Montague Township Board of Education Meeting Workshop Action Meeting Agenda June 14, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER at _____

2. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Barbara Holstein, President		
Michael Zernhelt, Vice President		
Christopher Bell		
Paul Brislin		
Andree Campbell		
Tasha DeGeorge		
Jaime Johnson		

Others Present:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Andriac - Acting Superintendent		
Carl Morelli, SBA/BS		
Joseph Garcia, Esq. – Board Atty.		

3. FLAG SALUTE - FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE OR PRAYER

- 4. MISSION STATEMENT The mission of the Montague Township School District is to provide the best educational experience and opportunities to realize the potential of every child.
- 5. LEGAL NOTICE 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 Sunday New Jersey Herald.
- **6. PRESENTATION -** Michelle Visco of the MEA will present the Optical Academy Glasses 2 Classes School Vision program

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Township 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 _____ Motion _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor/Opposed ______

Motion to close Executive Session at _____ Motion _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor/Opposed ______

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at _____ Motion ____2nd____All in Favor/Opposed _____

8. CSA REPORT

- HIB
- School events
- Security

9. SBA REPORT

10. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11. CORRESPONDENCE, if any

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Minutes of May 10, 2023.

Moved:	Seconded:				Discussio			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023 ReOrganization Meeting.

Moved:	Seconded:				Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and the Executive Minutes of May 24, 2023.

Moved:	Seconded:			-	Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

13. PUBLIC SESSION – AGENDA ITEMS

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Motion to close Public Comment at	p.m.	

Motion _____ 2nd _____

All in Favor___/Opposed _____

All in Favor____/Opposed _____

14. FINANCE AND INSURANCE

F-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the May 25, 2023 through June 14, 2023 - Bill List attached and listed below:

Fund 10	\$ 30,339.25
Fund 11	\$434,677.59
Fund 12	\$ 3,500.00
Fund 20	\$ 33,225.03
Fund 61	\$ 2,021.26
Grand Total	\$503,763.13

Moved:	Seconded:				Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education appoint Nisivoccia LLP, as the auditors for the Board whose term of office shall be July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The cost of these services shall be \$33,500.00.

Moved:	Seconded:				Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement between R&L DataCenters, Inc. and Montague Township School District Board of Education beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:	-	Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
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ABSENT								

F-4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education renew CDK Systems, Inc. for the 2023-24SY at a cost of \$14,270.00.

Moved:		Seconded:			Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-5. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education renew Realtime Information Technology for the 2023-24SY at a cost of \$15,685.79.

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSENT								

F-6. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Medical Service Contract between Denise L. Autotte, M.D., and the Montague Township Board of Education beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$2,500.00.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
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ABSENT								

F-7. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Contract for Educational Services - ESY 2023 between the Sussex County Educational Services Commission and the Montague Township Board of Education for the following students to attend Northern Hills Academy for the 2023 Extended School Year Program commencing July 5, 2023:

Student ID #	Tuition Amount	Paraprofessional	Add't Therapy	Total
100280	\$10,525.00	\$5,730.00	\$427.00 (1x)	\$16,682.00
12753787	\$10,525.00	N/A	N/A	\$10,525.00
100316	\$10,525.00	\$5,730.00	\$1,281.00 (3x)	\$17,536.00
100390	\$12,010.00	\$5,730.00	N/A	\$17,740.00
13844119	\$12,010.00	\$5,730.00	\$854.00 (1x)	\$18,594.99

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YES								
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ABSENT								

F-8. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education renew the Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP, Policy Alert and Support System (PASS) subscription for the 2023-24SY at a cost of \$2,725.00.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSENT								

F-9. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the submission of the SFA to SFA Vended Meals Contract with the High Point Regional High School BOE for the 2023-24 school year.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-10. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement for Legal Services - Special Counsel between the Montague Board of Education and the law firm of Comegno Law Group, P.C., effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$185.00 per hour.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-11. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement for Legal Services between the Montague Board of Education and Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq., of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour for all attorneys and \$90.00 per hour for all law clerks and paralegals.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-12. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement to Provide Professional Services between J and B Therapy, LLC and Montague Elementary School and their rates outlined in the agreement for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-13. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:21-2 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-14.3(a) permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Montague Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end; and

