

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
 Virtual Meeting

Agenda

Organization Meeting of the Board of Education

Tuesday January 5, 2021

Call to Order by Katine Slunt

7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle 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

Open Public Meetings Statement by Katine Slunt

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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, the Montville Township Board of Education has approved this meeting date. Notice of the meeting has been posted at the 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, the Board's official newspaper, on October 9, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Oath

All New Board Members

Board Election Results: Joseph Daughtry 8,887 votes
 Michael J. Palma 8,949 votes
 Michelle Zuckerman 8,979 votes

Election of Officers

Katine Slunt seeks nominations for PRESIDENT. Motion to Nominate: _____

Motion to Nominate: _____

Motion to Close Nominations for PRESIDENT: 1st _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor _____

Nomination for President	Vote	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman			

The newly elected President assumes leadership of the meeting, taking nominations for VICE PRESIDENT.

Motion to Nominate: _____

Motion to Nominate: _____

Motion to Close Nominations for VICE PRESIDENT: 1st _____ 2nd _____ All in Favor _____

Nomination for Vice President	Vote	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman			

Organization Resolutions

Motion:

Second:

Adoption of Code of Ethics

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education adopts the Code of Ethics as noted below:

- A. You will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- B. You will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- C. You will confine your board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- D. You will carry out your responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with your fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- E. You will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- F. You will refuse to surrender your independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- G. You will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, you will provide accurate information and, in concert with your fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- H. You will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I. You will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- J. You will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Approval of Parliamentary Procedure (Robert’s Rules)

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the use of Roberts Rules and abstentions do not count for votes in either direction.

Bylaws, Policies and Regulations

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education adopts all previously written By-laws and Policies of this Board of Education and that they be continued in force until such time that this Board amends same. The Board acknowledges that this includes By-Law 0142 – Board Member Qualifications and Prohibited Acts and Code of Ethics.

Approval of Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following schedule of Regular Voting Meetings for the period January 5, 2021 to the Organization Meeting of 2022, or until such time that this board amends the same. Closed Session will start at 6:30 PM and Public Session will start at 7:30PM. The Organizational Meetings on January 5, 2021 and January 4, 2022 will commence at 7:00 p.m.

First Meeting of the Month			Second Meeting of the Month		
Tuesday	*January 5, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	January 19, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	February 2, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	February 16, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	March 2, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	March 16, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	April 13, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	April 27, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	May 4, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	May 18, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	June 1, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	June 15, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	July 20, 2021	Virtual Meeting	-	-	-
Tuesday	August 17, 2021	Virtual Meeting	-	-	-
Tuesday	September 14, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	September 28, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	October 5, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	October 26, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	November 16, 2021	Virtual Meeting	-	-	-
Tuesday	December 7, 2021	Virtual Meeting	Tuesday	December 21, 2021	Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	*January 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting			

Approval of Board Committees and Liaisons for the 2021 Calendar Year

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following Board Committees for the 2021 Calendar Year. Committee and Liaison Meetings will be held at the discretion of the Committee Chairperson; the time and date of the Committee Meeting will be announced.

Committee / Liaisons	Chairperson	Members
Curriculum & Instruction		
Policy & Personnel		
Finance & Facilities		
Communications		
Negotiations		
Safety & Security		
Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association		
Delegate to Morris County School Boards Association		
Delegate to Morris County Educational Services Commission		
Montville Township Drug Awareness Council		
Delegate to Montville Athletic Boosters		
PTC Cedar Hill		
PTC Hilldale		

PTC Valley View		
PTC William Mason		
PTC Woodmont		
PTC Lazar		
PTC High School		

Approval of Internal Appointments for the 2021 Calendar Year: Board Secretary

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Katine M. Slunt as Board Secretary for the 2021 Calendar Year through the next Organization Meeting.

Approval of Internal Appointments for the 2021 Calendar Year: Assistant to Board Secretary

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Diane J. Maggiore as Assistant to the Board Secretary for the 2021 Calendar Year through the next Organization Meeting.

Approval of External Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2021 Calendar Year:

Official Newspaper	Daily Record	
Official Newspaper	Star Ledger	
Insurance Agent	Brown & Brown Advisors	
Health Benefit Provider	State Health Benefits Plan	6.3% premium decrease
Dental Benefit Provider	Delta Dental of New Jersey	0.0% premium increase through 06/30/2022
Vision Benefit Provider	NVA Vision	0.0% premium increase
Prescription Provider	Benecard	0.0% premium increase through 06/30/2022

Vote on Organization Resolutions

Roll Call

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman			

Finance Resolutions:

Motion:

Second:

Approval of the Banking Institutions and Accounts

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves Lakeland Bank, Oakridge, NJ, for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021, to act as a depository for public funds, and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below (N.J.S.A 17:9-9, 18A:17-34, 19-1):

Name	Signature	Bank
General Fund	Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
General Fund - Escrow	Board Secretary	Peapack Gladstone
General Fund - Escrow	Board Secretary	Peapack Gladstone

