

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
January 29, 2015**

Call to Order

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Tacia Johnson	X	
Gayle Andriac	X	
Tom Bolen	X	
Diane Cole	X	
George Gelderman	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Debra Osborne	X	

Others Present:

Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal
John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Adam Herman, Esq., Attorney for Montague Board of Education

Flag Salute

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 Middletown Record.

At the last meeting, a reminder was given to everyone of the school's anti-bullying policy and how it applies to all; Board Members, Administration, Teachers, volunteers, parents, and members of the community, as we are all to display behavior for the children so they can learn by example and not harass, intimidate, or bully others, either in person or writing, inclusive of via social media. It has been brought to the attention of the Board and Administration, that just prior to our last meeting, as well as during the meeting, statements were made on social media by those in attendance at the meeting, which included an insinuation and threat of violence which were both harassing, intimidating, and of course a form of bullying. Therefore, as a safety precaution for the Board Members, Administration, public and students, the presence of the NJSP has been requested, and a trooper will remain at the meetings until these threats cease to exist.

Presentation: Civil War Encampment by Mrs. Jeskey's class

Superintendent Report: HIB Report by Mr. Gregory, District Anti-Bully Coordinator

Executive Session

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

Motion to open Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

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

Motion to close Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Andriac, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:10 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2014 – Regular Meeting
December 17, 2014 – Executive Meeting
January 7, 2015 – Reorganization Meeting
January 7, 2015 – Special Meeting

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
All in Favor (Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Andriac abstained on Dec. 17th minutes)
Motion Carried

Open to Public (Any Items)

As a reminder for all, and as per NJSBA, Board of Education meetings are “a meeting in public, not a meeting of the public. Many people especially parents and community members, misunderstand the nature of a school board meeting. School boards provide leadership for what are typically multi-million dollar corporations. The board has important work to accomplish. And, to do that work, the board needs to be fully engaged around the table. The Open Meetings Act requires that public business be done in public, and that citizens have opportunity to observe, and comment, at every meeting.”

Additionally, as per NJSA 2C:33-8, 10:4-12, and as adopted by Montague's Board of Education in Bylaw 0167, please remember the public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

- 1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface - by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate;**
- 2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to 3 minute duration;**
- 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;**
- 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board Members individually;**
- 5. The presiding officer may:**
 - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;**
 - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;**
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;**
 - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and**
 - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.**

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 8:13 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Mr. Dunn- curriculum resolution needs to be passed, thank you Board
Mr. Mannion- table curriculum irresolution, investigate threats, use constables not NJSP
Mrs. Mikulski- don't need NJSP, curriculum for kids, decorum on both sides, Board at events
Mrs. DeGeorge- personal agendas should be put aside and our school comes first
Mrs. Olenick- kids going to Port Jervis bullied, 6th grade promotion ceremony, focus on things happening here, issues on busses

Mr. Biggs(student- High Point)- hour on bus, driver texting, no social life, no summer sports
Mr. Henn- was on Board for 6 years in 90's, we never changed days of Board meetings
Mrs. Bisl- information has been put out, move curriculum quickly
Mr. Biggs (student High Point) repeating courses taken in Port Jervis, siblings attended Port
Mr. Mannion- proper decorum, people throw barbs, prevent her from talking
Ms. Stout- concerned on cost being spent on curriculum, she can get copy form her district
Mrs. Olenick- current sibling plan doesn't apply to me
Mr. Henn- microphones
Mr. Biggs(student- High Point)- playing football, no recognition
Mrs. Mannion- who has checked on the kids at High Point, meet with them see if they are happy

Motion to close public comment at 8:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Old Business Mrs. Cole requested to see copy of NJSP contract
Mrs. Andriac requested breakdown of students by grade/teachers/aides
Mr. Gelderman asked about status of NJSBA training for Board

New Business: Mrs. Cole- Policy Manual should be reviewed by NJSBA. She reported attending County School Board meeting with Mrs. Osborne and presentation given by Newton CSA.

Administrative

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education rescind the signed Transition Agreement sent to Port Jervis in December until such time Alternate Counsel can review and provide an opinion.

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 5-2 (No- Mr. Bolen, Mr. Gelderman)
Motion Carried

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approves advertising a request for Proposal for Alternate Counsel as developed by the AD HOC 7th -8th Grade Transition Committee.

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 6-1 (No- Mr. Bolen)
Motion Carried

Curriculum

C- 1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve Leslie Coolong, Carl Ferriere, Karen Goyette, Monica Higbie, Kim Hamilton and Nancy

Wright to the Grades 6 through 8 Curriculum Committee for a total not to exceed 40 hours each from February 2015 through April 2015 at individual rates per MEA contract (total estimated cost \$10,827.50).

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 4-3 No- Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Andriac
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 November 2014 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of November 2014 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the transfers/budget adjustments as listed below for January 29, 2015 (FY 2015)

ATTACHMENT FI 3

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the January 29, 2015 Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#21026- #21151	\$1,138,128.82
Lunch Bill List	#1595- #1597	\$9,209.70

ATTACHMENT FI 4

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of December 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 by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

Building/Grounds/Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2014/2015 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

ATTACHMENT BGT- 1

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

BGT 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the application for use of school facilities made by the Montague Baseball. (Pending proof of Insurance).

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Montague Baseball	Baseball	Feb-June	TBD

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 Mrs. Andriac, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman
All in Favor
Motion Carried