

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION - MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2017

Executive Session 7:00 p.m. | Public Session 7:45 p.m.

Montville Township Municipal Building

A. President Kayne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss (select one or more):

- 1) *HIB Appeal; and*
- 2) *Superintendent's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying ("HIB") Update and/or Recent Matters and Investigations, if any; and*
- 3) *Indemnification Request concerning Jason Fennes related Legal Matters; and*
- 4) *Transportation related Safety Concern.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and

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

B. **RECONVENED**

Motion by Member Morella, second by Vice President Novi to reenter from executive session at 7:51 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

President Kayne reconvened the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

BOE ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Dr. Cortellino	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Grau	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Johnson	<u>X</u>	_____
Dr. Kayne	<u>X</u>	_____
Dr. Modrak	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Morella	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Novi	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. O'Brien	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Palma	<u>X</u>	_____
Bayann Amer	<u>X</u>	_____
Jonathan Kraft	<u>X</u>	_____

OTHERS PRESENT:

René Rovtar (Superintendent), James T. Tevis (School Business Administrator/Board Secretary), Casey Shorter (Assistant Superintendent), Andrea Woodring (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction), and Steve Bacigalupo (Board Attorney).

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members and all others present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. READING OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT

School Business Administrator Tevis read the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law as follows:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice 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, the Montville Township Board of Education approved this meeting date. Notice of the meeting has been posted at the Montville Municipal Building, all Montville public schools, the Montville Public Library, the Montville Township Board of Education Administrative Office Building, the Montville Public School Website, and advertised in the DAILY RECORD.

E. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

The student representatives reported on the following items:

- Boys' Lacrosse Team Update
- Girls' Team Update
- Baseball Team Update
- Track Team Update
- Film Club Update
- Seniors, Jack Krase and Alex Benno were recognized at the 6th Annual Youth Leadership brunch for the Boy Scouts Organization
- Senior Class Color Run Fundraiser Update.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Member Johnson noted that he participated in the Color Run and that it was a success.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The superintendent reported on the following items:

Presentations

- Dr. Rene Rovtar (2017 Morris County Superintendent of the Year Award) – Dr. Matthew Kayne, (*See Item # J.3*)
- Mr. Anthony Sia (Montville Township Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Public Service Award) – Dr. Rene Rovtar
- Recognition of the 2016-2017 MTHS Bowling Team – Dr. Rene Rovtar

- ShopRite Stars (Third Marking Period) – Mr. Kenneth Nadzak
 - ✓ *Academics – Jonathan Kraft*
 - ✓ *Athletics – Erik Kattermann*
 - ✓ *Arts – Sydney Kayne*
 - ✓ *Leadership – David Champion*
 - ✓ *Community Service – Mackenzie Lake*

* **The board president recessed the meeting for seven (7) minutes at 8:18 p.m.**

Remarks

- Overview of Five Year Strategic Planning Process at which the following topics were discussed:
 - Strategic Planning Process
 - Common Threads
 - Broad Goal Areas
 - Goal Statements and Objectives
 - The superintendent thanked all that participated in this process and noted that she would like to formally approve the strategic plan at the April 18th board meeting.
- New Jersey Department of Education releases 2015-2016 School Performance Reports
- District Communications Survey
- Third Quarter Update on Progress Toward Attainment of District Goals 2016-2017
- 2016-2017 School Calendar – No Snow Day Give Backs

Good News and Progress in our Schools

- ➔ William Mason - Mrs. Auten's 2nd grade class has been having STEM Stations where they needed to figure out what they could make with 100 Legos, Popsicle sticks, coins, cubes and pipe cleaners. They were very creative. We made spiders, roller coasters, cabins, pizza, and the list goes on.
- ➔ William Mason - Recognized Random Acts of Kindness during the week of March 13th. As a kick off to this week, student council organized a “Kindness for Christopher” assembly as part of a campaign to be kind. Students learned the importance of kindness and also participated in a “Kindness Challenge.”
- ➔ William Mason - Kicked off Random Acts of Kindness Week with an assembly by the D'Amico family where they talked about the importance of spreading kindness to others. As a way of spreading kindness, William Mason's student council is sponsoring a Kindness Collection. Students are collecting items for three different charities in order to help others in need. One, is the Pajama Program, a wonderful charity that wants every child to feel the love and comfort that lets them escape into peaceful sleep. They accomplish this by collecting new pajamas and books. Students are also collecting used eyeglasses for the New Jersey Lions Club in order to help give the gift of sight to others. Finally, students are collecting donations for the Montville Animal Shelter in order to help our furry friends.
- ➔ William Mason - The fifth grade students at William Mason participated in the wax museum on March 24th. Students dressed up as famous people in history and orally presented biographical facts to parents and students. Some of the famous people present were former Presidents Ronald Reagan, Thomas Jefferson, and John F. Kennedy, and inventors Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell. There were also influential athletes like Arthur Ashe, Babe Ruth, and Wilma Rudolph. In addition, famous historical women such as Betsy Ross, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie, Harriet Tubman, and Eleanor Roosevelt were also present.

