

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2018**

The Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, entered Regular Public Meeting Session on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Instructional Media Center of Fieldstone Middle School at 47 Spring Valley Road, Montvale NJ. President Rossig called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn and Mr. Rossig. Mrs. Bagdat and Mrs. Foley were absent. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; and no members of the public.

Mr. Rossig read the **Open Public Meetings announcement** as follows:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 this Act, the Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted by Borough Hall/Montvale Public Library, the Board Secretary's Office, posted on the district web site, and such notice given to *THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS* and *THE RECORD*."

**COMMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mr. Rossig announced that no smoking is allowed and that pre-approval of audio or video recording by the public is required.

**PRIVATE SESSION**

**Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn introduced motion 4.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagdat and was unanimously approved.**

Motion 4.1        **WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act and the Montvale Board of Education reserve the right within the constraints of State Law to sit in Private Executive Session, and

**WHEREAS**, there now exists a need for this Board of Education to meet in Executive Session, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montvale Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss exempt matters as follows:

Superintendent's Report of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying  
Personnel – New Hires, Employee Stipends, Leave Request, Negotiations

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public will be informed

1. When the Board reconvenes to the Regular Meeting business portion of this meeting this evening; or
2. At a later date, undetermined at this time.

## **RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION at 8:05 p.m.**

At 8:05 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Roll call showed the following to be present: Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. DiFiore, Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn and Mr. Rossig. Mrs. Bagdat and Mrs. Foley were absent. Also present were Dr. Petersen, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Wasserman, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; Mrs. Gina McCormack, Fieldstone Principal, and no members of the public. The Board President restated the open public meetings announcement and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the public and invited them to sign the attendance sheet, if they so chose. He announced that no smoking is allowed and that pre-approval of audio or video recording by the public is required.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Superintendent's Report** – The governor of New Jersey gave his budget address on March 13, 2018. Governor Murphy gave what Dr. Petersen felt was a positive message towards education. His address talked about pre-school initiatives, school safety and expanding access to computer science. At the PTO meeting on Friday March 16, Dr. Petersen discussed safety initiatives within the district. Another important topic at the meeting were fundraisers run by the PTO and school updates from Mr. Collier and Mrs. McCormack. On Monday March 19, the special education advisory council for parents took place. At this meeting a mother in the district presented on the impact of one's diet on the person.

**District Enrollment** - Total district enrollment in March is 1,005 students, up one from 1,004 in February. Memorial has 532 students and Fieldstone has 473 students, Memorial adding two students and Fieldstone declining by one student during the month.

**Presentation:**            *FIELDSTONE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH IDE & PLCs*  
                                  *By Mrs. Gina McCormack*

Mrs. McCormack discussed the professional development plan at Fieldstone Middle School and how it entails PLCs, IDE, LATIC, and SMART Goals. First of all, Mrs. McCormack explained what all the acronyms represented and how they were all essential components of the school's professional development plan. Fieldstone School is doing this because students today are different than students of the past and we need to teach them differently, to help them focus on what you can do with what you know, noting that the future is changing. The school wants to balance student responsibility, student engagement, and academic rigor to enable students to achieve. Mrs. McCormack answered questions from the Board members.

## **HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No members of the public wished to be heard.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn introduced motions 8.1 through 8.4. Mrs. Baskin seconded the motions which were unanimously approved.**

*MINUTES*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, as written, the minutes of the following  
8.1 meetings:

February 5, 2018  
February 12, 2018

*HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be affirmed the Superintendent of School’s decisions  
8.2 and resulting consequences, if any, in response to reported acts of harassment,  
intimidation and/or bullying as itemized in executive session.

*CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE CALENDAR 2018-19, APPENDIX “A”*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved the 2018-19 employment calendar  
8.3 for custodial and maintenance personnel as listed on Appendix “A”.

