

**Montague Board of Education Meeting  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2018  
6:00 pm**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Glen Plotsky, President	X (late)	
Linda Spinapolice, Vice President	X	
Gayle Andriac	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Emma Masset	X	
Diane Cole	X	
Charles Teufert	X	

Others Present:

Timothy Capone - Chief School Administrator

Tina Palecek – Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**III. Flag Salute**

**IV. 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 Times Herald Record.**

**V. Announcement of Executive Session**

**VI.**

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

Motion to open Executive Session at 6:06 pm

Motion Gayle Andriac 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emma Masset

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:22 pm

Motion Sally Kurtzman 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gayle Andriac

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

President Glen Plotsky arrived during executive session.

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:22 pm

Motion Gayle Andriac 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emma Masset

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

**VII. Approval of Minutes**  
**a. January 2, 2018**

Motion: Charles Teufert

Second: Gayle Andriac

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	CT	Total
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

**VIII. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report** – presented by Mr. William Schroeder and Ms. Mon Lee to the Board.

**IX. CSA Report**

- a. Updated District Goals distributed to Board members with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the accomplishments in the first six-months and items still being addressed. Significant progress has been made on the Board approved goals. Mrs. Andriac thanked Mr. Capone for all of his work in such a short period of time.
- b. Carol LaStarza, part-time Special Education Supervisor and LDTC, presentation regarding the current and projected needs of the pre-school program at the Montague School. A full-day preschool program was proposed that would meet the needs of the growing needs of the students within the Montague District and not out-of-district placements.
- c. Mark Romano gave a presentation on the current status of Technology within the facility and possible improvements and upgrades.
- d. Mr. Gregory presented current absentee report to the Board.
- e. Mr. Gregory presented a HIB investigation to the Board. The Investigation began on January 10, 2018 and was concluded on January 25, 2018 with an Unsupported Finding. Remedial action was put in place regarding the investigation.
  - i. Gayle Andriac made motion to accept the HIB presented, Emma Masset seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all yes, no opposed. Motion carried.
- f. Mr. Capone discussed an Extended School Year (ESY) possibly for July 2018
- g. Mr. Capone discussed Future Ready Certification. Reportedly, 65% of jobs in 20-years don't even exist at this time. It is imperative for the success of our students that we teach skills applicable to the future. Students will need transferable skills; problem solving and thinking skills. Mrs. Cole communicated how impressive the program was; the students actually answered questions not the teachers; excellent program.

**X. SBA Report**

- Smart board replacements in progress
- Underground tank test report still not received, as soon as it comes in it will be shared with the Board
- Ongoing research on State Police recommendations to upgrade security at the school
- Mrs. Palecek communicated to the Board that during the annual financial audit, Nisivoccia was professional and helpful fostering our ability to continually improve our fiscal accountability. At this time recommendations received from the auditor are 60% completed.

**XI. Correspondence**

- a. None

- XII. Liaison Report**  
**a. Non-voting Member Report**  
**i. None**

**XIII. Public Session**

**Motion to open public comment at 8:31 pm**

Motion Charles Teufert 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Spinapolice

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Cathie Smith, Old Chimney Road, her Grade 7 student asked her to tell the Board how grateful he is for the sports programs and how ecstatic he is for a Theater Program. Mrs. Smith also expressed her gratitude to the Board for the new programs. She did question adding another lock to the doors to the school; she thinks it will make the school unfriendly. She is fearful parents will not be treated nicely. She had an experience where she was not permitted in the school and actually had to pass her child's project through a door that was only opened partially by a staff member. The experience made her feel unwelcome and the school unfriendly.

Mr. Capone addressed this by saying he has heard of past procedures and assured all in attendance that this is an "old rule" that he does not support. Parents are welcome at the school. Examples of the new attitude include, new programs and parent participation include Halloween Parade and Field Day.

Tasha DeGeorge, Autumn Drive, There are three buses going to Port Jervis, only one is needed – why are there three? Drop off at the school is a mess; who is supervising this? It appears there is a lack of communication on all parts regarding Montague and High Point.

Kristine Bisl, Coss Lane, Ms. Bisl is happy with the visits to other school she has wanted that for years going and seeing other schools provides unlimited possibilities for Montague. The High Point Regional issue, are there details regarding what happened? She hopes students will not be in limbo again? Ms. Bisl is happy about sport additions – keep the momentums going. She believes the school is very welcoming; she has always had a good experience at the school.

Jennifer Caramucci, Oak Ridge Road, Thanked the Board for letting her attend the Future Ready Program trip. It was amazing to see program options. Technology is our future; we need to provide students with tools to be successful in the future. We owe our children every opportunity, and need to change as needed so our students can be the best they can be. Thank you to the Board again for all of the sports; the momentum is going in the right direction. As new parent, she is very happy with the school; thank you!!

Mrs. Spinapolice thanked Mrs. Caramucci for taking time to attend; it was nice to get a response from a parent's point of view.

**Motion to close public comment at 8:46 pm**

Motion Charles Teufert 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gayle Andriac

All in Favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

**XIV. Action Items**

**A-1-BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Montague Board of Education, on account of significant concerns, including without limit High Point Regional Board of Education’s failure to implement the terms of the parties’ Sending/Receiving Agreement (“Agreement”) entered into in or about August, 2013, to acknowledge its present intent not to renew or extend the Agreement. The Board directs the Chief School Administrator, or designee, to take all appropriate action with regard to reviewing other, available send/receive options for Board students. The Board reserves all relevant rights with regard to the Agreement.

Motion: Glen Plotsky Second: Gayle Andriac

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	CT	Total
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

**A-2-BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montague Board of Education approve the parent transportation contract for student # 9606712446 to the Sussex Wantage Regional School starting on February 7, 2018 through June 30, 2018 at a daily rate of \$95.00 per day.

Motion: Emma Masset Second: Gayle Andriac

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	CT	Total
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

**F-1 BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the February 6, 2018 Bill List attached and listed below:

	Check Numbers	Amount
Regular Bill List	#A:23796 - A:23830	\$185,989.97

Motion: Glen Plotsky Second: Gayle Andriac

*Discussion: All bills except checks A23815 and A23826.*

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	CT	Total
YES	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	X (w/stated exception)	7
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

**P1-BE IT RESOLVED**, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve the medical leave of employee number: MES0000023 effective January 3, 2018.

Motion: Gayle Andriac Second: Charles Teufert

Roll Call	GP	GA	SK	LS	EM	DC	CT	Total
YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7



NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

**XV Unfinished Business**

- Underground Oil Tank
- Asbestos Tile
- Roof
- Eye Screener
- Auditory Screener

**XVI New Business**

- New Website
- New Alert System
- Front Main Entrance Safety Upgrade
- Budget Goals
  - Pre-K Program/Special Education
  - Transportation
  - Facilities
  - Professional Development – Delayed Openings

**XVII Executive Session if necessary:**

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

Motion to open Executive Session at 9:14 pm

Motion Charles Teufert 2<sup>nd</sup> Gayle Andriac

All in favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 9:34 pm

Motion Charles Teufert 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Masset

All in favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 9:35 pm

Motion Gayle Andriac 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Masset

All in favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried

**XVIII Adjournment**

Motion Gayle Andriac 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Masset

All in favor

None Opposed

Motion Carried