

ADDENDUM TO THE JUNE 8, 2022
MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

14. PERSONNEL

P-20 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Elizabeth Palazzo**, as Special Education Teacher, MA+15 Step E, \$72,000.00, pending background check, for the 202-2023 school year, with a start date of August 31, 2022.

Moved:

Seconded:

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

P-21 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve **Michael Harris**, as STEM Teacher, MA Step D, \$69,000.00, pending background check, for the 202-2023 school year, with a start date of August 31, 2022.

Moved:

Seconded:

Discussion:

Roll Call	Bogle	Brislin	Campbell	Christmann	DeGeorge	Holstein	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

15. BUILDING & GROUNDS

BG-2 BE IT RESOLVED at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education oppose a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve until a formal plan is presented for public review and comment.

WHEREAS, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation area (DEWA) was established September 1, 1965, on 10 National Recreation Areas of the National Park Service, currently encompassing nearly 70,000 acres in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is a protected area in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources; and

WHEREAS, the DEWA offers recreational opportunities such as hiking, walking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, swimming, camping canoeing, boating, cross country skiing, bird watching, horseback riding, sightseeing, and special events; cultural resources, infrastructural facilities, national resources and rare, threatened and endangered species of plants, fish, mammals, reptiles and amphibians; and

WHEREAS, the Montague School District is made up of Federally owned property and the residents of Montague enjoy the recreational opportunities as well as a cultural and natural resources of the open space and local businesses benefit from the tourism brought by State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife and DEWA bring to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Montague School District is aware of a proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National Park and Lenape Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no insight or plan for the change in designation; namely the environmental, economic and agricultural impact to the DEWA and to the residents and local businesses of Montague; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on possible changes to public lands, namely, Delaware National Park, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park and state of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife lands as well as acquisition of private property; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no information on the plan to facilitate this change; the implementation of the fee collection and location of collection stations; and how funding will be provided for the National Park; and the impact on the **THE FEDERAL IMPACT AID GRANT PROGRAM for Montague School District**; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club offers no explanation on the location, size and parameters of the “Preserve” area, the activities allowed and disallowed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Montague School District affirms its opposition to any change in designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area for reasons set forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Montague School District firmly opposes the proposal of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Sierra Club, or any other organization seeking to change the designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the Delaware River National park and Lenape Preserve unless and until a formal plan is presented offering information on the environmental, economic (inclusive of the Federal Impact Aid Program) and agricultural impact of the proposed change; sources of funding; the fee structure and the plan for the implementation of fees and collection station locations; a map of the area depicting the location of the Lenape Preserve; the plans for any acquisition of additional private or public lands; and the impact this proposal will have on the residents of the Montague Township and Sussex County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE Montague School District requests that once said formal plan is presented, the public shall have ample time to review, question and comment on the plan prior to any action taken by the United States Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montague School District requests copies of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden; Governor Phil Murphy; U.S. Senator Robert Menendez; U.S. Senator Cory Booker; Congressman Josh Gottheimer; Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill; Congressman David Norcross; Congressman Jefferson Van Drew; Congressman Christopher Smith; Congressman Frank Pallon, Jr.; Congressman Tom Malinowski; Congressman Albio Sires; Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.; Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.; Congressman Bonnie Watson Coleman; New Jersey Senator Steven V. Oroho; New Jersey Assemblyman F. Parker Space; New Jersey Assemblyman Harold Wirths; NJ Senator Michael Doherty; Assemblyman John DeMaio; Assemblyman Eric Petersen; Congresswoman Susan Wild (PA) ; Congressman Matt Cartwright(PA) U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey; U.S. Senator Bob Casey; New Jersey Sierra Club, Chapter Chair Rich Isaac; Vice Chair John Kashwick; Pennsylvania Sierra Club; Sussex County Board of County Commissioners; all municipalities of Sussex County; State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection; National Park Service, Charles Sams, Director; National Park Service Northeast Region, Gay Vietzke, Regional Director; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Sula Jacobs, Superintendent; Delaware River Basin Commission; Partnership of the Delaware Estuary; National Lands Trust; Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

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YES								
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16. TRANSPORTATION

T-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the School Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Service Agreement between the Montague Township School District and Krapf School Bus NJN Inc., for a term beginning June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

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YES								
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