

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY**

**REGULAR PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 28, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President to call the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Library of Fieldstone Middle School, 47 Spring Valley Road, Montvale, NJ.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Colla, Mr. DiSalvo, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Foley

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

"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 interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Education 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 NJM The Record-News Herald /www.northjersey.com.

3. **COMMENTS BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the public.

Invite those present to sign the attendance sheet, if they so choose.

No smoking is allowed.

Pre-approval of audio or video recording by the public is required.

4. PRIVATE SESSION

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

AYE Votes: _____

NO Votes: _____

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 reconvene 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

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.

5. RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION at 6:30 p.m.

The Board President will restate the opening comments.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District Events

Capital Projects Update

Enrollment - FMS and MES

7. PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Annual Budget Hearing

Presented by

Dr. Darren Petersen and Ms. Andrea Wasserman

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the first of two portions of the meeting reserved for comments from the public where members of the public are invited to address the board concerning board business matters of interest. If you wish to address the board, when acknowledged please provide your name, address and share your comment. All comments will be considered and a response may be forthcoming if and when appropriate. Issues raised by the public may or may not be responded to by the board. The board requests that all members of the public be mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Due to confidentiality and legal rights afforded by the state of

New Jersey, members of the public are asked to not speak negatively or in a derogatory manner about any employee of the board, or any student within our district.

At this time, I welcome comments from the public on agenda items only.

9. BOARD BUSINESS

Motions 9.1 through 9.5 were introduced by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Colla, Mr. DiSalvo, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Foley.

MINUTES

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

March 10, 2025 (see attached)
March 17, 2025 (see attached)

APPROVAL TO AFFIRM HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING DECISIONS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be affirmed the Superintendent of School's decisions and
9.2 resulting consequences, if any, in response to reported acts of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying per the below table:

HIB #	Executive Session Discussion Date
M6	April 7, 2025

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

Motion **WHEREAS**, the month of April 2025 has been designated nationally as School
9.3 Library Month by the American Association of School Librarians; and

WHEREAS, school libraries strive to provide equitable access to resources and instruction for all students; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide materials and resources that reflect the diversity of our students and communities, as well as honoring a student's freedom to read; and

WHEREAS, school libraries provide resources and instruction to assist with the implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards; and

WHEREAS, school library media specialists develop information literacy skills instruction so students are able to effectively locate, evaluate and apply knowledge; and

WHEREAS, school library media specialists assist with literacy development to raise literacy rates by inspiring students to develop a lifelong love of reading; and

WHEREAS, school library media specialists create literature appreciation activities and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and

WHEREAS, school libraries contribute to students’ social and emotional learning needs; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school libraries and the role of certified school library media specialists in ensuring an environment that allows for reading and learning, investigation and research, and the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for all students in New Jersey; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montvale Board of Education recognizes April 2025 as School Library Month.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Motion **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Montvale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to
9.4 as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulation and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Board and the Parent of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, which is annexed to this Resolution, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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9.5 as the “Board”) that the terms, stipulation and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Board and the Parent of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office, which is annexed to this Resolution, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.

10. EDUCATION COMMITTEE [Mr. DiSalvo/Mrs. Baskin/Dr. Khan]

Motions 10.1 through 10.12 were introduced by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Colla, Mr. DiSalvo, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Foley

NEW CONTRACT AWARDS

Motion 10.1 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved award of contracts, subject to Chapter 116, P.L. 1986, to the following, subject to continued student need:

Employee	Role	Effective Date	Hourly Rate
Gia Garbutt	Teaching Assistant	4/29/25-6/30/25	\$20/hr
Robin Mahon	Teaching Assistant	9/2/25-6/30/26	\$20/hr

SUBSTITUTES

Motion 10.2 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved employment to substitute, subject to Chapter 116, P.L. 1986 in the Montvale Public Schools during the 2024-25 School year, with compensation at the Board approved rate, the following individuals.