*CLERICAL/OFFICE PERSONNEL CALENDAR 2018-19, APPENDIX “A-1”*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved the 2018-19 employment calendar  
8.4 for clerical/office personnel as listed on Appendix “A-1”.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Baskin introduced motion 9.1 through 9.13, which motions were seconded by Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye.**

*SUBSTITUTES*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved employment to the below list of individuals,  
9.1 as Substitutes, subject to Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 in the Montvale Public Schools  
during the 2017-18 school year, with compensation at the Board approved rate:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Christopher Volk	Substitute Teacher	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Christopher Volk	Substitute Teaching Assistant	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Surabhi Goyal	Substitute Teacher	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Surabhi Goyal	Substitute Teaching Assistant	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Matthew Scheffler	Substitute Teacher	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Matthew Scheffler	Substitute Teaching Assistant	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Eleni Backos	Substitute Teacher	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Eleni Backos	Substitute Teaching Assistant	3/20/18 – 6/30/18
Maryann Ghassali	Substitute Secretary	3/20/18 – 6/30/18

*RETIREMENT - C. SOMMER*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, with appreciation and regret, the  
9.2 resignation for retirement purposes of Charles Sommer, Music Teacher at Fieldstone  
Middle School, effective July 1, 2018.

*LEAVE OF ABSENCE*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved two and one-half days of unpaid leave of  
9.3 absence on February 21, 2018, February 28, 2018, and a half day on March 14,  
2018 for personal reasons to Johnna Duffy, FMS General Secretary.

*RESIGNATION*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted, the resignation of Amy Leon, Healthy  
9.4 Harvesters Club Advisor at Fieldstone Middle School, effective February 1, 2018.

*CO-CURRICULAR/INTER-SCHOLASTIC ADVISORS*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved Co-Curricular/Inter-Scholastic advisor  
9.5 appointments subject to sufficient enrollment for the 2017-18 school year as follows,  
with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement:

Co-curricular	Advisor	School	Type	Year as Advisor
Healthy Harvesters	Delia Durango	FMS	Type II	1st yr. (\$480) Feb. 1 – June 30

*COMPENSATION FOR LOST PREP TIME*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved compensation to the following for loss of  
9.6 Preparation periods with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement:

Allie Engleberg	February 16, 2018	\$ 20.00
Amanda Hough	February 7, 14, 15 & 22, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 100.00
Amy Hasenecz	December 20, 2017; February 28, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 60.00
Amy Hennessy	February 9, 2018	\$ 20.00
Amy Miller	February 16, 2018	\$ 20.00
Anthony Aliprantis	February 9, 2018	\$ 20.00
Belia Hernandez	February 7, 2018	\$ 20.00
Bernadette Ficarra-Morello	March 2, 2018	\$ 20.00
Briann Lafty	March 2, 2018	\$ 20.00
Carol Pittarelli	February 7, 8 & 23, 2018; February 27, 2018; March 5, 6, & 9, 2018	\$ 140.00
Clarisse Nicol	February 28, 2018; March 1, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 60.00
Darlene Gonzalez	February 23, 2018; February 28, 2018	\$ 40.00
Diane Magarelli	February 7, 2018	\$ 20.00
Donna Simon	February 5, 22, 2018	\$ 40.00
Erica Ripston	January 25, 26, 29, 2018 February 1, 7, and 16, 2018; March 2 & 12, 2018	\$160.00
Haley Schrek	February 6 & 7, 2018; February 28, 2018	\$ 60.00
Jennifer Iida	February 16, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 40.00
Jillian Marsigliano	February 1, 2018; February 23, 2018	\$ 40.00
Joan Bain	February 16, 2018; March 2 & 9, 2018	\$ 60.00
John McGinley	February 9 & 14, 2018; March 6, 2018	\$ 60.00
Julianne Delli Santi	February 2 and 7, 2018	\$ 40.00

Karen Kantrowitz	February 6, 2018	\$ 20.00
Karen Matesic	February 16, 2018	\$ 20.00
Katherine Walker	February 7, 2018	\$ 20.00
Kellie Rhatigan	February 27, 2018	\$ 20.00
Kristian Diore	January 26, 2018 and February 1, 2, and 7, 2018	\$ 80.00
Lauren Carcich	January 17, 26, 2018 and February 7, 8, 21 & 22, 2018; February 28, 2018	\$140.00
Lauren Dauria	March 9, 2018	\$ 20.00
Laurie D'Amaro	February 7, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 40.00
Lindsay Alvarez	January 29, 2018 and February 16, 2018	\$ 40.00
Lindsey Jachens	March 1 & 2, 2018	\$ 40.00
Lisa Neville	February 16, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 40.00
Lisa Rudd	February 16, 2018	\$ 20.00
Marlene Wynkoop	February 21, 22 & 28, 2018; March 1, 2018; March 2, 2018	\$ 100.00
Maureen McLaughlin	February 16, 2018; February 28, 2018; March 2, 9 & 12, 2018	\$ 100.00
Nicole Damion	February 7 & 16, 2018	\$ 40.00
Patrice Edelstein	February 16, 2018; February 28, 2018; March 1, 2018	\$ 60.00
Richard Jopp	March 2, 2018	\$ 20.00
Suzanne Burkel	March 2, 2018	\$ 20.00
Tenley Escoffery	March 1, 2018	\$ 20.00
Victor Conti	February 14, 2018	\$ 20.00

