

**Montague Township Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 24, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Denise Bogle, Vice President	X	
Dale Bouma	X	
Paul Brislin	X	
Danielle Christmann-Board Secretary		X
Barbara Holstein, President	X	
Glen Plotsky	X	

Others Present:

John Nittolo - Active chief School Administrator
Joe Garcia - Board Attorney

III. Flag Salute

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. Announcement of Executive Session

VII. 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 6:32 PM
Motion: Glen Plotsky Second: Dale Bouma
Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:02 PM
 Motion: Paul Brislin Second: Glen Plotsky
 Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR

Motion to reopen Regular Meeting at 7:02 PM
 Motion: Dale Bouma Second: Denise Bogle
 Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR

VIII. CSA Report

- 8th Grade Ceremony will be June 25th
- The school closure was because of lack of staff
- Discussion of the preschool Graduation
- Discussion of Field Day
- The schedule for next year is being developed
- Discussion of virtual Saturdays
- 2021 - 2022 will be all in-person
- Discussion of Cares Act Funding
- Thank you to Mr. Romano

IX. SBA Report

None

X. Correspondence

Motion to appoint Denise Bogle as note taker of this meeting
 Motion: Barbara Holstein Second: Paul Brislin
 Voice Vote: All in Favor

XI. Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the minutes of May 18, 2021.

Moved: Dale Bouma **Second:** Barbara Holstein

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X			X		3
NO							
Abstain			X			X	2
Absent				X			1

Motion Failed

BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Active Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve the executive minutes of May 18, 2021

Moved: **Second:**

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES							
NO							
Abstain							
Absent							

Motion to Table Executive Session Minutes for May 18, 2021

Motion: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Dale Bouma

Voice Vote: All in Favor

Motion to add the approval of the May 10th Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Paul Brislin

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

Motion to Add the approval of the May 10th Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Moved: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Dale Bouma

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

Motion to approve the regular meeting May 10th minutes.

Moved: Barbara Holsten **Second:** Dale Bouma

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

Motion to approve the executive session May 10th Minutes.

Moved: Barbara Holstein

Second: Glen Plotsky

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

XII. Public Session - Agenda Items

Public comment is invited on all matters pertaining to the school district. All participants shall be permitted four (4) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

The board uses the public comment as an opportunity to listen to Citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening.

Motion to open public comment at 7:14 PM

Motion: Glen Plotsky

Second: Dale Bouma

Voice vote: ALL IN FAVOR

Mr. Runne made a statement. Barbara Holstein thanked him for calling in.

Motion to close public comment at 7:20 PM

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: ALL IN FAVOR

P-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve following staff members as bus aides for at the agreed upon MEA hourly rate.

Jaci Sanchez

Megan McElhane
 Melissa Martinique
 Anna Dawson

Moved: Dale Bouma

Second: Paul Brislin

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

P-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve five custodial staff at the negotiated rate for the summer custodial, maintenance, and minor projects.

Moved: Dale Bouma

Second: Denise Bogle

Discussion: Paul had some questions. Mr. Stewart would like to have the building in presentable condition for opening.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Board of Education approve to amend 2020-2021 calendar to add three Saturday virtual, asynchronous school days on 6/5/21, 6/12/21, and 6/19/21 effectively changing the student's last day of the school to June 24 and the staff to June 25.

Moved: Glen Plotsky

Second: Dale Bouma

Discussion: Scheduling will occur at the students and family convenience.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

F-1 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve May 11, 2021 thru May 24, 2021 - Bill List attached and listen below:

Fund 10	\$141,744.99
Fund 11	\$453,533.67
Fund 12	\$342,714.25
Fund 20	\$79,028.47
Fund 60	\$5,376.70
Grand Total	\$1,022,398.08

Moved: Dale Bouma

Second: Denise Bogel

Discussion: Can the attorney provide itemization of legal bills? All future bills will be provided to each board member. Can the bill list be posted to the website? The answer is no because of personal information.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

F-2 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve scholarship for the following amounts. The Dureler fund will be utilized to pay scholarships.

The Merusi-Youngman Award \$50

The Durler Math Award \$50

The Durler Science Award \$50

Moved: Glen Plotsky

Second: Dale Bouma

Discussion: Asked why the amount is \$50, and did the amount go down through the years?

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

F-3 BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, that the Montague Township Board of Education approve to utilize the School Security grant in the amount of \$20,000 which was approved on November 9th board meeting to offset the purchase and installation of a Panasonic closed circuit television (CCTV) surveillance system (Hardware and Software) by RFP Solutions, Inc that wa approved June 8, 2020 board meeting. The cost of the purchase and installation is \$46,706.00.

Moved: Dale Bouma **Second:** Paul Brislin

Discussion: Question why we are voting again. The answer is we are now offsetting the cost.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

XIII. Public Session

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Motion to open public comment at 7:46 PM

Motion: Dale Bouma **Second:** Denise Bogle

Voice Vote: ALL IN FAVOR

1. Elenore Murphy-Explanation of scholarships. Responded to the need of attorney at public meeting
2. Andree Campbell - Supported the presence of BOE attorney
3. Mr. Runne - Thank Mr. Stewart and Mr. Romano

Motion to close public comment at 7:54 PM

Motion: Paul Brislin **Second:** Dale Bouma

Voice Vote: ALL IN FAVOR

XV. Unfinished Business

None

XVI. New Business

Motion to make a shared services committee

Motion: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Paul Brislin

Discussion: This committee is so the board can fulfill an obligation to better serve our community, school and staff.

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X	X	5
NO							
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

Motion to move our June 14th meeting to June 7th.

Motion: Barbara Holsten **Second:** Denise Bogle

Discussion: Not all members are available. Attorney gives advice on adding a third meeting to the calendar for the month of June. The purpose would be because of the work that needs to be done.

Barbara makes a Motion to amend the motion to add June 7th to the regular meeting schedule. Denise Bogel agrees to amend also.

Motion: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Denise Bogle

Discussion: If we do not need all three we can cancel one. Concerns of adding a meeting at the last minute. Third meeting is important. June 7th will be a work session only and no decisions will be made.

Motion to make an amendment to make the June 7th meeting a work session only, and no action will be taken. Denise Bogle seconds that.

Motion: Barbara Holstein **Second:** Denise Bogle

Discussion: Discussion of having committee meetings and not being included in discussions. Question if all meetings are recorded?

Roll Call	Bogle	Bouma	Brislin	Christmann	Holstein	Plotsky	Total
YES	X	X	X		X		4
NO						X	1
Abstain							
Absent				X			1

*Thanking the PTA for discount cards to BOE members from PTA

*Preschool graduation - Board members were invited.

*Statement read by Barbara about the recent vacant seat of the BOE.

XVII. Executive Session if necessary

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.

No need for executive session

XVIII. Adjournment Motion

Time: 8:24

Motion: Dale Bouma

Second: Paul Brislin

Voice Vote: ALL IN FAVOR