- ➔ William Mason – The student Council Kindness Collection was a huge success! Students filled donation buckets with books, pajamas, pet supplies and used glasses to donate to all three of our charities! It was so wonderful to see the students “Throw Kindness like Confetti” and spread cheer to others in need.
- ➔ William Mason – The 2nd annual TREPS was a huge success. The fifth grade students got a chance to show off their entrepreneur skills at our marketplace on March 18th. We had a wide variety of products from stress balls, Zen letters to yummy treats. The students did a fantastic job.
- ➔ William Mason - Mrs.Trogani had 21 students attend the first meeting of Glee Club this week. They were very excited, so much so that they sang and danced the whole period. They were only able to sing five songs but all together they suggested about 25 songs they wanted to sing. They proposed doing solos and showed a strong desire to perform for the school at some point this year!
- ➔ MTHS - Congratulations to Mr. Alex Benno (Class of '17) and Mr. Jack Krase (Class of '17) for being honored by the Boy Scouts Patriots' Path Council Youth Executive Committee. Alex and Jack recently attended the 6th Annual Youth Leadership Brunch, where they were recognized for their achievements and contributions.
- ➔ MTHS -This past Saturday (March 18), MTHS students competed in the National History Day (NHD) Regional Competition at Kean University. Prior to the competition, teachers Mr. Porter, Ms. San Filippo, Mr. Valley, Mr. Trzepinska, and Mrs. Reilly created a mini-exhibition where the entire school had an opportunity to see students' projects, which were displayed in the Media Center for several days. Students who participated in this year's NHD competition were required to conduct research on a person, place, or event that fit the NHD 2017 theme: Taking A Stand. Students could present their research and qualify to participate in the competition by creating a formal paper, performance, documentary, website, or exhibit. We are thrilled to report that we had students advance to the State Competition at William Patterson University on May 6th in each category! While a complete list of students who advanced can be found below, we thank all of the participants at this year's NHD competition and hope to have you represent MTHS in 2018. We also thank Mr. Porter, Ms. San Filippo, Mr. Valley, Mr. Trzepinska, and Mrs. Reilly for the time and hard work they put in to creating this experience for our students. Formal Papers: Kayla Gill (Class of '18), Shane Oswald (Class of '18), Sage Matias (Class of '18), Spencer Haber (Class of '18), Julia Gillan (Class of '18), Madeline Morris (Class of '18), and Alexander Dimoski (Class of '18). Performance (Individual): Doug Gologorsky (Class of '19). Documentary (Individual): Rebecca Sherman (9th). Documentary (Group): GROUP 1 - Jessica Blake (Class of '19), Jessica Meyers (Class of '19), Sydney Meyers (Class of '19), and Alyssa Semren (Class of '19). GROUP 2 - Alan Lai (Class of '19), Emily Wang (Class of '19), and Peter Ho (Class of '19). Website_(Group): Kelly Chan (Class of '19), Addie Keoppel (Class of '19), and Hannah Park (Class of '19), Kelly Phalen (Class of '20), Viktoria Popovska (Class of '20), Grant Liu (Class of '19), Christopher Lee (Class of '19). Exhibit (Individual): Tracy Eng (Class of '18) and Marissa Difulco (Class of '19). Exhibit (Group): Anna George (Class of '19) and Daniela Campbell (Class of '19), Emma Bang (Class of '19), Lisa Chueh (Class of '19), and Catherine Roy (Class of '19), Elina Huang (Class of '19) and Sarah Holecko (Class of '19), Steven Aarons (Class of '20), Rachel Philip (Class of '20), and Milo Anderson (Class of '20).
- ➔ MTHS - Last Thursday (March 16), MTHS hosted its 5th Annual MUDD Ceramics Exhibition. In addition to several MTHS student-artists having their work displayed, students from local schools also sent pieces to compete in the exhibition. The event was very well attended and culminated in the award ceremony, where MTHS students shined bright. Congratulations to the following students, who created award-winning artwork: Gavin Poole (Class of '18) - 1st Place Wheel Thrown Functional & Best of Show. Connor Meytrott (Class of '18) - 1st Place Wheel Thrown

Sculpture. Gavin Poole (Class of '18) - 3rd Place Wheel Thrown Functional & Brushes and Bisque Scholarship. Lukas Van Schaik (Class of '17) - Honorable Mention Wheel Thrown Functional. Cameron Horn (Class of '18) - Honorable Mention Wheel Thrown Sculpture. Kevin Kahwaty (Class of '18) - Honorable Mention Hand Built Sculpture. Olivia Nasisi (Class of '17) - Honorable Mention Hand Built Sculpture. We are also sincerely appreciative for our teachers, Mrs. Sharon Pflug-Moench and Mr. Paul Moench, who created the MUDD exhibition and dedicate countless hours to ensure a successful turnout including college recruiters and scholarship offers. The entire MTHS Community is already looking forward to the next MUDD exhibition next year!