***SALARY GUIDE ADVANCEMENT***

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved advancement on the salary guide for 9.7 the following, under the provisions of the Board/MEA Agreement:

Effective: September 1, 2018:

Katherine Walker advances from BA+15 to MA

***STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENTS***

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved student teacher/intern placement/ 9.8 student observer for the 2017-2018 school year:

Student	College	Co-operating Teacher	Start Date
Ahmad Alabbasi	Bergen Community	Erica Ripston	3/20/18 - 6/22/18
Jennifer Ordal	Rutgers University	Meghan Dugan	3/20/18 – 6/22/18

***CHAPERONES - MODEL UN TRIP***

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved payment to Amy Hennessy and Richard 9.9 Jopp for chaperoning the Model UN trip to New York, on March 22 through March 24, 2018, at the rate as per Board/MEA Contract.

*ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that Anthony Manzoni, Lauren Hoffmann, and Gianna Cumella  
9.10 be approved for their attendance and participation in the March 26, 2018 Staff Professional Development Day, compensation at their current hourly rate.

*ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION – TRACK AND FIELD*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that Kathy Riabov be approved to provide after school support  
9.11 during track and field for two students from March 27, 2018 through May 23, 2018 with compensation at her current hourly rate.

*EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL*

Motion **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to  
9.12 adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education acknowledges that on-going professional development is critical to the instructional needs of the district or may further the efficient operation of the school district, and providing said training may require travel expenses;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board authorize employee and Board Member attendance in informational programs directly related to, and within the scope of the listed job title’s current responsibilities, and/or training opportunities as follows with payment of expenses, if applicable, based on the federal travel regulations provided that such expenses are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Cost (Not to Exceed)</b>
1/16/18 - 2/19/18	Austin, Alexandra	Designing Problem Based Authentic Learning Units	\$795.00
7/30/18 - 8/3/18	Golden, Jennifer	Teacher's College - August Writing Institute	\$946.57
7/30/18 - 8/3/18	Dauria, Lauren	Teacher's College - August Writing Institute	\$1,007.50
3/15/18	Petersen, Darren	Seton Hall Study Council Negotiations, Arbitration	\$20.67

*MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ART MONTH*

Motion **WHEREAS**, the study of music contributes to young people's development  
9.13

**WHEREAS**, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences, and

**WHEREAS**, music and other art significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the study of music prepares students with the necessary tools for a lifelong understanding and appreciation for all styles of music, and

**WHEREAS**, March is also Youth Art Month and is so recognized by a variety of activities in the schools, and

**WHEREAS**, Youth Art Month has been observed nationally since 1961 and has gained wide acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, children are our most priceless asset and childhood is the time to develop interests, skills, and aptitudes that will last a lifetime, and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of art in education is recognized as being necessary for the full development of all children,

**WHEREAS**, it is the stated objective of the public school to prepare children for a productive role in our society;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale endorses the observance of Music In Our Schools Month and Youth Art Month as opportunities to support the purposes and practices of music and art education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education re-dedicates itself to the maintenance of the music and art education programs in the Montvale School District, which is relevant to the needs of the children placed in its care and which will reach and positively influence each individual child.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Carvelli introduced motions 10.1 through 10.9, which motions were seconded by Mrs. McGauley-Eichhorn. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye.**

*VOUCHER PAYMENTS*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved/ratified for payment vouchers in the total  
10.1 amount of \$1,607,045.53 as follows:

**General Fund**

Appendix "B"	Book Transfers for 2/15 & 2/28 Payrolls and Wire Transfer for State Health Benefits	\$1,287,894.59
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Appendix "B-1"	Checks #8864-8953	\$313,992.96
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**Student Activities Fund**

