

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE**  
Montville Township Municipal Building: 195 Changebridge Road Montville, New Jersey

**Minutes**

**Organization Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Tuesday January 7, 2020**

Eleven members of the public were present. Board Secretary, Katine Slunt, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call.

**Roll Call**

Present: Dr. K. Cortellino, Mr. J. Daughtry, Ms. C. Fano, Mr. C. Grau, Dr. D. Modrak, Mr. M. O'Brien, Mr. M. Palma, Mr. M. Rappaport and Ms. M. Zuckerman.

Absent: None

Also, Present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rene Rovtar  
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Casey Shorter  
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Andrea Woodring  
Board Attorney, Lawrence Schwartz

Ms. Slunt led the flag salute, followed by the Open Public Meeting Notice, listed below:

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 January 11, 2019.

Ms. Slunt read the results of the Board Election, held on November 5, 2019, as noted below:

Board Election Results:	Michael O'Brien	2,105 votes
	Michael Rappaport	2,094 votes
	Christine Fano	2,234 votes

Each of the new Board Members completed their Oath of Office.

**Election of Officers**

Ms. Slunt opened nominations for PRESIDENT. A motion was made by Dr. Cortellino and seconded by Mr. Palma to nominate CHARLES GRAU as Board President. Ms. Slunt inquired of any other nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Daughtry to close nominations. All members present voted yes.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Charles Grau for Board President, without exception.

President Grau assumed leadership of the meeting, thanking the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve as President and congratulating the new Board members for their victory.

President Grau opened nominations for VICE PRESIDENT. A motion was made by Dr. Cortellino and seconded by Mr. Daughtry to nominate MICHAEL PALMA as Board Vice-President. President Grau inquired of any other nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Daughtry to close nominations. All members present voted yes.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the nomination of Michael Palma for Vice-President, without exception.

Mr. Palma thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve as Vice-President and congratulating the new Board members for their victory.

President Grau reminded the Board and the public of the next Regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2020.

## **Organization Resolutions**

A motion was made by Dr. Cortellino and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the following resolution. President Grau suggested that the Board members read the Code of Ethics. Each member read one tenet.

### **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.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Modrak to approve the following resolutions.

**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 7, 2020 to the Organization Meeting of 2021, or until such time that this board amends same. Closed Session will start at 6:30 PM and Public Session will start at 7:30PM. The Organizational Meetings on January 7, 2020 and January 5, 2021 will commence at 7:00 p.m.

First Meeting of the Month			Second Meeting of the Month		
Tuesday	*January 7, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	January 21, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	February 4, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	February 18, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	March 3, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	March 17, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	April 14, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	April 28, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	May 12, 2020	Board Office	Tuesday	May 26, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	June 2, 2020	High School	Tuesday	June 16, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	July 14, 2020	Board Office	-	-	-
Tuesday	August 18, 2020	Board Office	-	-	-
Tuesday	September 1, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	September 15, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	October 6, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	October 27, 2020	Municipal Building
Tuesday	November 17, 2020	Municipal Building	-	-	-
Tuesday	December 1, 2020	Municipal Building	Tuesday	December 15, 2020	High School
Tuesday,	*January 5, 2021	Municipal Building			

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.

President Grau discussed the appointments for Board Committees and Liaisons, tabling the resolution for the next meeting.

**Approval of Board Committees and Liaisons for the 2020-2021 School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following Board Committees for the 2020 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.

<b>Committee / Liaisons</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Members</b>
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		

A motion was made by Dr. Cortellino and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the following resolution.

**Approval of Internal Appointments for the 2020 Calendar Year: Board Secretary**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Katine M. Slunt as Board Secretary for the 2020 Calendar Year through the next Organization Meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Modrak to approve the following resolution.

**Approval of Internal Appointments for the 2020 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 2020 Calendar Year through the next Organization Meeting.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Cortellino to approve the following resolution.

