

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
May 27, 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
Gary Kraemer, Esq., Special Counsel 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.

Presentation: HIB report- Mr. Gregory, Assistant Principal

Seventh and Eighth Grade Curriculum by faculty curriculum committee

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education recess and proceed to Executive Session to review personnel matters not to be made public, (2013/2014 CSA evaluation) approximately 30 minutes, (2014/2015 BS evaluation) approximately 30 minutes, legal matters (Port Jervis and High Point send/receive relationships) approximately 45 minutes, Ethics Complaint approximately 30 minutes and Board Counsel. Following Executive Session, the public will be made aware of when the Board anticipates those matters which can be made public should be resolved.

Motion to open Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Andriac, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 9:57 p.m.

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

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 9:58 p.m.

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

As a reminder, 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 a recent 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 Constable has been requested at the meetings until these threats cease to exist.

Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2015 – Budget Workshop
April 29, 2015- Regular Meeting
April 29, 2015- Executive Meeting
Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Superintendent Report:

**Thank you to Student Council and advisors, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Taylor
Decorating DPW Plow**

**Thank you Montague Cub Scout Pack 98 and Steven and Katherine Smith
Cleaning/weeding our sculpture garden**

**Thank you PTA for providing lunch to all staff and bus drivers on May 8th
For teacher/staff appreciation**

**Thank you to the Faculty Curriculum Committee for your diligent work
in developing curriculum. It is a living fluid document and measures up to
any curriculum in the County.**

Congratulations to teacher of the Year and Educational Professional of the Brent Runne and Patti Walker respectively.

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 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 10:07 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mrs. Olenick- impressed with curriculum work, how many students in each 7th/8th grade, when will there be answers about 7th/8th, thank you Mrs. Taylor, parents were rude

Mrs. Biggs- Montague pays for bus, parents drive kids to High Point, pulled son will not put him in danger

Mr. Henn- more microphones, poll parents about Port Jervis, previous Board where are their children going

Mrs. Braunagel- owns Alitons, loves Port Jervis, wants to know what is going on with High Point

Ms. Holstein- thank you Curriculum Committee, have bus incidents on every bus, Board didn't understand how curriculum works, COPA re: world language

Mrs. Biggs- High Point Assistant principal talks down about Port Jervis

Mrs. Mannion- band/choir at Port Jervis/Montague kids do very well

Ms. Holstein- Port Jervis has systemic problem in lower grades

Mr. Henn- no parents complain about Port Jervis

Mrs. Bisl- it is not about Port Jervis it is about saving our school, saving money, let's work together and Stop the nonsense

Mrs. Olenick- agree with Mrs. Bisl but it is because of previous Board

Mr. Marion- former Board member attempted to keep all options on table

Ms. Holstein- transition plan in 2013, read Dr. Lamonte letter- back and forth comments with Board President- continued exchange of words, Board President asked constable to escort her out of meeting

Motion to close public comment at 10:40 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Reports- Policy and Curriculum committee reports. Reviewed proposed Change to BYLAW 0164 to be approved at next meeting.

Unfinished Business-

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve a Special Meeting on June 9, 2015 at 7pm to review/discuss send receive Port Jervis/High Point/Montague.

Motion by Mrs. Osborne, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

All in Favor

Motion Carried

New Business Mr. Gelderman reported on High Point meeting. Mrs. Andriac reported on Port Jarvis meeting.

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 school calendar.

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

ATTACHMENT AD-1

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Special Education Tuition Agreement (MB) for March 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015 with Northern Hills Academy at an estimated cost of \$31,168.

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

AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the registration of a Kindergarten student for the 2015-2016 school year, in contradiction of Board Policy # 5112, which requires a child be five years of age prior to October 1st.

Motion by Mrs. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the resignation of Cherie Adams, Esq. of Adams Gutierrez & Lattiboudere, LLC. as Board Counsel effective immediately and appoint Gary Kraemer, Esq. as Interim Board Counsel.

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

Curriculum

CU 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Seventh and Eighth grade curriculum.

Motion by Mr. Gelderman, seconded by Mr. Bolen
Vote: 4- Yes- Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Andriac, Mr. Bolen and Mr. Gelderman
1- No- Mrs. Osborne
2- Abstain- Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Kurtzman
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 March 2015 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mr. Gelderman
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 March 2015 (FY2015).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

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

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the May 27, 2015 (FY 2015) Bill List attached and listed below:

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#21352-#21431	\$501,146.06
Lunch Program	#1603-#1607	\$18,913.93

ATTACHMENT FI 3

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

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23-16.10 (c), as of March 31, 2015 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 Mr. Gelderman
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

Building/Grounds/Transportation

BGT 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education ratify the approval of the application for use of school facilities made by Montague Baseball.

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PURPOSE/ROOM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Montague Cub Scout	Recruitment Art Room	June 10, 2015	3-6 PM
Pack 98	Pack Meeting/Art Room	June 17, 2015	5:30-7:30 PM
	Bike Rodeo/North parking lot	June 22, 2105	1:30-4 PM

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:24p.m.
Motion by Mr. Bolen, seconded by Mrs. Osborne
All in Favor
Motion Carried