Appendix "B-2"	Checks #2302-2322	\$5,157.98
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*APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved line item appropriation transfers to the 2017-18 budget as follows:

From	Account	To	Account	Amount	Explanation
11-000-100-566-5-00	Tuition Private School HC	11-000-100-562-5-00	Tuition Other LEA Spec	\$15,600	Region II Summer Program Tuition
11-000-100-566-5-00	Tuition Private School HC	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$12,000	New student moved to district
11-000-100-569-5-00	Tuition - Other	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$9,500	New student moved to district
11-000-223-320-1-40	Consultants	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$8,500	New student moved to district
11-000-223-580-2-00	PD , Travel, Dues, Dist	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$4,000	New student moved to district
11-000-223-580-3-00	PD , Travel, Dues, Dist	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$4,000	New student moved to district
11-000-291-270-1-13	Health Dental Vision	11-000-100-565	Tuition - BC Special	\$22,000	New student moved to district
11-000-221-600-1-00	PD Materials	11-000-221-320-1-35	Purchased Curriculum	\$700	Region II Fees
11-000-221-320-1-34	Curriculum Services	11-000-221-320-1-35	Purchased Curriculum	\$200	Region II Fees
11-000-261-420-4-62	FMS Cont Svcs Maint	11-000-261-420-4-63	MS-Cont Svcs Maint	\$5,000	Maintenance Services
11-000-262-420-1-62	Contr Serv/Cleaning	11-000-261-610-4-62	Maint of Plant - FMS	\$1,100	Maintenance Supplies
11-000-270-512-1-00	Trips/Other Than To/From School	11-000-270-503-1-00	Non Public AIL	\$1,000	Additional Aid in Lieu Students
11-130-100-101-1-01	Salary Gr 6-8	11-219-100-101-1-05	Home Instruction - Salary	\$9,000	Home Instruction for student per IEP
12-000-400-450	Construction Services	12-000-400-334-1-40	Architect/Engineering	\$16,500	Memorial Paving Project
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-241-100-101-1-01	Title III - Teacher Salary	\$2,000	Grant Rollover Funds
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-241-200-200-1-44	Title III - FICA	\$153	Grant Rollover Funds
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-241-100-610-1-00	III ESL Supplies	\$623	Grant Rollover Funds
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-241-200-500-1-00	III ESL PD OOD	\$285	Grant Rollover Funds
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-270-200-500-1-00	II PD OOD	\$2,302	Grant Rollover Funds
NA	Grant Rollover Funds	20-251-100-500-1-02	IDEA Flo Thru Tuition	\$2,888	Grant Rollover Funds

*BOARD CERTIFICATION – JANUARY*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approve the following reports as of January 31, 2018: The Board Secretary Report and The Cash Report, attached as Appendix “C” to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 [c]4, the Montvale Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 2018, after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports [appropriations section], and upon consultation with the appropriate district official, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.



**2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved for County Review and subsequent  
 10.5 publication in the legal advertisement budget statement format, including notice of the public hearing on the budget to be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 8:00 p.m., the following Tentative Proposed Budget for the 2018-19 school year which includes allowable health care adjustments of \$232,000 to offset health care costs:

Current Expense	\$17,720,212
Federal Grants	\$304,282
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>\$616,084</u>
Total	\$18,640,578

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the amount to be raised by local property taxes for the 2018-19 school year be \$16,037,355 for current expense, including an adjustment for Health Care Costs in the amount of \$232,000 and \$586,084 for debt service; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the Board as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, acknowledges the maximum travel allowance for the 2017-18 school year was \$82,880 of which \$45,089 has been expended as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, and hereby establishes \$77,245 as the maximum travel expenditure for the 2018-19 school year.

*Mrs. Wasserman reviewed the proposed budget and answered questions from the Board members regarding the proposed 2018-2019 school budget.*

**DISPOSALS - TEXTBOOK**

Motion **RESOLVED**, that approval be given to sell the following textbooks; or to dispose  
 10.6 of the following textbooks if they are over 10 years old; or to dispose the following textbooks subsequent to their 120 day posting on the New Jersey Textbook Sharing Website if they are less than 10 years old:

