

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017**

***Motion to conduct meeting by Gayle Andriac, 2nd by Emma Masset
Ayes: Gayle Andriac, Emma Masset, Glen Plotsky, and Sally Kurtzman
Nays: None
Motion Carried***

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**

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

Others Present:

Timothy Capone - Chief School Administrator
Tina Palecek – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

III. Flag Salute

Adequate notice was not provided, due to the urgency and importance of taking action in regards to the pending referendum that has been scheduled for December 12, 2017 and the deadline for submission to the Sussex County Board of Elections by October 13, 2017. The nature of the substantial harm to the public interest likely to result from the delay in the holding of a public meeting would be due to the pending timelines that require action for the planned referendum. This meeting will be limited to discussion and acting with respect to such matters associated with the pending referendum and deadlines.

This meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2017 and was posted on the Montague School sign, on the school website, and notification was sent to the Montague Town Hall, NJ Herald and Times Herald Record. The need for this meeting could not be reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided due to the lack of a quorum on Tuesday October 10, 2017, the postponement of that meeting until Wednesday, October 11, 2017, and the deadline for submission to the Sussex County Board of Elections by October 13, 2017.

IV. Public Session

Motion to open public comment at 6:03 pm

Motion Gayle Andriac 2nd by Emma Masset

All in Favor

None Opposed
Motion Carried

George Gelderman, Deerfield Lane, Mr. Gelderman said after looking over past agendas, the attendance of Board Member Tacia Johnson is a concern. Ms. Johnson has either missed many meetings or left early; at this time she is a detriment to the Board. Mr. Gelderman requested the Board to remove her from the Board based on her attendance in accordance with either State Law or the Ethics Commission.

Motion to close public comment at 6:05 pm

Motion Sally Kurtzman 2nd by Emma Masset

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

V. Action Items

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montague Board of Education Rescind the,

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, DECEMBER 12, 2017

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 undertake renovations to the Elementary School (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, December 12, 2017 (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, December 12, 2017, commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the School District for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 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:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Project

As set forth in the Proposal below, the Board is seeking to undertake facilities renovations, upgrades and improvements to the Montague Elementary School including roof replacement, floor replacement and the removal and replacement of the underground oil tank with an above-ground oil tank.

The Board will issue school bonds to fund the Project costs over a 15-20 year period.

State Funding for the Project

The total Project is estimated to cost \$3,584,670. The State has State aid (in the form of debt service aid) to the district in an amount equal to 40% of the Project which State funding reduces the taxpayers' share of the Project to 60%.

PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Township of Montague in the County of Sussex, New Jersey is authorized to (A) undertake renovations and upgrades of the Montague Elementary School consisting of roof replacement, floor replacement and the removal and replacement of the underground oil tank with an above-ground oil tank; and (B) expend not to exceed \$3,584,670 and issue bonds 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. All of the costs are final eligible costs

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 of the Project as set forth in the letters of the New Jersey Department of Education (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: Gayle Andriac Second: Emma Masset

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	TJ	Total
YES	X	X	X		X			4
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT				X		X	X	3

XVII Adjournment

Motion Emma Masset 2nd by Gayle Andriac

All in Favor

None Oppose

Motion Carried