- ➔ MTHS - The following students have had their work accepted to the Fresh Perspectives exhibition at the Morris Museum. Each teacher in the state can submit 4 pieces for the jurying. Approximately 800 pieces are submitted and only 50 are accepted to the exhibition. This year we were lucky to have 3 pieces accepted from Montville. The pieces listed below will be on exhibit in the museum from April 7th through June 4th with an opening reception on April 4th at 6pm. Gavin Poole - “Driftwood” - Wheel Thrown Stoneware with Carved Woodgrain - Grade 11 - Teacher: Sharon Pflug-Moench, Celia Tang - “Wanderer” - Watercolor Painting - Grade 10 - Teacher: Joanne Zoppo, Dominique Sawieljew - “What” - Marker - Grade 9 - Teacher: Eileen Racioppi
- ➔ MTHS - On March 18th, the MTHS Film Club participated in the 3rd Annual Project FX Student Film Festival to present their five-minute parody titled "Chem Club." 20 films were selected for judging and we are thrilled to report that "Chem Club" made the Top Ten. The entire MTHS Community congratulates the Film Club and wishes them the best of luck in future festivals.
- ➔ MTHS – Many HS students were accepted to the Blackwell Street Artist’s Annual High School Student Exhibition held in the Atrium Gallery of the Morris County Courthouse. The work is on exhibit through the end of April and a reception/awards ceremony will take place on Friday March 31st at 7pm. The show is open to all schools in Morris County and there is no limit to the amount of work any school can submit. Each year hundreds of pieces are submitted to the exhibition and this year more less than ½ the work submitted was accepted. In ceramics and photography we had 21 pieces accepted to the show from the 30 we submitted. We are very proud of the work our students are creating. Our students won several awards: Gavin Poole – grade 11 - 2nd Place Ceramics for his wheel thrown piece “Oceanic Cistern.” Gavin Poole - Honorable Mention, Ceramics for his wheel thrown piece “Lilly Pad.” Cameron Horn – grade 11, 3rd Place Ceramics for his wheel thrown tryptic candle stick holders “Trio of Light.” Students accepted to the Blackwell Street Artist’s Annual Student Exhibit were: Olivia Nasisi, Sophia Vitone, Chloe Cosenza, Connor Meytrott, Kevin Kahwaty, Gavin Poole, Steven Pandise, and Max Baresich. Brandon Rojo, Zach Warech, Cameron Horn, Ciara Nuzzi, Aaron Asfor, Marissa DiFulco, and Darrel Tsinadze.
- ➔ Valley View - Participation in this year's St. Jude Mathathon is just about over but donations are still coming in. So far, Valley View has raised over \$2,500 and still counting!
- ➔ Valley View - Spring isn't that far away and that means baseball is around the corner. So far, 61 tickets have been sold to Valley View families. Lazar Middle School is also organizing a day out for their students and staff. Montville Township will be proudly represented.
- ➔ Valley View - A Culture and Committee meeting with Officer McGowan and a member of the YEA organization was held at Valley View on March 23rd. Students will present their latest ideas on keeping the positive spirit high at Valley View School.
- ➔ Valley View - Spring bus drills will be held the first 2 weeks in April. Students in pre K-5th grade will be participating. Students will review proper exit procedures in the event of a bus emergency. This will be Valley View's second bus evacuation drill for the 2016-2017 school year.

- ➔ Valley View - Anya Sinha, a third grade student in Mrs. Otte's class, donated 9 inches of her hair to the organization *Locks of Love*. Her hair will be used to make a wig for girls battling cancer. This act of kindness was held at Christina's Salon. To top it off it was Anya's idea. Valley View is so proud of her most generous contribution.
- ➔ Valley View - The students in Mrs. Handschuch's preschool class celebrated "Read Across America" day by listening to various stories written by Dr. Seuss. The children discussed the job of an author and illustrator and also became aware of the authors writing style and use of rhymes in the various stories. The PM class participated in a STEAM team challenge. Students were presented with index cards & red plastic cups (Cat in the Hat) hats and instructed to build a tower using only the materials provided. Students brainstormed and collaborated on techniques and ideas to complete their task. The children discovered that team work was key to meeting the challenge.
- ➔ Valley View - The kindergarten children at Valley View participated in St. Patrick's Day STEAM centers. They enjoyed seeing the chemical reaction with baking soda and vinegar in fizzy pots with little pots, gold coins, and glitter. They also painted shamrocks using marshmallows at an art center. The children also took pennies and soaked them in a vinegar bowl to see how to make them shiny again. Fun and new discoveries were made by all!
- ➔ Valley View - Ms. Caravello and Ms. Streep's class had their first launch to Lego Learning. The students worked in groups to create a scene that represented events from the period of the American Revolution. They then used software on the iPads to tell about the events. Once completed, the students shared their learning with their families at our Lego Launch event. The students were both excited and knowledgeable during the presentation.
- ➔ Valley View – The Mock Trial club was recently notified that it had won an award in this year's statewide contest. The club creates and writes an original trial based on legal issues that interest the group. The completed trial is sent to the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Law Fair contest; a contest designed to generate interest in legal careers. Our club received the Honorable Mention award for our trial, *The Case of the Downed Drone*. The club will travel to New Brunswick in May to perform the trial at the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Headquarters. We are so proud of the hard work of these students! The club is advised by fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gruszczynski.
- ➔ Hilldale - The 4th graders were lucky clovers this St. Patrick's Day, as Montville author, Michele Dougherty, came to read her book, "Silly McGilly" to the 4th grade students. Students enjoyed the tale of St. Patrick's Day trickery! After reading the class her book, Dougherty took a number of questions on what it takes to be an author and the steps she followed to get published!
- ➔ Hilldale – The 5th grade students of Hilldale Peace Garden Club are pleased to announce that their garden has officially become a **National Wildlife Federation Certified Schoolyard Habitat**. Hilldale joins the ranks of schools across the nation that has transformed their school grounds into a habitat for wildlife and an outdoor classroom for learning for all students. The Peace Garden Club is made up of a group of 35 fifth graders who continue the vision of conserving local wildlife, including birds, insects, and other small mammals through the provision of food, water, and local flora. Through their hard work, the Peace Garden continues to grow in spirit for conservancy and outdoor education is flourishing.
- ➔ Hilldale - Dr. Seuss turned 113 years old on March 2, and the students at Hilldale had a blast celebrating his birthday! "Read Across America," a nationwide program that celebrates the love of reading, was started in 1998 to celebrate Dr. Seuss' devotion to children's literacy. Hilldale students and staff participated in theme days that correlated to Dr. Seuss books, such as wearing green for Green Eggs and Ham. Parent readers made special appearances in their children's classrooms to share a favorite book, and the kindergarteners even had Michele Caron, a member of the Montville Township Environmental Commission, read to them!