Payroll Account	Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
Payroll Agency Account	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board	Lakeland
Food Services/ Cafeteria	Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
Capital Projects- E.S.I.P. Escrow	Board President and/or Board Secretary	TD Bank
Capital Projects- Escrow	Board Secretary	TD Bank
Petty Cash Account: Board Office	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
Petty Cash Accounts: Elem. Schools	Building Principal, School Secretary and/or Board Secretary	Lakeland
Petty Cash Account: Middle School	Building Principal, Vice Principals	Lakeland
Petty Cash Account: High School	Building Principal, Vice Principals and/or School Secretary	Lakeland
Petty Cash Account: Technology	Board Secretary, Technology Manager and Dept. Secretary	Lakeland
Petty Cash Account: Special Services	Board Secretary, Director and Supervisor of Special Services	Lakeland
Petty Cash Account: High School Athletics	Board Secretary, Athletic Director and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
High School Athletic	Board Secretary, Superintendent, Athletic Director and/or Asst. Bd Sec.	Lakeland
Buildings Activity Accounts: Elem. Schools	Building Principal, School Secretary and/or Board Secretary	Lakeland
Building Activity Account; Middle School	Board Secretary, Principal and/or Vice Principals	Lakeland
Building Activity Account: High School	Building Principal and/or Vice Principals, and Bursar	Lakeland
Unemployment Insurance Account	Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
Cobra Account	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
Health Insurance Reserve Account	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
FSA Account	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
Summer Savings	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
River Road Escrow Account	Board Secretary or Asst. Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
In Memory of Matthew Scholarship	Board Secretary or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland
Laura E. Mazzola Scholarship Fund	Board Secretary or Asst. Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
School Store	Board Secretary, Superintendent and/or Asst. Board Secretary	Lakeland

Approval of Investments and Wires

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education designates the School Business Administrator as the person responsible for any and all Board of Education investments; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator be authorized to make wire transfers amongst board accounts as necessary.

Approval of Payment of Bills Between Board Meetings for the 2021 Calendar Year.

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to approve the payment of bills, as may be necessary between board meetings, and in accordance with Board Policy #6470.

Approval of Facsimile Signatures

Resolved, that the Montville Township Board of Education authorize the Facsimile Signature of the President, school Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Superintendent of Schools to be used on the general fund checking account; Superintendent of Schools for the payroll account; and Superintendent and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the payroll agency account.

Approval of Petty Cash Funds

WHEREAS, there has been established a petty cash fund for the purpose of making immediate payments of comparatively small amounts; and
 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has amended N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.10 to establish requirements which strengthen the fiscal controls and accountability for petty cash funds.
 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education establishes the following Petty Cash Accounts and direct that they be replenished by the rules and regulations for Petty Cash Funds in accordance with Board Policy #6620:

- Board of Education - \$ 500. – Administration and Clerical signatures
- Each School Building - \$ 500. – Administration and Clerical signatures
- Special Services - \$ 500. – Administration and Clerical signatures
- Athletic Department - \$ 500. – Administration and Clerical signatures
- Technology Department - \$ 500. – Administration and Clerical signatures
- Athletic Department – Gate Receipts \$ 700. - Administration and Clerical signatures

Approval of the Professional and Other Service Providers

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, resolved, that the Montville Township Board of Education renews, awards the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education, for the period January 5, 2021 to the Organization Meeting of 2022, or until such time that this board amends same.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montville Township Board of Education acknowledges that these contracts are, have been and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular New Jersey Title 18A:18. et. seq., NJAC 23 and the Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part 200.

Service Provider	Service Rendered	Contracted Cost
Renew Contract:		
Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors	Insurance Consultant	Monthly fee of \$3,750.00

Vote on Finance Resolutions

Roll Call

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman			

Curriculum Resolutions:

Motion:
Second:

Approval of the Curriculum and Textbooks

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Montville Township Board of Education, adopts the existing K-12 Curriculum, Assigned Textbooks, and Programs in alignment with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs) for the period January 5, 2021 to the Organization Meeting of 2022, or until such time that this board amends same.

Vote on Curriculum Resolutions

Roll Call

Board Member	Yes	No	Absent
Dr. Karen Cortellino			
Mr. Joseph Daughtry			
Ms. Christine Fano			
Mr. Charles Grau			
Dr. David Modrak			
Mr. Michael O'Brien			
Mr. Michael Palma			
Mr. Michael Rappaport			
Ms. Michelle Zuckerman			

Regular Meeting Resolutions

Superintendent's Report

Business Administrator's Report

Section G: Committee Reports

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

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 statement, 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.

Section I: Board

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section J: Administration

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section K: Facilities and Finance

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section L: Personnel

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section M: Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section N: Policy

No actions are to be considered on this agenda.

Section P: Closed Session Announcement

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education will meet in public session on **January 19, 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

Section R: General Board Comment and New Business

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. 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.

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