Title	Author/Publisher	ISBN	Year Published	Quantity
Growing with Music	Wilson, Ehret, Snyder, Hermann, and Renna	N/A	1963	35
Exploring Music	Boardman and Landis	0-03-000071-8	1975	28
Singing Teenagers, Songs for Youth	Pitts and Glenn	N/A	1954	40
Making Music Your Own	Youngberg and Luening	N/A	1965	100
Discovering Music Together - 7, 8	Leonhard, Krone, Wolfe and Fullerton	N/A	1966	120

**DONATION-MONTVALE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted with appreciation the following grants from  
 10.7 the Montvale Educational Foundation:

Ruth Levy Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000,  
MEF Grant Number PNG#388  
Requested by: Darren Petersen

Authentic-based Social Studies:  
The International Middle School Model UN Conference,  
in the amount of \$1000.00,  
MEF Grant Number PNG#389  
Requested by: Richard Jopp and Amy Hennessy

Makerspace: Engaging Students  
in Hands-On Research in the Instructional Media Center,  
in the amount of \$5,700.00,  
MEF Grant Number PNG#390  
Requested by: Alexandra Austin

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board for this generous donation.

*E-RATE CATEGORY TWO COMMITMENT*

Motion 10.8 **WHEREAS**, the Montvale Board of Education applies for annual funding through the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, more commonly known as the “E-Rate” Program, which provides discounts to eligible entities for data network equipment and related services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Montvale Board of Education posted FCC Form 470 number 180021506 in accordance with E-Rate Program rules to initiate the competitive bidding process to solicit bids from vendors of wireless and data network equipment and related services to enable network upgrades for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2018, and

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator and Technology Supervisor reviewed the bids received and hereby recommend that the Board approve the issuance of one or more purchase orders to CDW-G in an amount up to \$49,376 to procure wireless and data network equipment and related services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education has considered the recommendation and hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to execute one or more purchase orders to CDW-G for wireless and data network equipment and related services for an amount up to \$49,376.

*ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL FINANCE & PERSONNEL /PAYROLL SOFTWARE PROPOSAL*

Motion 10.9 **WHEREAS**, the Montvale School District Board of Education authorized the use of competitive contracting for the purchase of proprietary school finance and personnel/payroll software, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2018, the Board received three (3) proposals for the software, and

**WHEREAS**, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the selection committee evaluated the proposals and met with the vendors, and

**WHEREAS** the Board accepts the recommendation of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, and the Board awards the contract for Financial and Personnel/Payroll Software to Computer Solutions, Inc., in accordance with said proposal. The Board reserves the right to extend the contract in its sole discretion in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18S-42, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board President and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such contracts and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall cause a Notice of Award to be published in the official newspaper of the Board summarizing the award and indicating that the resolutions and contract are on file in the Business Office and available for public inspection.

## **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

**Mr. DiFiore introduced motions 11.1 through 11.3, which motions were seconded by Mrs. Baskin. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Aye.**

### *LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENT*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved the submission of amendments to the  
11.1 district's Long Range Facilities Plan to include the Memorial Elementary School Paving Project for up to \$120,000.

### *MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAVING PROJECT DOE SUBMISSION*

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be approved the submission of the Paving Project  
11.2 at Memorial Elementary School, State Project #3330-030-18-1000 by Maser Consulting P.A. to the State of New Jersey, Department of Education. The Board will not be seeking state funding for this project as part of the submission. This project will be listed in the District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

### *ACES – AWARD OF BID NATURAL GAS 2018-2023*

Motion **WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to  
11.3 as "ACES"), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA"), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the "Public School Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montvale School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs’ Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the

districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance, Facilities, and Transportation Committee met earlier in the evening on March 19 to discuss the proposed 2018-2019 school budget.

The Negotiations Committee met with the MEA Negotiations Committee earlier in the evening on March 19.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mrs. Baskin attended the PTO meeting last Friday and noted that through the PTOs various fundraisers, the PTO raises significant money and their efforts are very much appreciated. The funds raised go towards important projects for the district.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were shared.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Baskin said she was encouraged about some of the safety initiatives being considered for Memorial School.

Mr. DiFiore asked about the plan to replace Mrs. Miles who is retiring. Dr. Petersen said the district will look for a replacement for Mrs. Miles.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was shared.

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public wished to be heard.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Mr. DiFiore introduced motion 20.1 as follows, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Baskin and passed unanimously.**

Motion       **RESOLVED**, that this meeting be adjourned at 10:41 p.m.  
20.1

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wasserman  
Board Secretary