Hilldale - In Mr. Jones' media classes, all students had the opportunity to *Guess the Gummy Goldfish*, a nod to One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Older students were also given the opportunity to win prizes by completing an online quiz about Dr. Seuss' life and his books. All students had fun as they celebrated reading and literacy throughout the week. As Dr. Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."

- ➔ Woodmont - Celebrated Read Across America week Feb 27th through March 3rd with a kickoff assembly featuring the first ever Woodmont Faculty Reader's Theatre. Woodmont held a special celebration on March 2 (Dr. Seuss' birthday) and enjoyed the company of representatives from all branches of state and local government. Dignitaries included State Senator Dr. Joseph Pennachio, Morris County Sheriff James Gannon, Superintendent Dr. René Rovtar, Board of Education President Dr. Matthew Kayne, Montville Mayor James Sandham just to name a few. The multiple visitors traveled to individual homerooms and read their favorite stories to Woodmont students.
- ➔ Woodmont – NJ Classroom Closeup visited Woodmont on Friday, March 17, 2017 to film a segment on the fourth grade Lego grant. The filming crew interviewed educators Margaret Beatty, Tina Janis and Jennifer Kelly along with students from Woodmont fourth grade and kindergarten. The segment will air on NJTV this May.
- ➔ Woodmont – The students enjoyed a PTA sponsored cultural arts assembly on Thursday, March 30, 2017. Students enjoyed an exploration of music technology and applied new techniques to make their communication more meaningful via the incorporation of music.
- ➔ Lazar – On Tuesday March 7, 2017 the Science Olympiad team attended the State Tournament at Middlesex County College. We are happy to share that Frances Lai and Victoria Wei placed first in the State in the competition Write It Do It. The entire Team gave it their best. Congratulations to all participants for a job well done!
- ➔ Lazar – Living Lessons co-chairs, Judy Gothelf and Derek Lynn, received a \$2400 grant for Lazar's Living Lessons program. This money will be used toward enhancing the list of incredible speakers who will be present on Thursday, May 18th. Once again, Lazar would like to thank the MEF for their generosity and support of this wonderful program.
- ➔ Lazar – On March 22nd, Robert Lazar Middle School held the "Annual Senior Luncheon". The Nutrition, Family, and Consumer Studies students in Mrs. Jasterzbski's seventh and eighth grade classes assisted the Parent-Teacher-Council in hosting an afternoon of great food and entertainment for our local senior residents. The Lazar Jazz band, directed by Ms. DiDiego, performed during the afternoon's program. The PTC organization has remained dedicated to this function for many years, providing the necessary funding that continues to attract a huge community response and allows the Nutrition, Family and Consumer Studies students the opportunity to apply knowledge and practical skills in a meaningful way while developing a heightened sense of community and service. The "Annual Senior Luncheon" creates a positive buzz in the Lazar halls and the excitement results in a very special afternoon enjoyed by all!
- ➔ Lazar – On Thursday, March 9, Classroom Close-Up (TV NJN 12) was at Lazar to tape STEM PALS. This program connects 7th and 8th graders from Lazar with 4th graders from Intervale Elementary in Parsippany. The students work together in real time on different design challenges. All the students had a wonderful day. The segment will air on June 25 and July 2 on NJN 12. A short promo video can be found on the Classroom Close-Up Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/crcunj/>.

- ➔ Lazar – Richard and Jessica Wyble, beekeepers from Weeble Wobble Honey Farm, came to visit all 7th grade science classes to give a presentation on the honey bee and colony collapse disorder. After last year’s presentation, Lazar purchased a hive which resides on their farm. They gave us an update on Queen Elizabuzz and how our hive has thrived this past year. Everyone enjoyed this fun activity.
- ➔ Lazar – Each year, the Pathways Program recognizes two 8th grade students who have made a difference in the lives of their fellow classmates. Natalie Rossinow and Victoria Feaster were honored at this year’s “Make a Difference” assembly held on March 28th. These young ladies exhibited incredible compassion, exceptional courage, and embraced diversity in all their time at Lazar. They both served as role models for the students in all grades, always leading by example. They were selected by a committee of teachers. We applaud and congratulate them for setting such a fine example!

Suspension / Violence and Vandalism Monthly Reports to the Board of Education

March, 2017	K – 12	Violence Incidents	2	
March, 2017	K – 12	Vandalism Incidents	0	
March, 2017	K – 12	Weapon Incidents	0	
March, 2017	K – 12	Substance Abuse	0	
March, 2017	K – 12	Suspensions	24	(includes in-school and Saturday)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The business administrator gave the following update in connection with the special bond referendum election scheduled for September 27, 2017:

- Twenty-seven, (27) DOE Project Applications for the proposed District-wide Capital Facility Improvements were received in his office late last week. They were immediately executed by the board president, superintendent, and business administrator then delivered by the architect to Trenton to begin the review process the next morning.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

G.1 Finance and Facilities

Member Grau noted that the past two-committee meeting minutes have been sent to the board and left it up to the administration to schedule the next meeting when needed.

G.2 Curriculum and Instruction

No report.

G.3 Policy and Personnel

Member Morella noted that a meeting was held on April 3, 2017 at which the following topics were discussed:

- 0000.02 Introduction
- Policy 2415.06. Unsafe School Choice Option
- Policy and Regulation 2464. Gifted and Talented Students
- Policy 2622. Student Assessment
- Policy and Regulation 3160/4160. Physical Examination

- Policy and Regulation 5116. Education of the Homeless
- Policy 5460. High School Graduation
- Policy 7446. School Security Program (New)
- Policy 8350. Records Retention (New)
- Policy 2320. Independent Study Programs (Abolished)
- Policy 5465. Early Graduation (Abolished)

G.4 Communications

No report.

G.5 Safety & Security

No report.

G.6 Ad-Hoc

No report.

G.7 Delegate Liaisons

The following delegate liaison meetings were reported on:

- **Mustang Association** – Michael O’Brien
 - Member O’Brien noted that a meeting will be held on April 5th.

G.8 PTC Liaisons

The following PTC liaison meeting was reported on:

- **Woodmont** – Michael Palma

G.9 Reserved – Negotiations – (No Action)

G.10 Additional Reports

No reports.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to be recognized at this time

Motion by Member Grau, second by Member Morella to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and adopt items I-O:

I. MINUTES

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

March 7, 2017	Executive Session, Regular Meeting
March 7, 2017	Public Session, Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017	Executive Session, Regular Meeting
March 21, 2017	Public Session, Regular Meeting

J. ADMINISTRATIVE

J.1 Gifts, Grants and Donations

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education accept the following gifts, grants and donations in accordance with Policy 7230:

Code	Donor	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
1	Cedar Hill Home and School	Cedar Hill	Outdoor Shed (Estimated Value \$1,100.00)	
2	William Mason HSA	BOE/William Mason	Air Conditioning for the Media Center (Estimated Value \$44,200.00)	
3	Montville Educational Foundation	Lazar/Ms. Judy Gothelf	Speakers for Living Lessons (Estimated Value \$2,400.00)	
4	Valley View PTA	Valley View 5 th Grade Class	Charter Buses to NYC (Estimated Value \$2,200.00)	
5	Valley View PTA	Valley View 5 th Grade Class	Tickets to see Wicked (Estimated Value \$7,592.00)	
6	Lazar PTC	Lazar/Ms. Judy Gothelf	Speakers for Living Lessons (Estimated Value \$1,800.00)	
7	Montville Environmental Commission	BOE/MTHS	Senior Award Scholarship	\$780.00

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 March 31, 2017, 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 March 17, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

J.3 Morris County Superintendent of the Year Award: 2017

WHEREAS, Dr. René T. Rovtar is the Superintendent of the Montville Township School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. René T. Rovtar has earned the distinction of being named the Morris County Association of School Administrators Superintendent of the Year 2016 to 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education this the 4th day of April, 2017 recognizes and applauds her commitment, service and dedication to the Montville Township School District and congratulates her on this prestigious award.

K. FACILITIES & FINANCE

Mr. Grau – Chair, Dr. Cortellino, Mrs. Novi, Dr. Kayne

K.1 Reserved - Payment of Bills – (No Action)

K.2 Reserved - Transfer of Funds – (No Action)

K.3 Reserved - Financial Reports – (No Action)

K.4 Use of Facility Requests

WHEREAS, the group(s)/organization(s) listed on (**Document K.4**), have requested the use of school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these requests comply with policy #7510, “Use of School Facilities” unless a waiver is so indicated:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the listed group(s)/organization(s) to rent/use the requested facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the school business administrator is hereby authorized to issue permits for these requests but that the board continues to reserve the right to withdraw approval or permission at any time.

K.5 Contracted Services Approval – School/Instruction Related Functions

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following contracted service:

Code	Vendor Name	Services	Cost	Funding	School	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Virgin America Airlines	Roundtrip Group Airfare	\$5,264.90	BOE	MTHS	04/01/2017	04/30/2017	Post Approval for DECA International Competition
2	Wolfman Productions, Inc.	Presentation - Living Lessons Program	\$1,800.00	PTC	Robert R. Lazar Middle School	05/18/2017	05/18/2017	3 Presentations – 1 Speaker

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

K.6 Subscription Busing Rates: 2017-2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following subscription busing rates for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Grades K-5: \$250.00 per rider
- Grades 6-12 \$350.00 per rider

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school business administrator is authorized to advertise said rates and commence the acceptance of subscribers.

K.7 Interlocal Agreement Renewal – 2017 Township Shared Garbage & Recycling Services

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education post-approve an Interlocal Service Agreement (**Document K.7**), with Montville Township for shared garbage and recycling services, at a cost of \$60,000, for a one year period beginning March 17, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and/or Business Administrator are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

K.8 Equipment Disposal

WHEREAS, district officials have determined that equipment is obsolete and are recommending the disposal of said equipment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the disposal of equipment per the attached request (**Documents K.8**), in accordance with policy #7300, Disposition of Property.

K.9 MCMUA Clean Communities Grant (2017) - Public Schools Litter Cleanup Program

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education authorizes the submission of an application to participate in the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA), 2017 Clean Communities, “Slam Dunk the Junk” grant, in the amount of \$500.00, which must be used to purchase either outdoor receptacles for trash and recyclables or for indoor receptacles for recyclables at Woodmont Elementary School.

