

**TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

No members of the public were present. President Grau called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with a roll call.

**Roll Call**

Present: Dr. K. Cortellino, Mr. J. Daughtry, Mrs. C. Fano, Dr. D. Modrak, Mr. M. O'Brien, Mr. M. Rappaport, Ms. M. Zuckerman, Mr. M. Palma and Mr. C. Grau.

Also, Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rene Rovtar  
School Business Administrator, Ms. Katine Slunt  
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Casey Shorter  
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Andrea Woodring  
Board Attorney, Stephen Edelstein

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Cortellino to enter into Closed Session through the following resolution. All present members voted yes.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits a public body to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters;

WHEREAS, the said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on January 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss:

- 1) Legal Update
- 2) Negotiations Update

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss other matters;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

President Grau reconvened the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with a roll call. All members were present, including the Student Representatives; Diane Maggiore, Assistant to the Business Administrator, was also present.

President Grau welcomed the public and led the flag salute. Three members of the public were present, virtually.

**Open Public Meeting Notice**

Ms. Slunt read the Open Public Meeting Notice, as listed below:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies, at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the act, Montville Township Board of Education provided a public notice of this meeting, which included time, date and location, that was posted at the Montville Township Municipal Building, all Montville public schools, the Montville Public Library, the Montville Township Board of Education Administrative Office Building, the district website and advertised in the Daily Record, the Board's official newspaper, on January 9, 2021.

**Section E:**

**High School Student Representatives Report**

Ms. Rossinow updated the Board on the Winter Sports competitions, including those for Basketball, Bowling, Winter Track and Ice Hockey. Ms. Rossinow noted the start of Volleyball and Wrestling, and the start of Spring Sports in March. Ms. Rossinow highlighted the live stream that is available for the winter sporting events.

Mr. Jo discussed the recent events in the Criminal History course at the High School, Guidance presentations, and Forensics and FBLA competitions. Mr. Jo continued, noting the Spring Musical, *Bright Start*, Eighth Grade Orientation and scholarships available to the seniors.

President Grau thanked the representatives for their reports. President Grau left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Vice-President Palma assumed leadership of the meeting.

**Section F:**

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Remarks:** Dr. Rovtar highlighted Cedar Hill being recognized as a School of Character for 2021.

**Presentations:** There were no additional presentations.

**Good News & Progress in Our Schools:**

**Cedar Hill** - The Cedar Hill community would like to share wonderful news. Cedar Hill School has been named 2021 State School of Character! Cedar Hill has renewed their status, as they received this distinction in 2016 as well. Cedar Hill is now applying for National School of Character status and will find out those results in May. Members of the School Climate Team at Cedar Hill (Dr. Raj, Maureen Kennedy, Lisa Accardi, Dori Pintabone, Trudy Coppola and Heather Praml), worked tirelessly to write and submit the 2021 application for this recognition.

From Character.org: *“The State Schools of Character review team received and evaluated 158 applications from schools and districts with quality character development programs. State School of Character designation is not easy to obtain. You and your team should be proud of your accomplishment and your commitment to creating a culture of character in your school community.”*

**Suspension/ Violence and Vandalism Monthly Reports to the Board of Education:** There were no additional reports.

**Business Administrator’s Report** Ms. Slunt had no report.

**Section G:**

**Committee Reports**

<b>G.1</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Facilities</b>	<b>Karen Cortellino</b> Joseph Daughtry Michael O’Brien Charles Grau	The Committee discussed its meeting held on January 19, 2021, highlighting the development of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget.
<b>G.2</b>	<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>	<b>David Modrak</b> Michael Palma Michelle Zuckerman Charles Grau	The Committee had no report.
<b>G.3</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Personnel</b>	<b>Christine Fano</b> David Modrak Michael Rappaport Charles Grau	The Committee had no report.
<b>G.4</b>	<b>Communications</b>	<b>Michelle Zuckerman</b> Karen Cortellino Michael O’Brien Charles Grau	The Committee had no report.
<b>G.5</b>	<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>	<b>Michael Rappaport</b> Christine Fano Michael Palma Charles Grau	The Committee discussed its meeting held on February 2, 2021, highlighting the replacement of security cameras, speakers, clocks and intercoms throughout the district. The Committee continued, noting the new pull stations under Alyssa Law, cybersecurity upgrades and the S.R.O. annual initiatives.
<b>G.6</b>	<b>Ad-Hoc</b>		There were no Ad Hoc Committees.
<b>G.7</b>	<b>Delegate Liaisons: N.J.S.B.A.</b>	<b>Karen Cortellino</b>	The Liaison discussed legislative updates and the Commissioner’s investigation into learning loss for students during the pandemic.
	<b>Delegate Liaisons: M.C.S.B.A.</b>	<b>Michael O’Brien</b>	The Liaison had no report.
	<b>Delegate Liaisons: M.C.E.S.C.</b>	<b>Michael Rappaport</b>	The Liaison noted the up-coming meeting in February.

