MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

July 21, 2015

Montville Township School District Administrative Offices – Board Conference Room

A. President Cortellino called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 the following known items:

1) Two (2) on-going litigation 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.

B. **RECONVENED**

Motion by Member Grau, second by Member Morella, to reenter from executive session at 7:31 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

President Cortellino reconvened the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

BOE ROLL CALL:	Present	Absent
Dr. Cortellino	X	
Mr. Grau	X	
Mr. Johnson	X	
Dr. Kayne	X	
Dr. Modrak	X	
Mr. Morella	X	
Mrs. Novi	X	
Mr. O'Brien	X	
Mr. Palma	X	

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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. RESERVED - HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT - (NONE)

F. RESERVED - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - (NONE)

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tevis reported that final approval from the New Jersey Department of Education had been received today on the Montville Township High School Media Center Project. Construction is set to commence on Monday. He indicated that the project should be completed by the late fall.

G. RESERVED - COMMITTEE REPORTS - (NONE)

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Karen Nyquist, member of the Long Hill Township Board of Education, told the Board members that they are fortunate to have Dr. Rovtar as their superintendent. She is already missed in Long Hill Township.

I.   RESERVED – MINUTES - (NONE)

J.   ADMINISTRATIVE

Dr. Rovtar led the Board through a lengthy discussion focused on identifying the strengths of the district and the challenges the district faces. The Board ultimately identified four main areas for goal development.

1. Continue our focus on areas that affect the climate and culture of the school district, including homework, drugs and alcohol, student placement, and competitions and contests at all levels. (Goal 1G from 2014-2015 continued)
2. Technology
3. World Language
4. How do we gauge our success.

The Administrative Team will develop goal statements for each of the four areas identified. These goals will be presented to the Board for discussion and adoption. Goals will hopefully be adopted at the August 25th meeting but no later than the September 8th meeting.

K – N   RESERVED - NO ACTION)

O.   CLOSED SESSION – (NONE)

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 July 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm to discuss (select one or more):

1) a matter rendered confidential by federal or state law
2) a matter in which release of information would impair the right to receive government funds
3) material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy
4) a collective bargaining agreement and/or negotiations related to it
5) a matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds
6) protection of public safety and property and/or investigations of possible violations or violations of law
7) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and/or matters of attorney-client privilege

8) specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session

9) deliberation after a public hearing that could result in a civil penalty or other loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education will meet in public session on July 28, 2015 at 7:30 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.

P.   **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Q.   **ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

None.

R.   **GENERAL BOARD COMMENTS / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

S.   **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

T.   **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by Member Novi, second by Member Morella, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Tevis
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary