All in Favor

Motion Carried