

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2013**

Call to Order/ Flag Salute/Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Beverly Borrego	X	
Thomas Bolen III	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Barbara Holstein	X	
Sheila Hughes		X
James Marion	X	
Adrienne Raefski	X	

Others Present:

Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal
John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Cherie Adams Esq., Board Attorney

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school and advertised in the New Jersey Herald."

Superintendent's Report:

Kindergarten orientation was yesterday. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments and "school spirit" items

State Department of Education determined that our school meets all requirements under the IDEA law. Congratulations to Child Study Team and Faculty.

Self assessment as required under the Anti-bullying Bill of Rights Act has been completed and will be send to the Department of Education.

Old Business- none

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education recess and proceed to Executive Session to review legal/personnel matters.

Motion to open Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion Ms. Holstein, seconded by Ms. Raefski
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Bolen
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Raefski

All in Favor

Motion Carried

New Business:

Ms. Borrego noted that she and Mr. Bolen had met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor answering questions they had concerning the transition. Ms. Borrego also noted that we had met with representatives from Port Jervis concerning transition.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Open to Public (Agenda Items Only)

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

Motion by Mr. Marion, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to open public comment at 7:35 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Several comments made concerning the fate of the 7th and 8th graders, the need for an assistant principal, how Ms. Hughes was being replaced and the VoTech transportation agreement.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to close public comment at 7:45 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education removes Ms. Sheila Hughes as a member of the Montague Board of Education in accordance with Board ByLaws due to unexcused absences.

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Health and Environmental Safety Services Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County at a cost of \$2,440.

AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the submission of the 2013-2014 No Child Left Behind application.

AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the following change to the 2013-2014 school calendar:

June 9, 2014 (rain date for field day) will be a 1PM dismissal.

AD 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the submission of the Full Time School Principal Waiver as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

AD 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the agreement for participation in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”).

ATTACHMENT AD-6

AD 7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the submission of the School Self Assessment for Determining Grades under the ABR Act.

Motion to approve AD 1 through Ad 7 by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Ms. Raefski
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Personnel

P1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the travel and related expense reimbursement for the personnel as indicated on the August 28, 2013 travel/reimbursement form.

ATTACHMENT P-1

P 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education, approves the employment of Christopher Gregory as Assistant Principal at a salary of \$80,000.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Marion
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

**BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR:**

Finance

FI 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the School Treasurer’s Financial Report for the month of June 2013 (FY2013).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

FI 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of June 2013 (FY2013).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the August 28, 2013 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#19643- #19742	\$182,441.45

ATTACHMENT FI 3

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Transfers as listed for June 30, 2013 (FY 2013)

ATTACHMENT FI 4

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of July 31, 2013 the appropriations section of the budget did not reflect any over expenditures in any of the major accounts or funds, and based upon the appropriation balances reflected and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Ms. Raefski
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with Sussex County Vocational School for the 2013-2014 school year, at a cost of \$60,030.

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the following groups/organizations listed below:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
KEEP	PRE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR	N/A

Please Note: This approval is to authorize use of the facilities to a specific group/organization for the purpose indicated above and in no way burdens the Montague School or Board of Education with the responsibility of notification of any cancellations for whatever reason. Notification of cancellation or adjustment to the dates indicated is the sole responsibility of the Group/Organization named above.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote 6-0
Motion Carried

Open to Public (Any Items)

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns that may be in respect to the operation of their school.

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Marion, to open public comment at 7:50 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Several comments about the transitioning of students to High Point mainly unfavorable concerning: How the four Board members acted illegally, objection to time of comments, transportation cost/length of ride, Board did not negotiate, houses are empty, people can't afford taxes, and a couple of favorable comments

Motion by Ms. Holstein, seconded by Mr. Bolen, to close public comment at 8:20 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion by Ms. Raefski , seconded by Mr. Marion, to re-open public comment at 8:21 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

More comments concerning transition process.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Gelderman, to close public comment at 8:30 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Gelderman to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Waycie
Board Secretary