

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
July 22, 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(late)	

Others Present:

John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Gary Kraemer, Esq., Interim Counsel 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 was brought to the attention of the Board and Administration, that prior to a meeting held earlier this year, 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 Constable has been requested at the meetings until these threats cease to exist.

Approval of Minutes

May 22, 2015- Regular Meeting- (corrected)

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor (except Mrs. Cole- No)

Motion Carried

June 24, 2015- Regular Meeting

June 24, 2015- Executive Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Osborne to table

All in Favor

Motion Carried

**Liaison updates: Mr. Gelderman reviewed High Point meeting
Mrs. Andriac- Port Jervis Meeting is next week**

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 NJSBA 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 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Mrs. Mannion- asked what the number of 7th grade students at Montague from survey

Motion to close public comment at 7:17p.m.

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

Board Presentation Update on Dual send/receive plan provided by Ms. Johnson

Committee Action Items: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Personnel

P 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Montague Board of Education acknowledges receipt of Rose Musto's retirement letter dated June 28, 2015 and accepts the retirement of Rose Musto, Learning Disability Teacher Consultant effective August 28, 2015.

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

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves J & B Occupational Therapy, LLC, to provide a Learning Disability Teacher Consultant for the 2015-2016 school at a rate of \$91 per hour/6.5 hours per day/3 days per week.

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

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the submission of the annual State required full time principal waiver.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
All in Favor
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 2015 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

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

FI 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of May 2015 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

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

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Transfers as listed for June 30, 2015 (FY 2015)

ATTACHMENT FI 3

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

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the June 30, 2015 Bill List attached and listed below:

ATTACHMENT FI 4

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#21527-#21529	\$12,171.31

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote 6-0-1(Mrs. Osborne abstained)
Motion Carried

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the July 22, 2015 Bill List attached and listed below (with AG&L pending attorney review)

ATTACHMENT FI 5

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#21530-#21598	\$851,072.89
Lunch program	#1608-#1612	\$21,972.32

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote 6-0-1(Mrs. Osborne abstained)
Motion Carried

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

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. (a) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education reject the following pupil transportation contracts and bus routes 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, and as indicated below:

HP-2 \$42,480
E-3 \$44,280
E-7 \$44,280

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

BGT 1. (b) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following pupil transportation contract and bus route 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, and as indicated below:

HP-L \$19,440

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 2-7
Motion Failed

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education award the contract to Preziosi Construction Corporation for \$37,390 for Partial Replacement of VCT tile in the upper wing hallway and rooms 200, 201 and 118.

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

BGT 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education reject all bids received for window replacement in rooms 92, 93, 94, 95 96 and 97 since all exceeded the budgeted amount.

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

BGT 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the Montague Baseball. (Pending proof of Insurance).

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Montague Recreation	Holiday Party- gym/cafeteria	December 5, 2015	11AM-6 PM

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
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, confidential employee 2015-2016 salaries 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 8:20p.m.
Motion by Tom Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 9:53p.m.
Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 9:53p.m.
Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Action taken after Executive Session:

Personnel

P 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Confidential Staff member (A) salary increase of 2.1% to \$62,858, as recommended by the Personnel Committee retroactive to July 1, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 5-2 (Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Osborne-No)
Motion Carried

Administration

AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education requires all full time employees to work their full time hours.

Motion by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor (Except Mr. Bolen-abstain)
Motion Carried

AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, as the Montague Board of Education has concluded that material information was withheld from the Commissioner of Education in applications and letters submitted during both 2013 and 2014, and based on these findings as well as not terminating either the contract with High point or Port Jervis which the previous counsel and Boards have put in place, the Board has decided the most equitable and fair decision is to empower the parents of our community by providing them with the opportunity to chose which school district best suits the needs of their families and children. Therefore the Board requests for the Commissioner to reconsider the withdrawal of consent that was based on misinformation, thereby allowing Montague students who choose to continue being enrolled in Port Jervis and reinstate the consent which was in effect for many decades.

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:09 p.m.

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