

**Montague Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2014**

Call to Order/ Flag Salute/Roll Call

Board Members	Present	Absent
Beverly Borrego	X	
Thomas Bolen III	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Adrienne Raefski	X	
Diane Cole	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Debra Osborne	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: QSAC monitoring was completed on March 3rd by Dr. Lamonte, County Superintendent, Neil Cramer, County BA and Mary Jane Tanner, County Education Specialist.

Correspondence: Thank you from Mrs. Decker and her family for flowers and prayers on the passing of her husband.

Old Business: Mr. Gelderman 7th and 8th Grade Transition Committee report. Contact has been made with Kittatinny and Sussex-Wantage for possible discussions.

Mr. Gelderman reported that Building/Grounds Committee reviewed the planned repair of univents in lower wing.

Ms. Borrego reported that reviewed proposed budget, which has a 2% increase in the local tax levy, \$111,125.

Mrs. Osborne the NJSBA representative should be contacted to meet with Board. Mrs. Osborne wants NJSBA to review MEA contract. Mrs. Cole stated Board members should have school emails, committee reports written, have NJSBA rep meet with Board about working together

New Business:

Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2014 – Regular Meeting

February 27, 2014 – Executive Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, Ms. Raefski

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Open to Public (Any Items)

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

Motion to open public comment at 7:15p.m.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Mrs. Olenick- liked positive reports from committees, questioned why attorney is from Newark, several statements about High Point, courses that would be offered here, lack of parent involvement

Mr. Spinapolis- concerned about finances, why are NJSP still at meetings

Ms. Ofenloch- OPRA reuests because questions not answered, who were contractors that were met with, people don't trust you, referendum didn't pass due to lack of trust, perception of not caring

Ms. Mikulski- asked Board member why Kittatinny is better school, check the records

Motion to close public comment at 7:45p.m.

Motion Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Finance

FI 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of January 2014 (FY2014).

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 January 2014 (FY2014).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the February 27 , 2014 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#20284 - #20343	\$419,381.86
Student Council	#303	\$ 64.98

ATTACHMENT FI 3

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of January 31, 2014 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 to approve FI 1 thru FI 4 by Ms. Raefski, seconded By Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education hereby adopt the following budget for the 2014-2015 school year:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2014-2015 Total Expenditures	\$8,464,472	\$201,000	\$ 140,609	\$8,806,081
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>\$2,797,087</u>	<u>\$201,000</u>	<u>\$15,972</u>	<u>\$3,014,059</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$5,667,385	0	\$124,637	\$5,792,022

WHEREAS, the Montague Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$20,000 for all staff and board members.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Ms. Raefski
Vote 4-3 No- Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Kurtzman
Motion Passed

FI 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approves the submission grant application for the 2014 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group ERIC WEST Sub fund for the purpose described in the application, in the amount of \$3,100 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

ATTACHMENT FI 6

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

Building, Grounds and Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the following group/organization listed below:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Cal Ripken Baseball	Gym	3/24, 3/26, 3/27, 3/31, 4/2, 4/3	6-8PM

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Cole
All in Favor
Motion Carried

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.

Executive Session

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

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen, to open Executive Session at 8:00 pm
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman, to close Executive Session at 8:45 pm
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Ms. Raefski, to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:45 p.m.
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Raefski, seconded by Mr. Bolen

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Waycie
Board Secretary