

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
August 26, 2015**

Call to Order

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Tacia Johnson	X	
Gayle Andriac	X	
Tom Bolen	X	
Diane Cole	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Debra Osborne	X	

Others Present:

Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal
John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Gary Kraemer, Esq., Interim Board Attorney

Flag Salute

In accordance with the New Jersey Sunshine Law, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school and advertised in the New Jersey Herald and The Middletown Record.

Please note, the school's anti-bullying policy and how it applies to all; Board Members, Administration, Teachers, volunteers, parents, and members of the community. We are all to display behavior for the children of our community, so they can learn by example: not harass, intimidate, or bully others, either in person or writing, inclusive of via social media. It was brought to the attention of the Board and Administration, that just prior to a meeting earlier this year, as well as during the meeting, statements were made on social media by those in attendance at the meeting, which not only included insinuations and threats of violence which were both harassing, intimidating, and of course forms of bullying, but these comments were also supported by others in attendance. Therefore, as a safety precaution for the Board Members, Administration, public and students, the presence of the Constable has been requested at the meetings until these threats cease to exist.

Presentation: Dr. Ken Greene, Superintendent Newton School District - "Google"

Approval of Minutes

June 24, 2015- Regular Meeting
June 24, 2015- Executive Meeting
July 15, 2015- Special Meeting
July 15, 2015- Executive Meeting
July 22, 2015- Regular Meeting

July 22, 2015- Executive Meeting
August 13, 2015- Special Meeting
August 13, 2015- Executive Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded By Mr. Bolen

Motion amended to approve all minutes except June 24, 2015 regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor

Motion Carried

After reviewing audio of June 24, 2015,

**Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen to approve minutes of
June 24, 2015, Regular Meeting**

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Superintendent Report:

Thank you Dr, Greene for your presentation

Thank you summer staff for their tireless work in getting building ready for students/staff

Kindergarten orientation was today

Teachers return on September 1st

Spoke with Mr.Bongiovi about student records

Enrollment week of September 8th

Committee Reports- Committee chairpersons reviewed committee reports

Liaison updates- Mr. Geldrman- High Point reviewed their goals with public, personal use of own devise policy concerning school WiFi
Ms. Johnson- coordinating with Orange County Service for counseling service for Middle School

Open to Public (Any Items):

As a reminder for all, and as per NJSBA, Board of Education meetings are "a meeting in public, not a meeting of the public. Many people especially parents and community members, misunderstand the nature of a school board meeting. School boards provide leadership for what are typically multi-million dollar corporations. The board has important work to accomplish. And, to do that work, the board needs to be fully engaged around the table. The

Open Meetings Act requires that public business be done in public, and that citizens have opportunity to observe, and comment, at every meeting."

Additionally, as per NJSA 2C:33-8, 10:4-12, and as adopted by Montague's Board of Education in Bylaw 0167, please remember the public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

- 1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface - by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate;**
- 2. Each statement by a participant shall be limited to 3 minute duration**
- 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;**
- 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually;**
- 5. The presiding officer may:**
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;**
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;**
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;**
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and**
 - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.**

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 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac

Mr. Cosman- microphones need to be passed around

Mr. Mannion- hope Board sues, money should be paid back to taxpayer

Ms. Campbell- this has been happening for more than 20 years, lawsuits will cost taxpayers

Mrs. Olenick- filing ethic complaint were a joke, email to Mr. Bumpus secretary received no answer
Board has all Montague students in mind, back to school here conflicts with Port Jervis/Kittatinny
Mrs. Bisl- Congratulations Mr. Gelderman DV Teacher of the Year, where are sports' programs
Ms. Campbell- concerned about kids in this school, what will be left
Mr. Henn- speakers-microphones, flag need to be fixed
Ms. DeGeorge- question fee for Grange to use school
Mr. Aveneti- no such thing as a 'senior' center, but is a community center
Ms. Massett- community room at firehouse, kudos to Tacia
Mrs. Blackburn- daughter registered at Port jervis
Mr. Mannion- not too late to register for Port Jervis, has lots of sports

Motion to close public comment at 8:25 p.m.

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

Unfinished Business- Mrs. Cole wants permanent microphone system – Mr. Gelderman to research

New Business:

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the extended 2014-2015 school year Special Education Tuition Contract and the 2015-2016 school year Special Education Tuition Contract at an estimated cost of \$72,279 for JR with Northern Hills Academy.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6-0-1 (Abstain Mrs. Andriac)
Motion Carried

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 school year Special Education Tuition Contract with Northern Hills Academy for MB at an estimated cost of \$75,922.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 school year Special Education Tuition Contract with Northern Hills Academy for AD at an estimated cost of \$59,627.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 school year Special Education Tuition Contract with Northern Hills Academy for MH at an estimated cost of \$59,627.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

AD 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition Contract with Lakeland Regional School District for KD at an estimated cost of \$115,889.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

AD 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition Contract with Lakeland-Andover School District for AR at an estimated cost of \$53,100.

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

Personnel

P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the promotion of Donna Pinzone as the Administrative Assistant, upon the retirement of Mrs. Romyns, to the Chief School Administrator at a salary of \$35,000, effective August 27, 2015.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

P- 2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following substitute teachers for 2015-2016 (substitute teachers \$75/day, nurse \$125/day):

John Cantelmo, Lisa Cirello(nurse), Linda Coss, Tracy Edwards, Monica Eulo, Charles Fletcher, Karen Gloster (nurse), Robert Romyns, and Peg Zvlaren.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

P-3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Montague Board of Education approve the August 26, 2015 travel expenses.

ATTACHMENT P-3

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0
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 June 2015 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI

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ATTACHMENT F2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the August 26, 2015 Bill List attached and listed below:

ATTACHMENT FI 3

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	A21560-A21700	\$504,513.32

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23A-16.10, as of June 30, 2015 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 accepts the IDEA grant in the amount of \$99,220 (Basic- \$95,004/ Preschool \$4,216).

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

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following pupil transportation contract (bus route M-HP-2) for the 2015/2016 school year between First Student Bus Company, Inc. and the Montague Board of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 at a cost of \$40,320.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6-0-1 (abstain Mrs. Cole)
Motion Carried

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following pupil transportation contracts (bus routes E-3 and E-7) for the 2015/2016 school year between Stocker Bus Company and the Montague Board of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 at a cost of \$72,614 (\$36,307 each).

Motion to table

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

BGT 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the proposal from H.T. Lyons to provide and install a 12,000 BTU Ductless air condition unit for the IT Room at a cost of \$5,247.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

BGT 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by Montague Grange at a fee of \$100 (fee to be waived).

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Montague Grange	gym/cafeateria	November 13, 2015	5:00PM-8:30PM

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 Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 6 – 1 (No- Mrs. Osborne)
Motion Carried

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education will recess and proceed to Executive Session to review personnel matters: 2014/2015 BS evaluation, 2013/2014 CSA Evaluation, and 2014/2015 CSA Evaluation and legal matters (Ethics Complaints and Port Jervis/ High Point/ Montague send/receive). Following Executive Session, the public will be made aware of when the Board anticipates those matters which can be made public should be resolved. (Action may or may not be taken.)

Motion to open Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.

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

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 10:30 p.m.

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

Adjournment

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