	<b>Delegate Liaisons: D.A.C.</b>	<b>Michael Palma</b>	The Liaison had no report.
	<b>Delegate Liaisons: Montville Athletic Boosters</b>	<b>Michael O'Brien</b>	The Liaison noted the up-coming meeting on February 3, 2021.
<b>G.8</b>	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: Cedar Hill</b>	<b>Karen Cortellino</b>	The Liaison noted the up-coming meeting on February 3, 2021.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: Hilldale</b>	<b>Charles Grau</b>	The Liaison had no report.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: Valley View</b>	<b>Joseph Daughtry</b>	The Liaison had no report.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: William Mason</b>	<b>Christine Fano</b>	The Liaison discussed planning for year-end activities and the proposed beautification projects at William Mason. The Liaison noted the high participation at the virtual meeting.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: Woodmont</b>	<b>Michael Palma</b>	The Liaison had no report.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: Lazar Middle</b>	<b>David Modrak</b> <b>Michael Rappaport</b>	The Liaison noted Eighth Grade Orientation.
	<b>P.T.C. Liaisons: High School</b>	<b>Michelle Zuckerman</b> <b>Michael O'Brien</b>	The Liaison noted the Spirit Wear Sale and planning of year-end activities for the seniors.
<b>G.9</b>	<b>Negotiations - M.T.E.A.</b>	<b>Karen Cortellino</b> David Modrak Michael Palma Charles Grau	The Team discussed the progress made at its January 12 and February 1, 2021 meetings with the M.T.E.A. The Team noted the next meeting will be held on February 9, 2021.
	<b>Negotiations - M.T.A.A.</b>	<b>Charles Grau</b> Christine Fano Michael O'Brien Michael Rappaport	The Team noted that scattergrams were exchanged; proposals and ground rules will follow.
	<b>Negotiations - M.T.S.I.A.</b>	<b>Charles Grau</b> Joseph Daughtry Michael O'Brien Michelle Zuckerman	The Team noted that scattergrams were exchanged; proposals and ground rules will follow.

President Grau returned at 7:50 p.m. and assumed leadership of the meeting.

**Section H: Public Participation** *(For items on the agenda only)*

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. Dr. Rovtar provided directions for public participation in the meeting. No members of the public spoke.

**Consent Resolutions**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Cortellino to approve the following resolutions in a consent motion.

**Section I: Board**

**I: Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

January 19, 2021 Executive Session, Regular Meeting

January 19, 2021 Public Session, Regular Meeting

No additional comments were made.

**Section J: Administration**

**J.1: Gifts, Grants and Donations**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**J.2: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda

No additional comments were made.

**Section K: Facilities and Finance**

*Chair, Dr. Cortellino – Mr. Daughtry, Mr. O'Brien*

**K.1: Payment of Bills**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**K.2: Transfer of Funds**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**K.3: Financial Reports**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**K.4: Use of Facility Requests**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**K.5: Approval of the Professional and Other Service Providers for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Montville Township Board of Education renews, awards or permits to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education.

	Service Provider	Service Rendered	Previous Contracted	Estimated Cost
<b>New Contract:</b>				
1	AES Fire	Fire Alarm Panel Service	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,500.00
2	Theatrical Rights Worldwide(TRW)	MTHS Spring Musical License Agreement	0.00	2,720.00
3	Up the Bar Consulting	Professional Development for HS & MS Teacher Cultural Responsiveness	0.00	7,200.00
<b>Revised Contract:</b>				
1	Champion Alarm Systems	Intercom & Clock Projects (Prev. Item 11/17/20 K.5.25)	\$ 297,243.00	\$ 317, 243.00
2	Morris County Park Commission	Hockey Practices and Games at Mennen Arena (Prev. Item 10/27/20: K.5.13)	1,500.00	15,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and/or School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary are authorized to execute corresponding contract agreements (if applicable) on behalf of the Board of Education.

**K.6: Cooperative Purchasing Agreement: NCPA**

WHEREAS, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Lead Agency, in compliance with their own policies, procedures, rules and regulations, a number of Vendors have entered into Master Agreements to provide a variety of goods, products and services based on national volumes (herein "Products");

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Lead Agency through NCPA and provide that Participating Public Agencies may purchase Products on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Agency, subject to any applicable local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products.
2. That the procurement of Products subject to this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern each party's procurement practices.
3. That the cooperative use of bids obtained by a party to this agreement shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable law.
4. That the Lead Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request and subject to convenience, information which may assist in improving the procurement of products by the Participating Public Agencies.
5. That a procuring party will make timely payments to the Vendor for Products received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the procurement. Payment for Products and inspections and acceptance of Products ordered by the procuring party shall be the exclusive obligation of such procuring party. Disputes between procuring party and Vendor are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase.

6. The procuring party shall not use this agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.

7. The procuring party shall be responsible for the ordering of Products under this agreement. A non-procuring party shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a procuring party, and the procuring party shall hold non-procuring party harmless from any liability that may arise from action or inaction of the procuring party.

8. This agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving 30 days written notice to the other party. The provisions of paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 hereof shall survive any such termination.

No additional comments were made.

**Section L:**

**Personnel**

*Chair, Mrs. Fano - Mr. Modrak, Mr. Rappaport*

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following personnel items: (NOTE: Approval of this resolution authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the county superintendent applications for emergent hiring and the applicant’s attestation that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. Seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. for those employees listed below. All appointments are contingent upon receipt of proper teaching certification, and all salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts.)

**L.1: Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following:

	Name	Reason	Location & Position	Leave Start Date	Sick Days	Unpaid FMLA Start Date	Unpaid NJFLA Start Date	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Return Date	Discussion
1	Miller, Seth	Medical Leave	Special Education Teacher Lazar	01/14/21	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	02/16/21	Post Approve
2	Miller, Michael	Amend Medical Leave	Language Arts Teacher Lazar	09/01/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/01/21	Supersedes action on 11/17/2020; L.1.8
3	Sansone, Kathleen	Maternity Leave	Phys Ed Teacher MTHS	05/17/21	27	09/01/21	09/01/21	N/A	11/22/21	Dates Subject to change based on delivery
4	Shondel. Kristine	Amend Maternity Leave	Personal Nurse Out of District	04/14/20	19	05/11/20	05/11/20	10/31/20	04/01/21	Supersedes action on 10/27/2021; L.1.1
5	Melograno, Floretta	Medical Leave	Classroom Aide Woodmont	02/09/21	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	03/09/21	
6	Dhamodharan, Sudhamayee	Amend Medical leave	Paraprofessional Cedar Hill	09/01/20	N/A	09/01/20	09/01/20	N/A	09/01/21	Supersedes action on 11/17/2020; L.1.3
7	Murawski, Norma	Amend Maternity Leave	Elementary School Teacher Woodmont	09/04/20	N/A	09/04/20	09/04/20	11/30/20	04/01/21	Supersedes action on 12/01/2020; L.1.1
8	Trzepinska, Christopher	Family Leave	Social Studies Teacher MTHS	04/12/21	N/A	04/12/21	04/12/21	N/A	09/01/21	

**L.2: Resignations, Retirements, Terminations**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**L.3: Appointments and Transfers**

(\*denotes mentoring required)

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following:

	Name	Action	Position	Location	Degree/ Step	Salary	Effective/ Term. Date	Discussion
1	Colao, Nicholas	Approve	Maintenance	Facilities	Step 3	\$ 43,140.00 Prorated @ \$17,477.24	02/04/21 - 06/30/21	Replaces AD
2	Scrufari, Justin	Amend	Long Term Sub Social Studies	Lazar	N/A	\$272.03 Per diem	09/01/20 - 02/15/21	Supersedes action on 11/17/20;L.3.1 Replaces MB
3	PuttENVink, Kerry	Approve	Long Term Sub Special Education	Lazar	N/A	\$272.03 Per diem	01/21/21 - 02/12/21	Post Approve Replaces SM
4	Schmitt, Lauri	Amend	Additional Secretarial Hours	Cedar Hill	Step 15	\$29.00 hourly	09/01/20 - 06/30/21	Supersedes action on 01/19/2021;L.3.9 Not to exceed 15 add.hours weekly Coverage for JU
5	Contompasis, Natalie	Approve	Long Term Sub Phys Ed	MTHS	N/A	\$272.03 Per diem	02/01/21- 06/30/21	Post Approve Replaces AM
6	Nardi, Ryan	Amend	Long Term Sub Elementary	Woodmont	N/A	\$272.03 Per diem	09/08/20 - 03/31/21	Supersedes action on 12/01/20;L.3.2 Replaces NM
7	D'Agosta, Mark	Approve	Maintenance	Facilities	Step 2	\$42,190.00 Prorated @ \$17,119.44	02/04/21 - 06/30/21	Replaces ML

#### L.4: Adjustments and Stipends

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

	Name	Action	Location & Position	Degree Step	Salary	Effective/ Term. Date	Discussion
1	Miller, Seth	Amend	Extended Day Special Ed Support Science	N/A	\$ 2,040.00	09/29/20- 01/15/21	Supersedes action on 10/06/20;L.4.8
2	Sturdy-Lange, Kelly	Approve	Extended Day Special Ed Support Science	N/A	\$ 2,040.00	01/20/21- 06/30/21	Post Approve
3	Markowski, Kristen	Approve	Spring Musical Vocal Director	N/A	\$ 4,000.00	01/01/21- 06/30/21	Post Approve Non MTEA Stipend

#### L.5: Appointment of Substitutes

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

#### L.6: Mentoring Assignments

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the payroll deductions and subsequent payment of teacher mentoring fees from the following provisional teachers to their respective mentors for the 2020-21 school year:

	Provisional Teacher	Action	Location	Fee	Mentor	Start Date	End Date
1	Contompasis, Natalie	Post Approve	MTHS	\$384.93	Samantha Boschetti	02/01/21	06/30/21
2	Scrufari, Justin	Amend	Lazar	\$384.93	Leslie McKenna-Walch	09/01/20	02/15/21 Supersedes action on 11/17/20; L.6.2
3	Swenson, Julie	Approve	MTHS	\$274.95	Rosa Przetak	02/02/21	05/18/2021

No additional comments were made.

**Section M:**

**Curriculum, Instruction & Technology**

*Chair, Mr. Modrak - Mr. Palma, Ms. Zuckerman*

**M.1: Professional Day Travel**

**(pursuant to or in excess of Policies # 0147, 3440 and 4440)**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

	Name	Action	Location	Estimated Cost	Destination	Effective Date	Term. Date	Funding
1	Praml, Heather	Approve	Virtual	\$ 230.00	Moving into the Zone Workshop	02/24/21	02/24/21	Title IIA
2	Ciolino, Melissa	Approve	Virtual	\$ 259.00	BER: Distance Learning: Strengthening Your Online Math Instruction (Grades 1-5)	03/01/21	03/01/21	Title IIA
3	Cabana, Danielle	Approve	Virtual	\$ 259.00	BER: Distance Learning: Strengthening Your Online Math Instruction (Grades 1-5)	03/01/21	03/01/21	Title IIA
4	Olivieri, Pattiann	Approve	Virtual	\$ 259.00	BER: Distance Learning: Strengthening Your Online Math Instruction (Grades 1-5)	03/01/21	03/01/21	Title IIA
5	Lomauro, Catherine	Approve	Virtual	\$ 0.00	2021 BCASAP Virtual Conference (2 days)	02/03/21	02/04/21	N/A
6	McCorkle, Kelly	Approve	Virtual	\$ 0.00	2021 BCASAP Virtual Conference (2 days)	02/03/21	02/04/21	N/A
7	Candelario, Carol	Approve	Virtual	\$ 0.00	2021 BCASAP Virtual Conference (2 days)	02/03/21	02/04/21	N/A
8	Nicolaro, Megan	Approve	Virtual	\$ 175.00	Building Social Relationships through Evidence Based Social Skills Programming for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder	02/18/21	02/18/21	Title IIA
9	Catalano, Stephanie	Approve	Virtual	\$ 289.00	Foundations Level 2 Virtual Launch Workshop	03/05/21	03/05/21	Title IIA; Sub. Needed
10	Praml, Heather	Approve	Virtual	\$ 179.00	Character.org National Forum (3 days)	03/03/21	03/05/21	Professional Development
11	Mancino, Debra	Approve	Virtual	\$ 545.00	BER: Powerful Strategies to Improve Social Emotional Learning	05/05/21	05/06/21	Title IIA
12	Cisneros, Jill	Approve	Virtual	\$ 545.00	BER: Powerful Strategies to Improve Social Emotional Learning	05/05/21	05/06/21	Title IIA
13	Salvato, Tiffany	Approve	Virtual	\$ 545.00	BER: Powerful Strategies to Improve Social Emotional Learning	05/05/21	05/06/21	Title IIA; Sub. Needed

**M.2: Contracted Special Services**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following special education contracted services:

	Vendor	Action	Services	Estimated Cost	Student(s)	Effective Date	Term. Date	Discussion
1	Dr. Laura Palmer	Amend	Neurological Evaluation	\$6,650.00	100414	08/01/20	03/31/21	Supersedes action on 8/18/20 Res: M.2.1 Term Date Extended
2	St. Clare's Hospital	Approve	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$ 222.00	102376	11/23/20	11/23/20	Post Approve
3	High Focus Centers	Approve	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$ 375.00	100725	01/07/21	01/07/21	Post Approve Balance due after Insurance Payment

**M.3: Approval of Field Trips**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**M.4: Uncompensated Placements (Student Teachers, Interns, Externs, Volunteers)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following:

	Name	Action	Location & Position	Staff Supervisor	Effective Date	Term. Date	Discussion
1	Molnar, Steven	Approve	MTHS/Student Teaching Placement	Yvonne Glanville	02/08/21	05/07/21	Western Governors University

**M.5: Out-of-District Placement**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following student out of district placements based upon NJ Department of Education Maximum:

	School	Action	School Year Tuition	Additional Services	E.S.Y Tuition	Student	Effective Date	Term. Date	Discussion
1	Spectrum 360	Approve	\$71,172.36 Prorated @ \$36,425.56	\$32,025.00 Prorated @ \$16,100.00		105569	02/01/21	06/30/21	Post Approve New Student

No additional comments were made.

**Section N: Policy** *Chair, Mrs. Fano - Mr. Modrak, Mr. Rappaport*

**N.1: Introduction of Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

**N.2: Adoption of Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations**

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

No additional comments were made.

**Section O: Vote on Consent Resolutions** **Roll Call**

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mrs. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, abstaining on M.2.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.

President Grau thanked the administration for the additional information regarding items on this agenda.

**Section P: Closed Session Announcement**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters;

WHEREAS, the said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to meet in Closed Session on February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss (select one or more):



1. Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying ("HIB") update/recent matters and investigations, if any; and
2. Legal Update; and
3. Any other permitted closed session matters not currently known, which may arise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education will meet in public session on February 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. in a Virtual Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

**Section Q:**

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business discussed.

**Section R:**

**General Board Comment and New Business**

There was no General Board Comment or New Business discussed.

**Section S:**

**Public Participation**

*(On any item of interest)*

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. Dr. Rovtar provided directions for public participation in the meeting. One member of the public spoke, indicating the need for more in-person instruction. Dr. Rovtar responded.

President Grau thanked the public for their comments, noting the next meeting on February 16, 2021.

**Section T:**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Palma to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, all present members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katine Slunt  
Board Secretary