

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Eighteen members of the public were present, virtually. President Grau called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a roll call.

Roll Call

Present: Dr. K. Cortellino, Mr. J. Daughtry(10:15 a.m.), Mrs. C. Fano, Dr. D. Modrak, Mr. M. O'Brien, Mr. M. Rappaport(10:15 a.m.), Ms. M. Zuckerman, Mr. M. Palma and Mr. C. Grau.

Absent: None.

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
Diane Maggiore, Assistant to the Business Administrator

President Grau welcomed the public and led the flag salute.

Open Public Meeting Notice

Ms. Slunt read the Open Public Meeting Notice, as listed below:

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 July 18, 2020.

Section E:

High School Student Representatives Report

No actions were considered on this agenda.

Section F:

Superintendent's Report

No actions were considered on this agenda.

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. Dr. Rovtar provided directions for public participation in the meeting. No members of the public spoke.

Consent Resolutions

A motion was made by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Cortellino to approve the following resolutions in a consent motion.

Section I:

Board

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

Section J:

Administration

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

Section K: Facilities and Finance*Chair, Dr. Cortellino – Mr. Daughtry, Mr. O’Brien*

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

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.1: Leave of Absence

No actions were considered on this agenda.

L.2: Resignations, Retirements, Terminations

No actions were considered on this agenda.

L.3: Appointments and Transfers

(*denotes mentoring required)

RESOLVED, that the Montville Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following coaching appointments for the 2020-2021 school year.

	Name	Action	Position	Location	Cat/Step	Salary	Effective	Discussion
1	DeBonta, Patrick	Approve	Head Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4	\$13,445.00	Fall 2020	
2	Schwindel, Ian	Approve	First Assistant Football	MTHS	Cat 1A/Step 4+	\$8,879.00	Fall 2020	
3	Testa, Matthew	Approve	Assistant Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4+	\$8,540.00	Fall 2020	
4	Chierici, Matthew	Approve	Assistant Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4+	\$8,540.00	Fall 2020	
5	Maher, Brady	Approve	Assistant Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4+	\$8,540.00	Fall 2020	
6	Norton, Michael	Approve	Assistant Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4+	\$8,540.00	Fall 2020	
7	Crescente, Richard	Approve	Assistant Coach Football	MTHS	Cat 1/Step 4+	\$8,540.00	Fall 2020	
8	Brown, Kevin	Approve	Head Coach Boys Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$10,392.00	Fall 2020	
9	Brennan, Scott	Approve	Asst. Coach Boys Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
10	Keltner, Brian	Approve	Asst. Coach Boys Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
11	Sands, Nicholas	Approve	Head Coach Girls Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4	\$10,342.00	Fall 2020	
12	Boschetti, Samantha	Approve	Asst. Coach Girls Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
13	Rogic, Casey	Approve	Asst. Coach Girls Soccer	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
14	Vizzuso, Amy	Approve	Head Coach Field Hockey	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$10,392.00	Fall 2020	
15	Gallagher, Bryan	Approve	Asst. Coach Field Hockey	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
16	Heoflinger, Emily	Approve	Asst. Coach Field Hockey	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
17	Larkin, John	Approve	Head Coach CrossCountry	MTHS	Cat 3/Step 4	\$10,104.00	Fall 2020	
18	Knudsen, Amy	Approve	Asst. Coach CrossCountry	MTHS	Cat 3/Step 3	\$6,235.00	Fall 2020	
19	Sachs, Kenneth	Approve	Head Coach Girls Tennis	MTHS	Cat 3/Step 4+	\$10,154.00	Fall 2020	
20	Mosera, Richard	Approve	Asst. Coach Girls Tennis	MTHS	Cat 3/Step 4+	\$8,037.00	Fall 2020	
21	Maiello, Angelica	Approve	Head Coach Volleyball	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$10,392.00	Fall 2020	
22	Migliore, Gabrielle	Approve	Asst. Coach Volleyball	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4*	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
23	Kmetz, Heidi	Approve	Asst. Coach Volleyball	MTHS	Cat 2/Step 4+	\$8,257.00	Fall 2020	
24	O’Connor, Kelsey	Approve	Head Coach Cheerleading	MTHS	Cat3/Step 4+	\$10,154.00	Fall 2020	
25	Mastriani, Miranda	Approve	Asst. Coach Cheerleading	MTHS	Cat 3/Step 2	\$5,902.00	Fall 2020	

L.4: Adjustments and Stipends

No actions were considered on this agenda.

L.5: Appointment of Substitutes

No actions were considered on this agenda.

L.6: Home Instruction Services

No actions were considered on this agenda.

President Grau discussed the meeting with M.T.E.A. President Grau continued, highlighting the N.J.S.I.A.A. guidelines for athletes to begin practices. Five Board members spoke:

Mr. Palma discussed the possible cancellation of the Fall Season and his concerns for the safety of the athletes.

Dr. Cortellino discussed the need for the athletes to practice in order to avoid injuries.

Mrs. Fano supported the athletes practicing in order to avoid injuries.

Dr. Modrak supported the start of the Fall Season, but recognized that it may be cancelled.

Mr. O’Brien expressed concerns for the athletes and noted that additional guidance is needed from the State.

President Grau indicated that all of the Board members are concerned for the safety and health of the athletes.

Section M: Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

Chair, Mr. Palma– Mr. Modrak, Ms. Zuckerman

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

Section N: Policy

Chair, Mr. Modrak– Mrs. Fano, Mr. Rappaport

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. O’Brien	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. K. Cortellino	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. J. Daughtry	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mrs. C. Fano	Voted Yes,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Dr. D. Modrak	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.
Mr. M. Palma	Voted No,	on resolutions I through N, without exception.
Mr. C. Grau	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 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 August 4, 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 August 4, 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

No Old Business was discussed.

Section R:

General Board Comment and New Business

No General Board Comment or New Business was discussed.

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. Dr. Rovtar provided directions for public participation in the meeting. Two members of the public spoke.

Two members thanked the Board for their support of the student athletes; they noted that the coaches will follow the N.J.S.I.A.A. guidelines.

Mr. Palma indicated that he supported the student athletes but had concern for students' safety.

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 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katine Slunt
Board Secretary