

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017**

Call to Order

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Tacia Johnson		X
Diane Cole	X	
Gayle Andriac	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Emma Masset	X	
Glen Plotsky	X	
Linda Spinapolice	X	

Others Present:

- X-Robert Walker – Interim Chief School Administrator
- X-Tina Palecek – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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 appropriate behavior for the children of our community, so they can learn by example: not to 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 in the past, 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. Additionally, since last year, there have been ongoing reports of continual harassment, the most recent of which occurred during a workshop meeting. 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.

Announcement of Executive Session

There will be an Executive Session at the end of this meeting

Recognition

None

Presentation

None

Approval of Minutes

None

CSA Report

None

SBA Report

None

Committee Reports

None

Correspondence

None

Liaison Report

None

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 9322, 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 5:53p.m

Motion Sally Kurtzman 2nd by Glen Plotsky

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

George Gelderman, Deerfield Lane Montague, questioned the Board Members as to why the meeting was not posted on the website. He also asked if it was possible to get a light for the sign in front of the school; solar options may be available.

Motion to close public comment at 5:56p.m

Motion Glen Plotsky 2nd by Emma Masset

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business:

None

Finance & Insurance

None

New Business:

None

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education recess and proceed to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Action may or may not be taken.

Motion to open Executive Session at **5:56** p.m

Motion Emma Masset 2nd by Sally Kurtzman

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 8:43 p.m

Motion Glen Plotsky 2nd by Gayle Andriac

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion to resume Special Meeting at 8:44 p.m

Motion Emma Masset 2nd by Sally Kurtzman

All in Favor
None Opposed
Motion Carried

Resolution

Be it resolved, that a contract to employ Timothy Capone as Chief School Administrator/Principal for the District to be offered to him subject to the negotiation and agreement upon the terms of salary and other usual and customary benefits.

Motion Glen Plotsky 2nd by Gayle Andriac

Ayes: Emma Masset, Glen Plotsky, Linda Spinapolice, Gayle Andriac, Sally Kurtzman, Diane Cole

Abstentions: None

Absent: Tacia Johnson

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion Emma Masset 2nd by Sally Kurtzman

All in Favor

None Oppose

Motion Carried