**Approval of External Appointments**

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education approves the following appointments for the 2020 Calendar Year:

<b>Official Newspaper</b>	Daily Record	
<b>Official Newspaper</b>	Star Ledger	
<b>Insurance Agent</b>	Brown & Brown Advisors	
<b>Health Benefit Provider</b>	State Health Benefits Plan	3.9% premium decrease
<b>Dental Benefit Provider</b>	Delta Dental of New Jersey	0.0% premium increase through 06/30/2020
<b>Vision Benefit Provider</b>	NVA Vision	0.0% premium increase
<b>Prescription Provider</b>	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	8.97% premium increase through 01/31/2020
<b>Prescription Provider</b>	Benecard	8.0% premium increase effective 02/01/2020

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

**Finance Resolutions:**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Daughtry to approve the following resolutions.

**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):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Bank</b>
General Fund	Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent	Lakeland
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
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 Secretary	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 2020 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**

RESOLVED, pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, that the Montville Township Board of Education renews, awards the following contracts previously awarded by the Board of Education, for the period January 7, 2020 to the Organization Meeting of 2021, 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
<b>Renew Contract:</b>		
Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors	Insurance Consultant	Monthly fee of \$3,750.00

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolutions, without exception.

### **Curriculum Resolutions:**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Cortellino to approve the following resolution.

#### **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 7, 2020 to the Organization Meeting of 2021, or until such time that this board amends same.

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on the above resolution, without exception.

President Grau continued into the Regular Meeting agenda with the Superintendent's Report.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Rovtar reminded the public that Kindergarten Registration opens on January 13, 2020 until February 14, 2020. Dr. Rovtar encouraged parents to register their kindergarten-age children.

Dr. Rovtar highlighted the district's Teachers of the Year and Educational Service Staff of the Year, who will be honored at the January 21, 2020 Board Meeting.

Dr. Rovtar also discussed the presentation by Principal Michael Pasciuto at the January 21, 2020 meeting on the 2020-2021 Middle School Schedule.

President Grau inquired as to the next presentation by N.J.S.B.A. Representative, Charlene Peterson. Dr. Rovtar responded, indicating that Ms. Peterson will present at the February 18, 2020 meeting.

### **Business Administrator's Report**

Ms. Slunt had no report.

### **Section G: Committee Reports**

No actions were 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. No member of the public spoke.

## Consent Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. Palma and seconded by Dr. Modrak to approve the following resolutions.

### Section I: Board

#### I: RESERVED

No actions were considered on this agenda.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section J: Administration

#### J.1 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

WHEREAS, the Montville Township Board of Education has received the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report of the Superintendent on January 3, 2020, 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 December 14, 2019 through January 3, 2020.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section K: Facilities and Finance

#### K: RESERVED

No actions were considered on this agenda.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section L: Personnel

#### L: RESERVED

No actions were considered on this agenda.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section M: Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

#### M: RESERVED

No actions were considered on this agenda.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section N: Policy

#### N: RESERVED

No actions were considered on this agenda.  
No additional comments were made.

### Section P: Vote on Consent Resolutions

### Roll Call

A Roll Call Vote was called by Ms. Slunt. The motion passed, as noted below:

Mr. M. Palma	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Ms. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. M. O'Brien	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. M. Rappaport	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Ms. M. Zuckerman	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.

### Section O: Closed Session Announcement

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 **January 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** to discuss:



- 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 **January 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.** at the 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Palma and seconded by Mr. O'Brien to enter into Closed Session. The motion passed, all present members voting yes. The Board exited the meeting into Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

President Grau reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

President Grau thanked John Morella for his service to the Board. President Grau reminded the Board members of their mandatory training for 2020.

### **Section Q: Old Business**

President Grau commended the Pep Rally held at the High School on December 20, 2019, highlighting the strength of the district and school spirit shown at the event. President Grau thanked the students and the staff for their participation, extending his gratitude to the Association through the M.T.E.A. President, Scott Riotta.

### **Section R: General Board Comment and New Business**

Mr. O'Brien agreed that the Pep Rally was a great event and he thanked the High School staff who participated.

### **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. One member of the public spoke, congratulating the new Board members on behalf of the Montville Township Educational Association.

### **Section T:**

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Modrak to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, all present members voting in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katine Slunt  
Board Secretary