Name	Position	Effective Dates
Lisa Ledger	Substitute Secretary	4/29/25-6/30/25
Corinna Plati	Substitute Teaching Assistant	4/29/25-6/30/25
Corinna Plati	Substitute Teacher	4/29/25-6/30/25
Jacob Sconza	Substitute Teaching Assistant	4/29/25-6/30/25
Brenna Dolan	Substitute Teaching Assistant	4/29/25-6/30/25

COMPENSATION FOR STUDENT SUPPORT

Motion 10.3 **RESOLVED**, that Kathy Riabov be compensated to provide student support at the School Lego Club for up to six sessions after school, effective April 29, 2025 through June 30, 2025 at the rate of \$24.63 per session, when the student is in attendance.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND / BUS DUTY

Motion 10.4 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved employment of the following for before and/or after school playground/bus duty for the 2024-25 school year, with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement for days the duty is worked while schools are open for in-person instruction:

Employee	Role	Dates
Karen Kennedy	MES - p.m. bus	4/29/25-6/20/25
Allyson Rudolph	MES - p.m. bus	4/29/25-6/20/25

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Motion 10.5 **RESOLVED**, that the following be approved an unpaid leave of absence for the date(s) specified:

Employee	Date(s)
#52928462	April 10, 2025 and April 11, 2025
#19389097	February 11, 2025
#23028756	February 14, 2025
#97388508	May 23, 2025
#23028756	April 11, 2025 half day p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST REVISION

Motion 10.6 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved for Employee #95180204 an revised extended leave of absence under the New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA), without pay and with benefits on or about June 24, 2025 through August 27, 2025.

RE-EMPLOYMENT - SUMMER NURSE

Motion 10.7 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved an award of contract to Barbara Reineke as summer nurse, effective June 23, 2025 - July 18, 2025, with compensation of \$47.50/hour, for up to 120 hours.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - SUMMER NURSING SERVICES

Motion 10.8 **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approves entering into an inter-local agreement with The Borough of Montvale for shared nursing services for each organization's summer programs to be operated at Memorial Elementary School during the summer of 2025.

CHAPERONES - MEMORIAL SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

10.9 **RESOLVED**, that the following staff members be approved as chaperones for the Memorial School spring band concert on June 4, 2025 with compensation as per the Board/MEA agreement:

Gianna Cortazzo	Bernadette Ficarra-Morello
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CHAPERONES - MEMORIAL SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

10.10 **RESOLVED**, that the following staff members be approved as chaperones for the Memorial School spring concert on May 1, 2025 with compensation as per the Board/MEA Agreement:

Meghan Dugan	Giuliana Coccia
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STUDENT TEACHER/INTERN PLACEMENTS

Motion 10.11 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved student teacher/intern placement for the 2025-26 school year:

Student	School	Co-operating Teacher	Start Date
Ilyssa Siegel	Montclair State University	Debra Walker	9/2025-12/2025

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Motion 10.12 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to 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:

Date	Employee	Workshop	Costs Not To Exceed
5/21/25	Andrea Wasserman	ESCNJ Annual Conference	\$90.00
5/8/25	Bartlett, Danielle	Productive Struggle in Math Grades 3-8	\$100.00
4/23/25	Ficarra-Morello, Bernadette	PVRHS Social Studies Curriculum Meeting	\$0.00

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE [Mrs. Bagdat/Mr. Carvelli/Mr. DiSalvo]

Motions 11.1 through 11.11 were introduced by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Colla, Mr. DiSalvo, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Foley.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS

Motion 11.1 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved/ratified for payment vouchers in the total amount as follows:

General Fund		Total
Check Register	Digital Checks for March 2025	\$1,765,442.92
Check Register	Computer Checks No. 016950-016720	\$672,163.77

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS - 2024-25

Motion 11.2 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved all line item appropriation transfers to the 2025-26 budget year to date as follows:

