

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Virtual Meeting

Agenda

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Call to Order by President Grau

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino		
Mr. Joseph Daughtry		
Mrs. Christine Fano		
Dr. David Modrak		
Mr. Michael O'Brien		
Mr. Michael Rappaport		
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman		
Mr. Michael Palma, Vice-President		
Mr. Charles Grau, President		

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

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 October 13, 2020, at ____ p.m. to discuss:

- 1) Personnel Issue

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.

Motion: _____ Seconded: _____

All in Favor: _____ Oppose: _____ Abstain: _____

President Grau reconvened the meeting to order at ____ p.m., with a roll call.

Roll Call

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Dr. Karen Cortellino		
Mr. Joseph Daughtry		
Mrs. Christine Fano		
Dr. David Modrak		
Mr. Michael O'Brien		
Mr. Michael Rappaport		
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman		
Mr. Michael Palma, Vice-President		
Mr. Charles Grau, President		
High School Student Representatives		
Elliot Jo		
Natalie Rossinow		

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meeting Notice

Katine Slunt, School Business Administrator

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 October 9, 2020.

Section F:

Superintendent’s Report

Remarks:

Presentations:

Business Administrator’s Report

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.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comments, the Board shall set aside a portion of Board meeting, the length of the portion to be determined by the Board, for public comment on any school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules.

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five minutes’ duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;

4. All statements, questions or inquires shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquires directed by a participants to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member;
5. The presiding officer may:
 - Interrupt, warn, and/ or terminate a participant’s statement, question or inquiry when it is too lengthy;
 - Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question or inquiry is abusive, obscene or may be defamatory;
 - Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting;
 - Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and
 - Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation of the Board Meeting.

Consent Resolutions

Motion:
Second:

All matters are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed and acted upon separately, immediately following the consideration of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. A motion or a second is not required to remove an item(s) from the Consent Agenda. All resolutions acted upon at this meeting are available to be viewed this evening and copies can be obtained by contacting the School Board Office.

Section L:

Personnel

Chair, Mr. Modrak– Mrs. Fano, 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.6: Termination of Participation in the State Health Benefits Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the program (Medical Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all of its active and retired employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education will notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the program, December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education understands that the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage, and that all COBRA participants will be notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and advised to contact the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education concerning the alternative medical insurance plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education understands that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

L.7: Acceptance of Proposal for Health Benefits Coverage through AETNA Insurance Company

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education hereby resolves to accept the proposal for medical plan coverage through AETNA Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for all of its active and retired employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education will notify all active employees of the date of the new medical coverage through AETNA Insurance Company, effective January 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education understands that all retired and COBRA participants will contact the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education concerning the alternative health insurance plan offered through AETNA Insurance Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education understands that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by AETNA Insurance Company.

Section P:

Vote on Consent Resolutions

Roll Call

Board Member	M/S	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Comments
Dr. Karen Cortellino						
Mr. Joseph Daughtry						
Mrs. Christine Fano						
Dr. David Modrak						
Mr. Michael O'Brien						
Mr. Michael Rappaport						
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman						
Mr. Michael Palma, Vice-President						
Mr. Charles Grau, Board President						

Section O:

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 October 27, 2020 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. 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 October 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via 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

Section R:

General Board Comment and New Business

Section S:

Public Participation

(On any item of interest)

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. The Board requests that the same guidelines be followed as outlined above.

Section T:

Adjournment

Motion: _____

Seconded: _____

All in Favor: _____

Oppose: _____

Abstain: _____

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

Regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings are televised and posted to YouTube via the internet.

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