

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

**Minutes
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
Cherie Adams, Esq., Attorney for Montague Board of Education

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.

As a reminder, the school's anti-bullying policy and how it applies to all; Board Members, Administration, Teachers, volunteers, parents, and members of the community, as we are all to display behavior for the children so they can learn by example and not harass, intimidate, or bully others, either in person or writing, inclusive of via social media. It has been brought to the attention of the Board and Administration, that just prior to our last meeting, as well as during the meeting, statements were made on social media by those in attendance at the meeting, which included an insinuation and threat of violence which were both harassing, intimidating, and of course a form of bullying. Therefore, as a safety precaution for the Board Members, Administration, public and students, the presence of the NJSP has been requested, and a trooper will remain at the meetings until these threats cease to exist.

Presentation: Interpretation of novel, Phone Home, Persephone by the Fourth Grade

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 7:12 p.m.

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

Motion to close Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:05 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

January 29, 2015 – Regular Meeting

January 29, 2015 – Executive Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

Superintendent Report:

Congratulations to: Teacher of the Year- Mr. Runne

Ed Services Professional of the Year- Mrs. Walker

Congratulations to Spelling Bee winner Dameon Haggerty, grade 6 and

Runners up: Aaron Dunn, Georgia Gelderman, Abdul Hassan and Madison Rush

Basketball- 31 students are participating, parents should be able to watch games in near future. Coaches Mr. Ferrier and Mr. Runne have developed a very Structured and skill based program.

Curriculum Committee meet in early February to establish project and reporting Timelines. February task is to review resources and required elements. On 2/19 meeting held to share reviewed information. Throughout month individual work to be on content area based on foregoing.

Enrollment information explained.

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 made 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 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mr. Mannion- Montague only average per report Card, student taker ratio 8:1

Ms. Mikulski- consider bus route changes, ride is an issue

Ms. Holstein- commented busses do go over mountain, good/bad weather routes

Mrs. Olenick- bus routes, 8 of 19 8th PJ 8th graders went to HP visit, kids bullied, 8th grade survey results, many problems with HP/Montague contract, enrollment number to High Point, monthly meetings High Point Montague, number of teachers in room

Mr. Henn- Township held 3 budget meetings, will BOE have public meetings, change of Counsel, NJ Statute secondary school

Mr. Mannion- route 23 unsafe, dangerous grade on Deckertown, bus route

Ms. Holstein- Vernon has higher grades on bus routes

Mr. Biggs- Student- 9 absences 1st period, failing math

Mrs. Blackburn-was length of travel considered, kids go to High Point so why so many going to Kittatinny

Mrs. Bisl- my child goes to Kittatinny since no 7th grade here, great job by Mr. Ferriere and Mr. Runne with BB

Motion to close public comment at 9:00 p.m.

Motion Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Old Business

New Business:

Administration

AD- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Special Education Tuition Agreement (SID 2858012632) for 2014-2015 with the Andover Regional Board of Education at an estimated cost of \$29,333.

Motion by 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 December 2014 (FY2015).

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 2014 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

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

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	A21113-A21216	\$583,006.57

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 December 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 to approve FI 1 thru FI 4 by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

Building/Grounds/Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the Montague Baseball.

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Montague-Hampton Girls Softball	Softball	Tues & Thurs March-April	6-7PM

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 Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the use of the gym for a Montague Baseball fund raiser.

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mr. Bolen
All in Favor
Motion Carried