Reason	Amount	Account Name	To	Account Name	From
Referendum Transfers	\$100,000	Project 6- Renovation Supplies	30-000-460-300-03 0-00	Project 5 Construction	30-000-450-450-030-00
Referendum Transfers	\$10,000	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	District Professional Services	30-000-400-339-010-00
Referendum Transfers	\$334	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 4 Construction	30-000-440-450-030-00
Referendum Transfers	\$156,528	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 5 Construction	30-000-450-450-030-00

Referendum Transfers	\$27,725	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 6 Architect/Engineer	30-000-460-334-030-00
Referendum Transfers	\$500,000	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 7 Construction	30-000-470-450-030-00
Referendum Transfers	\$500,000	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 9 Construction	30-000-490-450-030-00
Referendum Transfers	\$280,000	Project 8 Construction	30-000-480-450-02 0-00	Project 10 Construction	30-000-491-450-030-00
Custodial Supplies	\$1,000	Custodial Supplies FMS	11-000-262-610-02 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv MES	11-000-263-420-030-05
Custodial Supplies	\$1,000	Custodial Supplies MES	11-000-262-610-03 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv MES	11-000-263-420-030-05
Custodial Services	\$2,000	Clean & Repair Serv FMS	11-000-262-420-02 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv MES	11-000-263-420-030-05
Custodial Supplies	\$3,400	Custodial Supplies FMS	11-000-262-610-02 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv MES	11-000-263-420-030-05
Custodial Supplies	\$3,500	Custodial Supplies MES	11-000-262-610-03 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv MES	11-000-263-420-030-05
Home Instruction Services	\$1,000	Educational Instructional Svcs	11-150-100-320-02 0-02	FMS Art	11-190-100-610-212-02
Home Instruction Services	\$1,000	Educational Instructional Svcs	11-150-100-320-02 0-02	FMS Health	11-190-100-610-213-02
Home Instruction Services	\$2,000	Educational Instructional Svcs	11-150-100-320-02 0-02	FMS Math	11-190-100-610-214-02
Home Instruction Services	\$3,000	Educational Instructional Svcs	11-150-100-320-02 0-02	FMS Science	11-190-100-610-215-02
Technology Purchases	\$5,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Purch Prof Serv - Internet Con	11-190-100-320-010-00
Technology Purchases	\$2,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Purch Prof Serv FMS	11-190-100-320-020-02
Technology Purchases	\$5,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Purch Prof Serv MES	11-190-100-320-030-02
Technology Purchases	\$5,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Purch Tech Services	11-190-100-340-010-00
Technology Purchases	\$1,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Equip Lease/Rental District	11-190-100-440-010-00
Technology Purchases	\$3,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Equip Lease/Rental FMS	11-190-100-440-020-00
Technology Purchases	\$4,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Equip Lease/Rental MES	11-190-100-440-030-00
Technology Purchases	\$2,000	Student Learning Technology	11-190-100-610-01 0-00	Student Copier Supplies	11-190-100-610-012-00
Technology	\$3,000	Student Learning	11-190-100-610-01	MES Furniture	11-190-100-610-

Purchases		Technology	0-00		350-03
Annual Audit	\$2,603	Audit Fees	11-000-230-332-01 0-00	Architect/Engineering Services	11-000-230-334-010-00
Health Benefits	\$30,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Tuition BCSS &RDS	11-000-100-565-010-04
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Health Prof Services District	11-000-213-300-010-00
Health Benefits	\$4,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Health Prof Services FMS	11-000-213-300-020-00
Health Benefits	\$2,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Health Prof Services MES	11-000-213-300-030-00
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Guidance Supplies FMS	11-000-218-610-020-02
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Guidance Supplies MES	11-000-218-610-030-02
Health Benefits	\$2,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	CST Team Travel & PD	11-000-219-580-010-04
Health Benefits	\$6,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	ProfDev Purch Prof Serv	11-000-223-320-010-00
Health Benefits	\$8,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	ProfDev & Travel District	11-000-223-580-010-00
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Prof Dev Supplies FMS	11-000-223-600-020-02
Health Benefits	\$4,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Gen Admin Other Prof Svcs	11-000-230-339-010-00
Health Benefits	\$4,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Supt PD & Travel	11-000-230-580-010-00
Health Benefits	\$1,500	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	MES Asst Prin Travel & PD	11-000-240-582-030-00
Health Benefits	\$1,500	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	BA Travel & PD	11-000-251-580-010-00
Health Benefits	\$5,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Tuition Reimbursement	11-000-291-280-010-00
Health Benefits	\$3,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Purch Prof Serv Internet Con	11-190-100-320-010-00
Health Benefits	\$5,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	MES Technology Hardware	11-190-100-610-330-03
Health Benefits	\$5,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	MES Technology Software	11-190-100-610-340-03
Health Benefits	\$2,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	LLD Supplies MES	11-204-100-610-030-04
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Resource Rm Supplies FMS	11-213-100-610-020-04

Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Resource Rm Supplies MES	11-213-100-610-030-04
Health Benefits	\$1,000	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-01 0-00	Co-Curricular Supplies FMS	11-401-100-600-020-02
Maint Serv FMS	\$2,000	Maint Serv FMS	11-000-261-420-02 0-05	Grounds Purch Serv FMS	11-000-263-420-020-05
Electric Utility Costs	\$13,000	Energy Electric FMS	11-000-262-622-02 0-05	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-010-00
Electric Utility Costs	\$35,000	Energy Electric MES	11-000-262-622-03 0-05	Health/Dental/Vision Benefits	11-000-291-270-010-00

BOARD CERTIFICATION – FEBRUARY (Motions 11.3 and 11.4)

Motion 11.3 **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approve the following reports as of February 25, 2025: The Board Secretary Report and The Cash Report, attached as minutes of this meeting.

Motion 11.4 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 [c]4, the Montvale Board of Education certifies that as of February 29, 2024, 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.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT CONTRACTS 2025-26

Motion 11.5 **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approves Special Education out-of-district placements and contracted tuition and aide costs for the 2025-26 school year as follows:

Out-of-District School	Tuition 2024-25	Aide	State Student ID#
Sage Alliance	\$78,622.20	\$0.00	5929065752

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - AUDITOR SERVICES

Motion 11.6 **RESOLVED**, that there be approved a contract for auditing services with Barre & Company, LLC for the school year ended June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$27,150 with the following hourly rates to apply for additional services if needed:

- Team Leader - \$245 / hour
- Seniors - \$215 / hour
- Staff - \$200 / hour

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the the Board of Education will pay additional fees as required for:

- GASB-84 (Fiduciary Reporting): Fee for providing the journal entries for fiduciary reporting at a rate of \$550.
- GASB-87 (Lease Accounting): Fee for providing the journal entries and calculations for lease accounting: \$1,070 for the first lease and \$550 for each additional lease.
- GASB 96 (Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements): Fee for providing the journal entries and calculations similar to lease accounting: \$4,850 for the initial implementation.
- Federal Single Audit: In the event that you have NOT had a federal single audit in prior years but will now require a federal single audit for the current audit, the audit fee will be increased by \$5,000.
- Additional Subsequent Event Procedures: Fee for additional subsequent event procedures in the event of delays in the audit due date caused by the State of New Jersey Department of Education: \$1,100.
- Bank Balance Confirmations: Through Confirmation.com, the fee for confirming the bank balance as of June 30 effective November 2023 is \$45 per account (subject to change as Confirmation.com updates their pricing each year).

2025-26 SCHOOL BUDGET AND TAX LEVY

Motion 11.7 **WHEREAS**, the preliminary 2025-26 budget was adopted at a public meeting of the Board of Education on March 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the 2025-26 budget has been held on this date and all persons desiring to be heard were heard, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of Montvale does hereby adopt the proposed Budget for the 2025-26 school year, as follows:

Current Expense	\$23,013,010
Federal Grants	272,773
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>1,861,171</u>
Total	\$25,146,954