L. PERSONNEL

Mr. Morella – Chair, Mr. Palma, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Cortellino

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

Code	Name	Reason	Position	Loc.	Leave Start Date	Sick Days	Unpaid FMLA Start Date	Unpaid NJFLA Start Date	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Return Date	Discussion
1	Faria, Guida	Amend Maternity Leave	Physics Teacher	MTHS	01/17/2017	37	03/13/2017 @50%	03/13/2017 @50%	N/A	05/01/2017	Supersedes action on 11/15/2017; L.1.1
2	Caggiano, Judith	Amend Medical Leave	Paraprofessional	Lazar	02/06/2017	9	02/17/2017	02/17/2017	N/A	05/08/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017; L.1.1
3	Gonzalez, Jessica	Amend Medical Leave	School Counselor	Lazar	01/17/2017	17	02/10/2017	02/10/2017	N/A	04/17/2017	Supersedes action on 02/07/2017; L.1.1
4	Becker, Jessica	Maternity Leave	Kindergarten Teacher	Valley View	09/01/2017	N/A	09/01/2017	09/01/2017	N/A	11/27/2017	
5	Hermann, Elizabeth	Amend Medical Leave	School Psychologist	District	02/02/2017	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	04/17/2017	Supersedes action on 12/06/2016; L.1.3
6	Matarazzo, Jamie	Maternity Leave	Kindergarten Teacher	Valley View	09/01/2017	N/A	09/01/2017	09/01/2017	N/A	11/27/2017	
7	Gayden-Theodore, Sonia	Family Leave	Paraprofessional	Woodmont	03/29/2017	N/A	03/29/2017	03/29/2017	N/A	05/08/2017	Post Approve
8	Paul-Badini, Yi-Shiuan	Amend Maternity Leave	ABA Special Education Teacher	William Mason	03/27/2017	4	N/A	N/A	03/31/2017	09/01/2017	Supersedes action on 02/07/2017; L.1.4

L.2 Resignations, Retirements, Terminations

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education accepts the following:

Code	Name	Action	Position	Loc.	Date Eff.	Discussion
1	Reinhardt, Robert	Retirement	Courier	District	06/30/2017	
2	Filosa, Irene	Retirement	Secretary	Lazar	06/30/2017	

L.3 Appointments, Transfers (*denotes mentoring required)

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

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary	Loc.	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Kurati, Shannon	Approve	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$19.24 hourly	William Mason	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	Not to exceed 32.5 hours weekly Replaces LB
2	Kurati, Shannon	Approve	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$5.00 hourly	William Mason	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	Hourly rate reflects ABA Para stipend
3	Meenan, Deborah	Amend	1/6 Salary Adjustment Guidance	MA30/18	\$16,697.50 prorated @ \$4,591.85	Lazar	01/17/2017	04/07/2017	Supersedes action on 03/21/2017;L.3.6
4	Rappaport, Susan	Amend	1/6 Salary Adjustment Guidance	MA30/14	\$13,611.17 prorated @ \$3,743.10	Lazar	01/17/2017	04/07/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017;L.3.6
5	Mazur, Marissa	Amend	1/6 Salary Adjustment Guidance	MA/6	\$10,045.33 prorated @ \$2,762.50	Lazar	01/17/2017	04/07/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017;L.3.6
6	Pederson, Sonja	Amend	Long Term Substitute Special Education	N/A	\$260.32 per diem	William Mason	03/27/2017	06/30/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017;L.3.10
7	Pedersen, Sonja	Amend	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$21.50 hourly	William Mason	09/01/2016	03/24/2017	Supersedes action on 05/03/2016;L.6.90
8	Pedersen, Sonja	Amend	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$5.00 hourly	William Mason	09/01/2016	03/24/2017	Supersedes action on 05/03/2016;L.6.90
9	Day, Karen	Approve	Part Time Paraprofessional	N/A	\$19.24 hourly	Hilldale	03/27/2017	06/30/2017	Post Approve Not to exceed 2 hours daily
10	Zangari, Amanda	Approve	MEDLC Aide	N/A	\$10.50 hourly	Hilldale	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	
11	Elhayek, Reham	Amend	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$19.24 hourly	Valley View	03/14/2017	06/30/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017;L.3.18 Not to exceed 32.5 hours weekly Replaces SP
12	Elhayek, Reham	Amend	ABA Paraprofessional	N/A	\$5.00 hourly	Valley View	03/14/2017	06/30/2017	Supersedes action on 03/07/2017;L.3.18 Hourly rate reflects ABA Para Stipend Replaces SP
13	Batraki, Donna	Amend	Long Term Substitute School Psychologist	N/A	\$260.32 per diem	Valley View	02/01/2017	04/07/2017	Supersedes action on 01/17/2017;L.3.8
14	Batraki, Donna	Approve	Long Term Substitute School Psychologist	N/A	\$260.32 per diem	District	04/17/2017	06/30/2017	Replaces KG

L.4 Adjustments, Stipends, Degree Changes

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

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg/Step	Salary	Loc.	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Lebrenz, George	Approve	Auditorium Manager	N/A	\$3,198.00 prorated @ \$640.00	MTHS	05/01/2017	06/30/2017	

L.5 Appointment of Substitutes

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following Substitutes:

Code	Name	Action	Position	Deg /Step	Salary	Loc.	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Basaly, Caroline	Approve	Substitute Teacher	N/A	\$80.00 per diem	District	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	\$90.00 per diem after 10 cumulative days of work
2	Bewighouse, Kathleen	Approve	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$150.00 per diem	District	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	
3	Smith, Marina	Approve	Substitute Nurse	N/A	\$150.00 Per diem	District	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	

M. CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION / TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Palma – Chair, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Modrak, Mr. Grau

M.1 Professional Day Travel, pursuant to, or in excess of Policies #0147, 3440, 4440