WHEREAS, the Montague Township Board of Education has determined that up to \$900,000.00 may be available for such purpose of transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montague Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the District's School Board Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
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F-14. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-14.3(b) permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by Board resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Montague Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end; and

WHEREAS, the Montague Township Board of Education has determined that up to \$400,000.00 may be available for such purpose of transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montague Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the District's School Board Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-15. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve a contract with BOXX Modular, Inc., of Exton, PA for a 12 month lease for four (4) classroom modules with restrooms for a cost of \$62,900. for delivery and installation, including ADA ramp and platform between two units, plus \$7,456. per month lease for 12 months. TIPS Awarded Contract #200902.

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YES								
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ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

F-16. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve a Optical Academy Glasses2Classes School Visions proposal in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSENT								

15. PERSONNEL

P-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve Guidance Counselors, **DARAH PINZONE and KELLY BOYLE**, ten (10) days each per diem for the summer of 2023 at the agreed upon rate per the MEA agreement.

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YES								
NO								
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ABSENT								

P-2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **MICHAEL BUSSOW** as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pending background check, effective June 19, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at an annual rate of \$85,000.00, pending County approval.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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P-3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **DANIELLE CHRISTMANN**, as full time Interventionist, Step G/BA, pending background check, for the 2023-2024 school year with a start date of August 29, 2023.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSENT								

P-4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **ANNIE LUTZ**, as full time Maternity Leave Teacher, Step A/BA, pending background check, for the 2023-2024 school year with a start date of August 29, 2023.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
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P-5. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **KATHLEEN LYNCH**, as full time School Psychologist, Step C/MA+30 pending background check, for the 2023-2024 school year with a start date of August 29, 2023.

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:		Discussio			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
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ABSENT								

P-6. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve **LISA HOEHN**, as part-time summer custodian, \$20.00 per hour, pending background check (if needed), with a start date of on or about June 20, 2023 until August 31, 2023.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

P-7. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve **ANDREA BAILEY**, as full time paraprofessional, Step E, pending background check (if needed), for the 2023-2024 school year with a start date of August 30, 2023. (Ms. Bailey is being hired with the knowledge that she is not eligible for insurance coverage or the insurance waiver reimbursement).

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
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ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

16. BUILDING AND GROUND

BG-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Application for Dual Use of Educational Space for dual usage of classrooms for the 2022-23 school year.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:	-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

17. ADMINISTRATION

A-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Sussex County Educational Services Commission Agreement for Ancillary Educational Services and rate sheet for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	Discussion:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-2. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Agreement between Montague Township School District and Tri-County Behavioral Care, LLC, for referring and providing School Clearance Assessment and Substance Evaluation and Treatment services effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Moved:	-	Sec	onded:		Discussio			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-3. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Contract for Services between Best Choice Home Care, LLC and the Montague Township School District beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Case Findings as reported on May 24, 2023.

Moved:		Sec	onded:		Discussio	on:		
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

A-5. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the Heart & Soul program for middle school students with Samatha Frost and Kelly Boyle, as Club Advisors for the 2023-24 school year. This program is similar to Girls on the Run.

Moved:	Seconded:				Discussion:			
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

18. POLICY

PL-1. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the first reading of the Bylaw, Policy and Regulation Manuals prepared by Strauss Esmay through Alert 228.

Moved:	Seconded:			Discussion:			-	
Roll Call	Bell	Brislin	Campbell	DeGeorge	Holstein	Johnson	Zernhelt	Total
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

19. LIAISON REPORTS

- High Point Tasha DeGeorge
- Montague PTA -
- Sussex County Charter/Tech School Andree Campbell
- School Board Association

20. PUBLIC SESSION

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Motion to close Public Comment at	Motion	2 nd	All in Favor/Opposed

21. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. NEW BUSINESS

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY:

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Motion to close Executive Session at	Motion	_ 2 nd	All in Favor/Opposed
Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at	Motion	_2 nd	All in Favor/Opposed

24. ADJOURNMENT

Motion _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor/Opposed _____ Time of Adjournment: _____