

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Board of Education at their August 13, 2015 meeting:

AD 1. Because of the actions of prior Boards, we find ourselves presently in a legal dilemma that will put us in jeopardy of being sued by both Port Jervis and High Point. Our investigation has shown, Commissioners of Education Cerf and Hespe, were misled and misinformed and also not provided with all relevant facts in the prior requests to revoke consent. The attorney who previously represented Montague in the requests to the Commissioners to withdraw consent as well as during the negotiation process with High Point, at that time also represented High Point. Port Jervis, with whom we have an existing contract, was never given notice of the request to withdraw consent. That contract provides for 5 years notice to terminate the contract. As a result we are faced with many other problems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Montague students and families are authorized to continue or enroll their children in Port Jervis, High Point, or Montague schools as appropriate.

And let it BE FURTHER RESOLVED Montague's Board Attorney immediately bring these urgent issues to the attention of Commissioner Hespe, Interim Executive County Superintendent Lamonte, Port Jervis, and High Point.