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

Code	Name	Action	Location	Estimated Cost	Destination	Date Effective	Date Term.	Funding
1	Servino, Joanna	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$245.00	Accelerate Your Students’ Communicative Proficiency: Practical Strategies for Maintaining 90% Target Language	04/25/2017	04/25/2017	Title IIA
2	Mancuso, Jane	Approve	Webinar	\$139.00	Using Guided Math to Strengthen Students’ Math Learning, Grades 3-6	04/18/2017	04/18/2017	Title IIA
3	Fuhrmann, Laura	Approve	Moorestown, NJ	\$62.56	Code Quest 2017	04/29/2017	04/29/2017	Title IIA
4	Choi, Christy	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$10.00	Technology Integration in the K-12 Mathematics Classroom	04/05/2017	04/05/2017	Title IIA
5	Thomsen, Austin	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$16.86	Administrative Retreat	08/22/2017	08/23/2017	Professional Growth
6	DeSaye, Jennifer	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$7.44	Administrative Retreat	08/22/2017	08/23/2017	Title IIA
7	Sanford, Douglas	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$17.17	Administrative Retreat	08/22/2017	08/23/2017	Professional Growth
8	Shera, Michael	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$17.17	Administrative Retreat	08/22/2017	08/23/2017	Professional Growth
9	Nadzak, Kenneth	Approve	Morristown, NJ	\$17.17	Administrative Retreat	08/22/2017	08/23/2017	Professional Growth
10	Holeczko, Karen	Approve	Teaneck, NJ	\$16.12	Tomorrow’s Teacher Elective Course Training	07/10/2017	07/11/2017	Title IIA
11	Vogel, Wanda	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$10.60	Code Studio Workshop- Fundamentals	05/09/2017	05/09/2017	Title IIA
12	Holmes, Helena	Approve	New Brunswick, NJ	\$301.28	2017 Spring Conference – Engage & Empower ELL’s for Excellence	06/01/2017	06/01/2017	Title IIA
13	Glennon, Rebecca	Approve	Long Branch, NJ	\$274.23	NJACAC Annual Conference	05/23/2017	05/23/2017	Professional Development
14	Levy, Leslie	Approve	Long Branch, NJ	\$274.06	NJACAC Annual Conference	05/23/2017	05/23/2017	Professional Development
15	Sibilia, Jonathan	Approve	Long Branch, NJ	\$274.06	NJACAC Annual Conference	05/23/2017	05/23/2017	Professional Development

16	Marinello, Susan	Approve	Trenton, NJ	\$75.00	NJSBA Public Relations Forum	04/07/2017	04/07/2017	Professional Growth
17	Vila, Tom	Approve	Monroe Township, NJ	\$149.00	Same Math, Different Delivery	05/24/2017	05/24/2017	Title IIA
18	Barbera, Carmela	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$245.00	Maximize the Power of Guided Reading to Help All Students	05/17/2017	05/17/2017	Title IIA
19	Stewart, Tracy	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$245.00	Maximize the Power of Guided Reading to Help All Students	05/17/2017	05/17/2017	Title IIA
20	Jones, Jason	Approve	Paramus, NJ	\$116.73	Support STEAM Using Google & Interactive Digital Tools	05/16/2017	05/16/2017	Title IIA
21	Przetak, Rosa	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$252.00	Increase Your Students' Communicative Proficiency in the Target Language	04/25/2017	04/25/2017	Title IIA
22	Przetak, Rosa	Approve	West Orange, NJ	\$252.00	Practical Ideas for Making Best Use of Google Classroom to Enhance Instruction	05/17/2017	05/17/2017	Title IIA

M.2 Contracted Special Services

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following special education contracted services:

Code	Vendor	Action	Services	Cost	Student(s)	Date Effective	Date Term.	Discussion
1	Dr. Jacobs	Approve	Neuropsychiatric Evaluation	\$1,800.00	102846 100566 102793	04/05/2017	05/31/2017	3 @ \$600.00 each
2	Dr. Fennelly	Approve	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$650.00	50130	04/05/2017	05/31/2017	
3	MUJC	Approve	Assistive Tecnology Assessment	\$1,035.00	100566	04/05/2017	05/31/2017	3 hours @ \$345.00 per/hr

M.3 Approval of Field Trips

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following in accordance with Policy 2340:

Code	School: Grade/Club/Team (Advisor)	Destination	Transportation Funding	Admission Fee Funding	Accommodations Funding
1	MTHS Music Dept. (Havington/Markowski/Korlishin)	The Lion King Musical, New York, NY	Pupil	Pupil	N/A
2	MTHS Class of 2017 – Senior Prom (Bertoli)	The Grove, Cedar Grove, NJ	N/A	Student Activity Account	N/A
3	MTHS Music Dept. (Korlishin/Havington)	Cedar Hill & Valley View, Montville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
4	MTHS Music Dept. (Korlishin/Havington)	Woodmont, Hilldale & William Mason, Montville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
5	Cedar Hill – Grade 5 (Accardi/Koch/Monastero)	Robert R. Lazar Middle School, Montville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
6	Cedar Hill Character Ed. (Lundquist)	Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
7	Valley View – Grade 5 (Ford)	Robert R. Lazar Middle School, Montville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
8	Valley View – Grade 5 (Ford/Grusczyński)	New Jersey State Bar Foundation Headquarters, New Brunswick, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
9	Lazar – Grade 8 (Crescente/Trautmann)	Church Lane/Pine Brook Cemetery/VFW, Montville, NJ	School Budget	N/A	N/A
10	MTHS/Lazar - Forensics (Gormley/Iannelli/Miller)	Lazar Middle School, Montville, NJ	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	MTHS DECA (Ramirez)	Sheraton Park Anaheim, Anaheim, CA (International Competition)	School Budget/Student Activity	School Budget	Student Activity

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following:

