

**Montague Board of Education Meeting
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2016**

Call to Order

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Tacia Johnson	X	
Diane Cole	X	
Gayle Andriac	X	
Sally Kurtzman	X	
Emma Masset	X	
Glen Plotsky	X	
Linda Spinapolice	X	

Others Present:

Janice L. Hodge, Chief School Administrator/Principal
John W. Waycie, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Gary Kraemer, Esq., Interim Board Attorney
Daniel Perez, Esq. Special Counsel

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.

Please note, the school's anti-bullying policy and how it applies to all; Board Members, Administration, Teachers, volunteers, parents, and members of the community. We are all to display behavior for the children of our community, so they can learn by example: not harass, intimidate, or bully others, either in person or writing, inclusive of via social media. It was brought to the attention of the Board and Administration, that just prior to a meeting last year, as well as during the meeting, statements were made on social media by those in attendance at the meeting, which not only included insinuations and threats of violence which were both harassing, intimidating, and of course forms of bullying, but these comments were also supported by others in attendance. 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.

Presentations:

1. "LEAD" by the fifth grade
2. Monty Cubs- Mrs. Jeskey

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education will recess and proceed to Executive Session to discuss Port Jervis/ High Point/ Montague send/receive. Action may or may not be taken.

Motion to open Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Andriac, seconded by Mrs. Spinapolice
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Motion Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Ms. Masset
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 8:07p.m.

Motion by Ms. Masset, seconded by Mrs. Cole
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting
January 25, 2016 Executive Meeting #1
January 25, 2016 Executive Meeting #2
February 9, 2016 Special Meeting
February 9, 2016 Executive Meeting
Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor (except Mr. Plotsky and Mrs. Spinapolice abstained on Feb. 9th Meetings)
Motion Carried

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Hodge thanked the LEAD teachers for their presentation.

Other comments:

- School Spelling Bee
- Read Across America
- High Point articulation
- STEM supervisor from HP to meet with MES teachers at Frankford School

Board Committee Reports

Correspondence

Liaison updates

Sally Kurtzman reported from the latest Port Jervis BOE meeting.

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 8:44 p.m.

Motion Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Ms. Masset

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Mrs. Jeskey- Mrs. Cassaletto was honored at annual ESP conference, she will receive 10 tickets to

Seventy Sixers game in April, Diane Dennis and Mrs. Cassaletto will be honored for 25 years service

Mr. Bolen- asked about status of new windows, said he is worried about money being spent on lawyers

Ms. Mikulski-daughter was in 5th grade play, \$100,000 spent on lawyers fees, Port Jervis update only,

Why are there no updates on High Point

Mrs. Bisl- faculty and staff very supportive, PTA lockers/chrome books/Ipads, should be proud to be

Of Education of such a "gem", hope we have preschool, should look into being a choice school, no

one welcomed the 7th graders

Motion to close public comment at 8:51 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Mrs. Andriac

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Committee Action Items

Unfinished Business

Custodian still out following accident; currently a Worker's Compensation claim.

Administration

AD 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition Contract effective January 5, 2016 for a total of 106 billable days with Willowglen Academy for (1609064637) at a cost of \$43,297. (transportation cost \$2,819- not included in \$43,297)

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

Vote 6-0-1 (Ms. Masset abstained)

Motion Carried

AD 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition Contract effective January 7, 2016 for a total of 98 billable days with the Lakeland-Andover School for (1325758905) at a cost of \$28,910. (transportation cost of \$3349- not included in \$28,910)

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Mrs. Spinapolic

Vote 7-0

Motion Carried

AD 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition Contract with the Andover Regional Board of Education for (2858012632) at a cost of \$30,280. (transportation cost-\$12,346)

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Mrs. Kurtzman

Vote 7-0

Motion Carried

AD 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the Montague Township School District 2016--2017 School Calendar.

ATTACHMENT AD-4

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Spinapolic

All in Favor

Motion Carried

AD 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for school years 2016-2017 through 2018-2019.

Motion to table by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

ATTACHMENT AD-5

AD 6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the submission of the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education Grant.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Spinapolice
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Personnel

P 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education ratify the attached Professional Services Agreement with Janet MacKenzie effective February 16, 2016.

ATTACHMENT P-1

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

P 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the appointment of Janet MacKenzie as Business Administrator/Board Secretary, (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-5), effective March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 per attached contract.

ATTACHMENT P-2

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

Finance/Insurance

FI 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education accept the School Treasurer's Financial Report for the month of December 2015 (FY2016).

ATTACHMENT FI 1

Motion by Ms. Masset, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
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 December 2015 (FY2016).

ATTACHMENT FI 2

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Ms. Masset
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

FI 3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the transfers/budget adjustments as listed for February 22, 2016.

ATTACHMENT FI 3

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

FI 4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve the January 25, 2016 Bill List attached and listed below:

ATTACHMENT FI 4

	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Regular Bill List	#22121- #22194	\$596,470.06
Lunch Program	#1623- #1624	\$8,412.74
Student Council	#314	\$86.57

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
Vote 7-0 (with exception Mr. Plotsky abstained on check # 22129)
Motion Carried

FI 5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education certifies that pursuant to NJAC 6A: 23A-16.10, as of December 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 Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Spinapolic
Vote 7-0
Motion Carried

Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education will recess and proceed to Executive Session to discuss Port Jervis/ High Point/ Montague send/receive and Personnel, CSA and BS/BA . Action may or may not be taken.

Motion to open Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Kurtzman, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to close Executive Session at 10:55 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Masset, seconded by Mrs. Andriac
All in Favor
Motion Carried

Motion to resume Regular Meeting Agenda at 10:56 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Ms. Masset
All in Favor
Motion Carried

AD 7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montague Board of Education approve that KP be Authorized to enroll at High Point as a Special Education 11th grade student.

Motion by Mr. Plotsky, seconded by Ms. Masset

Vote 7-0

Motion Carried

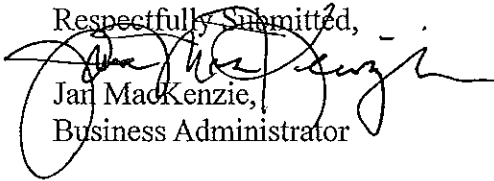
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:59 p.m.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Jan MacKenzie,
Business Administrator