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the amount to be raised by local property taxes for the 2025-26 school year be \$20,043,793 for current expense and \$1,380,096 for debt service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the use of \$56,994 of Enrollment Adjustment in 2025-2026 and Banked Capital of \$556,419 in 2025-2026 be for special education tuition, related services, and transportation in the budget year

and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the use of \$322,946 of an allowable Health Care Adjustments in 2025-2026 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7f-38 to offset healthcare costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025-2026 budget includes a withdrawal of funds from Capital Reserve for \$400,000 for the purpose of professional services, abatements and renovations at Fieldstone Middle School and professional services, abatements, playgrounds and renovations at Memorial Elementary School, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2025-2026 budget includes a withdrawal of funds from Maintenance Reserve for \$120,000 for the purpose of required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) 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 2024-25 school year was \$74,800 of which \$36,528 has been expended as of February 28th, and hereby establishes \$66,300 as the maximum travel expenditure for the 2025-26 school year.

RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CARE OPTIONS FOR KIDS, INC.

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education enter into a renewal contract
11.8 for one on one nursing services with Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc. d/b/a Care Options for Kids (COFK) for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at the rate of \$65/hour for a LPN and \$72 per hour for a RN and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract be awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, and

BE IT FURTHER 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.

DONATION - O&R STEM CLASSROOM GRANT

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted with appreciation the Orange & Rockland
11.9 STEM Classroom Grant in the amount of \$1,000, facilitated by Debbie Katz,

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

DONATION - AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S NFL PLAY 60 GRANT

Motion **RESOLVED**, that there be accepted with appreciation the American Heart
11.10 Association's NFL PLAY 60 grant in the amount of \$1,000, facilitated by Jim Freeman and Adam LoPresti,

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

DISPOSALS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that approval be given to sell, donate, or dispose the following
11.11 books no longer being used in the Montvale Schools:

Publisher	Title	ISBN #	Copyright Date	Number of Books
Write Source	Writers Express (hardcover)	0-669-47163-1	2000	95
Pearson Prentice Hall	Science Explorer (hardcover)	0-13-201243-X	2007	90
Pearson Prentice Hall	Literature New Jersey (hardcover)	978-0-13-369956-2	2010	75

12. FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE [Mrs. Bagdat/Mr. Carvelli/Mr. DiSalvo]

Motions 12.1 through 12.2 were introduced by: _____ Seconded by: _____
Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Bagdat, Mrs. Baskin, Mr. Carvelli, Mr. Colla, Mr. DiSalvo, Dr. Khan, Mrs. Foley.

FIELDSTONE ABATEMENT SERVICES

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the proposal from Guardian Contracting, Inc for an abatement
12.1 of specified areas of the Fieldstone Middle School basement for \$6,500 be accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes its School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any agreement necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

CHANGE ORDERS - FIELDSTONE RENOVATIONS

Motion **RESOLVED**, that the Montvale Board of Education approves the following
12.2 change orders for the Fieldstone Renovations Projects with Premier Building and
Construction Management Inc.

12. Tree and stump removal for switchgear installation for \$2,530.00

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

15. COMMUNICATIONS

16. OLD BUSINESS

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the second of two portions of the meeting reserved for comments from the public where members of the public are invited to address the board concerning board business matters of interest. If you wish to address the board, when acknowledged please provide your name, address and share your comment. All comments will be considered and a response may be forthcoming if and when appropriate. Issues raised by the public may or may not be responded to by the board. The board requests that all members of the public be mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Due to confidentiality and legal rights afforded by the state of New Jersey, members of the public are asked to not speak negatively or in a derogatory manner about any employee of the board, or any student within our district.

At this time, I welcome comments from the public on any matter concerning board business.

20. PRIVATE SESSION [reconvened if necessary]

Introduced by: _____
AYE Votes: _____

Seconded by: _____
NO Votes: _____

Motion
20.1

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 reconvene in Executive Session, now therefore

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

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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.

21. FURTHER BUSINESS

22. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Introduced by: _____
AYE Votes: _____

Seconded by: _____
NO Votes: _____

Motion
22.1

RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at ____ p.m.