Code	Name	Action	Position	Location	Date Effective	Date Term.	Staff Supervisor	Discussion
1	Lopes, Karen	Approve	Observation	Woodmont Valley View	04/05/2017	06/30/2017	Ms. Suzanne Schneiderman	
2	Belli, Cerene	Approve	Student Teacher	Cedar Hill	07/07/2017	12/14/2017	Ms. Julie Blahut	William Paterson University, Office of Field Experience
3	Cherry, Allison	Approve	Student Teacher	Cedar Hill	09/07/2017	12/14/2017	Ms. Patricia Swiatek	William Paterson University, Office of Field Experience
4	Chery, Jacqueline	Approve	Student Teacher	Cedar Hill	09/07/2017	12/14/2017	Ms. Lisa Accardi	William Paterson University, Office of Field Experience
5	Marotta, Jaclyn	Approve	Student Teacher	Cedar Hill	09/07/2017	12/14/2017	Dr. Cathy Lundquist	William Paterson University, Office of Field Experience
6	Taylor, Emily	Approve	Student Teacher	Cedar Hill	09/07/2017	12/14/2017	Ms. Lauren Monaghan	William Paterson University, Office of Field Experience

M.5 Reserved - Out-of District Placement – (No Action)

M.6 Adoption of Curriculum

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approve the following curricula:

Code	Name	Action	Date Effective
1	Geometry (Grades 9-11)	Approve	04/05/2017
2	Middle School Counseling (Grades 6-8)	Approve	04/05/2017
3	Math (Grade 6)	Approve	04/05/2017
4	Math (Grade 7)	Approve	04/05/2017
5	Algebra I (Grades 8 & 9)	Approve	04/05/2017

N. POLICY

Mr. Morella – Chair, Mr. Palma, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Cortellino

N.1 Reserved - Introduction of Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – (No Action)

N.2 Reserved - Adoption of Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations – (No Action)

O. CLOSED SESSION

O.1 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.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education plans to meet in closed session on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm to discuss (select one or more):

- 1) *Superintendent’s Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (“HIB”) update/recent matters and investigations, if any; and*
- 2) *JCP&L Lazar Power Lines Improvement Project; 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 April 18, 2017 at 7:45 pm at Montville Township Municipal Building.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Resolutions I – O:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REMARKS
Charles Grau	X				
John Morella	X				
Karen Cortellino	X				
Michael Johnson	X				
David Modrak	X				
Michael O’Brien	X				
Michael Palma	X				
Carmela Novi	X				
Matthew Kayne	X				

Resolutions were approved on a 9 - 0 roll call vote except as noted.

† The board president and Member Cortellino noted with regret, the retirement of Robert Reinhardt and wished him well (L.2.1).

The board attorney then read an addendum resolution into the record as follows:

HIB Determination Hearing

WHEREAS, the parent of Student 103812 sought to appeal the harassment, intimidation and/or bullying (“HIB”) determination with regard to Montville Township High School (“MTHS”) Report 10-12; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2017, a HIB hearing was held before the Montville Township Board of Education (“Board”) and, at that time, the parent of said student did attend the HIB hearing and presented evidence and testimony on her behalf; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, after having considered all of the testimony and evidence presented before it, hereby rejects the Superintendent of Schools’ recommendation on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report MTHS 10-12 so that the record now reflects that this was an act of HIB; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is to provide written notification of this decision to the parent within five (5) days.

Motion by Member Grau, second by Member Palma to accept the recommendation of the superintendent and adopt the Addendum Resolution:

ROLL CALL VOTE: Addendum Resolution:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	REMARKS
Charles Grau	X				
Michael Palma	X				
Karen Cortellino	X				
Michael Johnson	X				
David Modrak	X				
John Morella	X				
Michael O'Brien	X				
Carmela Novi	X				
Matthew Kayne	X				

Resolutions were approved on a 9 - 0 roll call vote except as noted.

P. OLD BUSINESS

None.

Q. GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS / NEW BUSINESS

- Member Johnson noted that there will be a MTHS Forensics' Club fundraiser at Applebee's in Parsippany on April 23rd.
- Member Johnson noted that DAC will be hosting an Opiate presentation on April 25th.
- Member Cortellino noted that she shared with Member Johnson and Member Palma that the NJSBA is conducting a training called The Opioid Crisis: A School Districts' and Communities' Call to Action, that's open to school board members and community leaders.
- The board president, Member Grau and Member Palma noted their attendance at Lazar's production, Singing in the Rain Jr.
- The board president noted that the Township of Montville will hold a 150th anniversary celebration meeting on April 11th and thanked Susan Marinello for updates on social media regarding this event.
- The board president announced his candidacy for township council and noted that he will remain on the board through December 31, 2017.
- Member Grau noted his attendance at a senior citizen luncheon hosted by the middle school. He then noted that the senior citizen prom will be held on Thursday, April 6th.
- Member Palma noted his and the superintendent's attendance at the William Mason concert and commented that he was impressed.

R. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke regarding the following topics:

- Strategic Planning Meetings
- ALICE Training

The superintendent responded to the public's comments.

Motion by Vice President Novi, second by Member Modrak, to enter executive session at 8:55p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

S. CLOSED SESSION

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.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss (select one or more):

- 1) *Pending Litigation and Insurance Indemnification, Jason Fennes Matter; and*
- 2) *School Safety; and*
- 3) *Personnel Matters.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and

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

Motion by Vice President Novi second by Member Grau, to reenter from executive session at 9:30 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

T. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to discuss, on a motion by Vice President Novi, second by Member Grau, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Tevis
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary