

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

No members of the public were present. President Grau called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Mr. M. Palma and Mr. C. Grau.

Absent: Ms. M. Zuckerman

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. Palma and seconded by Mr. O'Brien 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 February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss:

- 1) Superintendent's Report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- 2) Personnel Matters
- 3) Legal Update
- 4) 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. One Hundred-Thirty 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 discussed the Key Club's Soup Drive, Congressional Competition, Newspaper Edition, FBLA Competitions, National Honor Society Induction and the 'Share the Keys' Program. Mr. Jo discussed the athletic competitions, including Basketball, Bowling, and Ice Hockey. Mr. Jo continued, reminding parents to attend events in-person after February 12, 2021 and seniors of available scholarships.

President Grau thanked the representatives for their reports, noting Ms. Rossinow's recognition as a N.J.S.I.A.A. Girls and Women in Sports Honoree.

Section F:**Superintendent's Report**

Remarks: Dr. Rovtar highlighted the up-coming OneMontville program on the Holocaust. Dr. Rovtar outlined the re-opening plan, indicating the addition of Wednesdays, effective March 1, 2021.

Presentations: Dr. Rovtar introduced Kenneth Nadzak, Assistant Principal at Montville Township High School. Mr. Nadzak recognized the ShopRite Stars for the second marking period and highlighted the accomplishments of each, including Theo Mohideen for Academics, Logan Po for the Arts, Nicholas Amoroso for Athletics, Semiha Khan for Community Service and Sofia Barragan for Leadership. Dr. Rovtar indicated that each Star would receive a certificate from the Board of Education. President Grau congratulated the students for their accomplishments.

Good News & Progress in Our Schools: President Grau noted the 'Good News' throughout the district, as noted below:

Congratulations to our Student Board of Education Representative, Natalie Rossinow, who was selected as the NJSIAA Girls and Women in Sports Honoree. Natalie was chosen as she exemplifies what it means to represent your school, your team, and your family with the utmost class and dignity. Natalie was honored on February 4th along with all of the other recipients of this honor from high schools around the state.

Woodmont - Character.org recognized Woodmont School as a 2021 NJ State School of Character. Woodmont previously won the State and National Award in 2016. This year, Woodmont received a perfect score of 4.0 from the State evaluators.

William Mason - Students in Mr. Brennan's class learned about the meaning of empathy with Mrs. Gorgia. They learned that it is the ability to sense other people's emotions by trying to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling by participating in virtual role plays. Students were divided into breakout groups and each group acted out a scene where they then had to show empathy towards the main character. They even used props! Nice job 4th graders.

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**

G.1	Finance & Facilities	Karen Cortellino Joseph Daughtry Michael O'Brien Charles Grau	The Committee discussed the 2021-2022 Annual School Budget, noting the presentation of the tentative budget on March 2, 2021. The Committee summarized the proposed building projects for 2021-2022.
G.2	Curriculum & Instruction	David Modrak Michael Palma Michelle Zuckerman Charles Grau	The Committee noted its next meeting, scheduled for February 24, 2021.
G.3	Policy & Personnel	Christine Fano David Modrak Michael Rappaport Charles Grau	The Committee noted its next meeting, scheduled for February 22, 2021.
G.4	Communications	Michelle Zuckerman Karen Cortellino Michael O'Brien Charles Grau	The Committee had no report.
G.5	Safety & Security	Michael Rappaport Christine Fano Michael Palma Charles Grau	The Committee had no report.
G.6	Ad-Hoc		There were no Ad Hoc Committees.
G.7	Delegate Liaisons: N.J.S.B.A.	Karen Cortellino	The Liaison discussed the Board of Directors' meeting, highlighting discussions on the pandemic, new board member orientation and the Governor's budget address.
	Delegate Liaisons: M.C.S.B.A.	Michael O'Brien	The Liaison had no report.
	Delegate Liaisons: M.C.E.S.C.	Michael Rappaport	The Liaison discussed the last meeting, highlighting the communication system and proposed changes.

	Delegate Liaisons: D.A.C.	Michael Palma	The Liaison had no report.
	Delegate Liaisons: Montville Athletic Boosters	Michael O'Brien	The Liaison discussed the last meeting, highlighting the pandemic's effect on the athletic programs, membership to the Athletic Boosters and current fundraisers.
G.8	P.T.C. Liaisons: Cedar Hill	Karen Cortellino	The Liaison discussed the reopening plan, the planned beautification projects and fundraisers.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: Hildale	Charles Grau	The Liaison had no report.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: Valley View	Joseph Daughtry	The Liaison had no report.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: William Mason	Christine Fano	The Liaison had no report.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: Woodmont	Michael Palma	The Liaison had no report.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: Lazar Middle	David Modrak Michael Rappaport	The Liaison discussed the last meeting, highlighting the Eighth Grade Orientation, the planned year-end events, the digital sign and current fundraiser.
	P.T.C. Liaisons: High School	Michelle Zuckerman Michael O'Brien	The Liaison had no report.
G.9	Negotiations - M.T.E.A.	Karen Cortellino David Modrak Michael Palma Charles Grau	The Team discussed the progress made at the previous meetings, noting the next meeting scheduled for March 1, 2021.
	Negotiations - M.T.A.A.	Charles Grau Christine Fano Michael O'Brien Michael Rappaport	The Team noted that scattergrams were exchanged; proposals and ground rules will follow.
	Negotiations - M.T.S.I.A.	Charles Grau Joseph Daughtry Michael O'Brien Michelle Zuckerman	The Team noted that scattergrams were exchanged; proposals and ground rules will follow.

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. Modrak 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:

February 2, 2021	Executive Session, Regular Meeting
February 2, 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

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report of the Superintendent on February 12, 2021 and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education does hereby affirm the Superintendent's recommendation on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying regarding the HIB report dated November 26, 2020 through February 12, 2021.

J.3: Approval of Resolution to Request that Educators Be Given Priority to COVID-19 Vaccines

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

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and...

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to "essential workers" in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are "essential workers;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Montville Township Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel."

J.4: Acceptance of Student Safety Data System Report - July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

WHEREAS the Montville Township Board of Education has received the student Safety Data System (SSDS) Summary Report for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, now:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept this report as required by law. [SSDS Report July to December 2020](#)

No additional comments were made.

Section K: Facilities and Finance

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

K.1: Payment of Bills

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, approves the payment of the following bills for the period of January 20, 2020 - February 16, 2021 that shall be made a part of this record, as attached in [Document K.1](#).

Payments of Bills for:	General Fund (Fund 10)	In the amount of	\$ 2,591,418.00
	Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	In the amount of	110,302.48
	Capital Projects Fund (Fund 30)	In the amount of	11,344.84
	Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	In the amount of	1,622,706.25
	Food Service Fund (Fund 60)	In the amount of	0.00
	MEDLC Fund (Fund 61)	In the amount of	138.12
	Subtotal		\$ 4,335,909.69
	Payroll – Jan. (Various Funds)	In the amount of	4,759,784.98
	TOTAL		\$ 9,095,694.67

K.2: Transfer of Funds

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and School Business Administrator, ratifies budget transfers for the period ending January 31, 2021 as listed on attached [Document K.2](#).

K.3: Financial Reports

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education has received the Report of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021 as attached in [Documents K.3.a and K.3.b](#), respectively, and

WHEREAS, the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer are in agreement; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16.10 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, that I certify that, as of the date of the report, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district board of education except as noted, and that transfers have been submitted for approval of the Board at subsequent meetings.

Katine M. Slunt, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36, the Board of Education approves the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer and certifies that, after review of the monthly

financial reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:16.10 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to P.L. 2004 Ch. 73 (S-1701), the board certifies that after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that there are no budgetary transfers that cumulatively exceed 10% that would require the approval of the Commissioner of Education; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the reports, as attached in Documents K.3.a and K.3.b, shall become a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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
New Contract:				
1	Accusan	Digital Scanning of Past Year Student Records	\$ 1,087.35	\$ 3,624.50
2	Altice Business	E-Rate Business Services	43,440.00	92,400.00
3	Matthew Bergbauer	MTHS - 2020-2021 NHS Recipients Video	9,500.00	800.00
4	Crossroads Paving and Maintenance, LLC	Paving at High School	0.00	650,000.00
5	East Coast Combustion Specialists Inc.	Upgrade Firmware on Boilers at WM	0.00	1,000.00
6	Edvocate	Performance Evaluation- Food Service	0.00	5,000.00
7	New Bridge Services	PD for MTHS Teachers 02/17/21	0.00	600.00
8	Trane Company	HVAC Service	0.00	1,500.00

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: Unused Sick and Vacation Day Payout Approval

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the unused sick and vacation day payout to the following staff:

	Name	Sick Days	Vacation Days	Amount Due
1	Metz, Suzanne	149.5	0.0	\$ 5,980.00

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	Perillo-Gentile, Stephanie	Maternity Leave	Speech Specialist Cedar Hill	05/17/21	27	09/01/21	09/01/21	N/A	11/29/21	Dates subject to change based on delivery

L.2: Resignations, Retirements, Terminations

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

	Name	Action	Position	Location	Effective Date	Discussion
1	Swiatek, Patricia	Retirement	Special Education Teacher	Cedar Hill	04/01/21	
2	Maiello, Angelica	Resignation	Head Volleyball Coach	MTHS	01/21/21	Post Approve
3	Constandinou, Maria	Resignation	Paraprofessional	Cedar Hill	01/15/21	Post Approve
4	Sachs, Nicolas	Resignation	Paraprofessional	MTHS	02/12/21	Post Approve
5	Rasa, Wayne	Resignation	Maintenance	Facilities	03/31/21	

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	Amend	Maintenance	Facilities	Step 3	\$43,140.00 prorated @ \$16,177.50	02/16/21 - 06/30/21	Supersedes action on 02/02/2021;L.3.1
2	D'Agosta, Mark	Amend	Maintenance	Facilities	Step 2	\$42,190.00 Prorated @ \$16,308.09	02/11/21 - 06/30/21	Supersedes action on 02/02/2021;L.3.7
3	Champion, David	Approve	Long Term Sub Paraprofessional	Lazar	N/A	\$139.95 Per diem	02/16/21-03/01/21	Replaces CS
4	Scaglione, Christine	Approve	Long Term Sub Social Studies	Lazar	N/A	\$115.71 Per diem	02/16/21 - 03/01/21	Replaces MB Rate reflects difference in Para and Teacher pay
5	Scrufari, Justin	Amend	Replacement Teacher Social Studies	Lazar	N/A	\$54,405.00 prorated @ \$29,922.75	09/01/20 - 02/15/21	Supersedes action on 02/02/2021L; 3.2 Replaces MB
6	Scrufari, Justin	Transfer	Replacement Teacher English	Lazar	N/A	\$54,405.00 prorated @ \$24,482.00	02/16/21 - 06/30/21	Replaces MM

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	Totino, Antonio	Approve	World Language Advisor Italian Lazar	N/A	\$597.00	02/17/21 - 06/30/21	
2	Pizarro, Ilia	Approve	World Language Advisor Spanish Lazar	N/A	\$597.00	02/17/21 - 06/30/21	
3	Chang, Ruomin	Approve	World Language Advisor Mandarin Lazar	N/A	\$597.00	02/17/21 - 06/30/21	
4	Totino, Antonio	Approve	Computer Club Lazar	N/A	\$597.00	02/17/21-06/30/21	
5	Marnien, Deborah	Approve	Science Olympiad Lazar	N/A	\$2,895.00	09/01/20-06/30/21	Post Approve
6	Wardell, Karin	Approve	Science Olympiad Lazar	N/A	\$2,895.00	09/01/20-06/30/21	Post Approve
7	Myers, Matthew	Approve	Environmental Club Lazar	N/A	\$597.00	02/17/21-06/30/21	

8	Wardell, Karin	Approve	STEAM Club Lazar	N/A	\$589.00	02/17/21- 06/30/21	
9	Wayne, Jerald	Approve	STEAM Club Lazar	N/A	\$589.00	02/17/21- 06/30/21	
10	Friedman, Rebecca	Approve	Spring Musical Theater Director Lazar	N/A	\$2,828.00	09/01/20 - 06/30/21	Post Approve
11	Heyburn, Maria	Approve	Spring Musical Play Director Lazar	N/A	\$2,828.00	09/01/20 - 06/30/21	Post Approve
12	Heyburn, Maria	Approve	Choreographer Spring Musical Lazar	N/A	\$363.00	09/01/20 - 06/30/21	Post Approve
13	Green, Jordan	Approve	Spring Musical Music Director Lazar	N/A	\$1,083.00	09/01/20 - 06/30/21	Post Approve
14	DiDiego, Chelsea	Approve	Jazz Band Lazar	N/A	\$589.00	02/17/21- 06/30/21	
15	Given, Suezette	Approve	Write Eye Lazar	N/A	\$589.00	02/17/21- 06/30/21	

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	Scrufari, Justin	Amend	Lazar	\$421.59	Leslie McKenna-Walch	09/01/20	2/12/21 Supersedes action 2/2/21; L.6.2

No additional comments were made.

Section M: Curriculum, Instruction & Technology *Chair, Mr. Palma– Mr. Modrak, 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	Stryker, Patricia	Approve	Virtual	\$ 105.00	MUJC Dynamic Differentiation in the Mathematics Classroom, Grades 3-8	04/14/21	04/14/21	Title IIA
2	Stryker, Patricia	Approve	Virtual	\$ 55.00	MUJC Improving Mathematical Thinking and Writing: A formula for Success, Grades 3-12	05/11/21	05/11/21	Title IIA
3	Donovan, Crystal	Approve	Virtual	\$ 300.00	Wilson Just Words Virtual Workshop	04/19/21	04/19/21	Title IIA; Substitute Needed
4	Monaco, Tara	Approve	Virtual	\$ 60.00	Using Patterns of Strengths/Weaknesses Model to Identify SLD	03/05/21	03/05/21	Title IIA
5	Scroggins, Ann	Approve	Virtual	\$ 60.00	Using Patterns of Strengths/Weaknesses Model to Identify SLD	03/05/21	03/05/21	Title IIA

6	Miller, Elise	Approve	Virtual	\$ 30.00	The Science of Reading Combined w/the Art of Teaching Reading: What it Means for Classroom Practice	03/18/21	03/18/21	Title IIA
7	Frye, Shelia	Approve	Virtual	\$ 30.00	The Science of Reading Combined w/the Art of Teaching Reading: What it Means for Classroom Practice	03/18/21	03/18/21	Title IIA
8	Millan, Maria	Approve	Virtual	\$ 30.00	The Science of Reading Combined w/the Art of Teaching Reading: What it Means for Classroom Practice	03/18/21	03/18/21	Title IIA
9	Natale, Matthew	Approve	Virtual	\$ 30.00	The Science of Reading Combined w/the Art of Teaching Reading: What it Means for Classroom Practice	03/18/21	03/18/21	Title IIA
10	Catalano, Laura	Approve	Virtual	\$ 30.00	The Science of Reading Combined w/the Art of Teaching Reading: What it Means for Classroom Practice	03/18/21	03/18/21	Title IIA
11	Huang, Zishan	Approve	Virtual	\$ 100.00	2021 National Chinese Language Conference	04/15/21	04/17/21	Title IIA

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	Morristown Memorial Hospital	Approve	Neurological Evaluation	\$675.00	105291	02/17/21	04/30/21	
2	High Focus Centers	Approve	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$ 150.00	215500018	02/04/21	02/04/21	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	LaPeruta, Steven	Approve	MTHS/Observation (virtual)	Daniela Petruzzella	02/16/21	03/04/21	Università Ca' Foscari, Venice 30 observation hours (virtual)

M.5: Out-of-District Placement

No actions are to be considered on this agenda

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. D. Modrak	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, abstaining on Check # 97417.
Mrs. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	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.

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 March 2, 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. Negotiations Update; and 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 March 2, 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 Old 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. Seventeen members of the public spoke:

Four members supported the return of the students to in-person instruction, combining the cohorts. Dr. Rovtar responded to the questions raised.

Seven members supported the return of the students to in-person instruction for the full-day. One member questioned the inclusion of lunch coverage in the 2021-2022 Annual Budget. Dr. Rovtar responded to the questions raised regarding lunch coverage.

One member of the public questioned social distancing and COVID exposure with the return to in-person instruction. Dr. Rovtar responded.

One member questioned the science and social study instruction at the elementary schools. Ms. Woodring responded.

One member inquired about a quarantine period after Spring Break. Dr. Rovtar responded, noting no quarantine period.

One member inquired about the M.T.E.A. contract. President Grau responded, indicating that the contract cannot be discussed.

Two members inquired about a parent survey. Dr. Rovtar responded.

President Grau thanked the public for their comments. Mr. Palma noted that plans may change based on the future status of the pandemic.

Section T:**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Palma and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, all present members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katine Slunt
Board Secretary