

**Montabella Community Schools**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Board of Education**

A special meeting of the Montabella Board of Education was called to order by President Linda Binkley on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office Complex Board Room.

**Members**

**Present:** Linda Binkley, President  
Tim Eldred, Vice President  
Emily Longnecker, Secretary  
Bryan Smith, Treasurer  
Jann LaPointe, Trustee  
Chris Rasmussen, Trustee  
Dennis Stratton, Trustee

**Members**

**Absent:** None

**Others**

**Present:** Ronald L. Farrell, Superintendent  
Ethan VanDePerre, Student Board Representative  
Shane Riley, Jr/Sr High Principal  
Shelly Mills, Elementary Principal  
Mark Higgins, Business Manager  
Jacki Fredricks, Director of Special Ed, Title, Curriculum  
Lori and Johnathan LeCruex, Parent & Child  
Paula Balhorn, Parent  
Nancy Valenta, MEA Representative  
Pastor Robert Hoag, G.O.D. T.E.A.M.  
Patrick Farrell, Former Student  
Numerous Staff and Community Members

**Reports:** None

**Discussion:** Paula Balhorn submitted a petition regarding Central Office closure.

**December 21, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

09-011CA Approve Financial Recommendation  
09-012CA Approve November 16, 2009 Regular Minutes and November 30, 2009 Special Minutes

**ACTION AGENDA**

09-044AA Approve Going into Closed Session for Student Disciplinary Hearing  
09-045AA Approve Disciplinary Action for Student  
09-046AA Approve Personnel Recommendations  
09-047AA Authorize Negotiation of Lease Agreement for the Central Office Building  
09-048AA Authorize Eagle Reality as Real Estate Agent  
09-049AA Adopt Resolution to Participate in a Service Consolidation Plan  
09-050AA Adopt Resolution for Purchase Card Usage  
09-051AA Authorize Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
09-052AA Accept Bid for Additional Lighting at the Elementary Building

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by: Tim Eldred Supported by: Bryan Smith

Motion: to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

**ACTION AGENDA**

Motion by: Jann LaPointe Supported by: Dennis Stratton

Motion: to approve the action agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

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**09-044AA      Approve                      Going into Closed Session for Student  
Disciplinary Hearing**

Motion by:      Tim Eldred                                      Supported by:      Chris Rasmussen

Motion: to approve going into closed session at 7:30 p.m. for student disciplinary hearing.

Motion carried.      Yeas:      7                      Nays:      0

**Came out of closed session at 7:56 p.m.**

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**09-045AA      Approve                      Disciplinary Action for Student**

Motion by:      Tim Eldred                                      Supported by:      Chris Rasmussen

Motion: to follow Mr. Riley's recommendation of 17 day time served suspension. With caveat of January 4, 2010 return with daily office assessment meetings and possible searches.

Motion carried.      Yeas:      6                      Nays:      1 (Smith)

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**09-046AA      Approve                      Personnel Recommendations**

Motion by:      Chris Rasmussen                                      Supported by:      Dennis Stratton

Motion: to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

**A.      New Hires**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Niki Battjes	Spanish Club	\$664

**B.      Recalls**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Tracey Diehl	Food Service Worker	11/18/2009
Lisa Hicks	Food Service Worker	12/7/2009

**C.      Resignations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Tracey Diehl	Food Service Worker	11/30/2009
Lisa Hicks	Food Service Worker	12/14/2009

**D.      Retirement**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Joie Rose	Secretary/Bookkeeper	3/1/2010

Motion carried.      Yeas:      7                      Nays:      0

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**09-047AA     Authorize                      Negotiation of Lease Agreement for the Central Office Building**

Motion by:     Jann LaPointe                      Supported by:     Chris Rasmussen

Motion: to authorize the Superintendent and the Facilities Committee to negotiate a lease agreement for the Central Office Building.

Motion carried.     Yeas:     7                      Nays:     0

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**09-048AA     Authorize                      Eagle Reality as Real Estate Agent**

Motion by:     Emily Longnecker                      Supported by:     Tim Eldred

Motion: to authorize Eagle Reality to serve as the agent to market district real estate.

Motion carried.     Yeas:     7                      Nays:     0

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**09-049AA     Adopt                                      Resolution to Participate in a Service Consolidation Plan**

Motion by:     Tim Eldred                                      Supported by:     Emily Longnecker

Motion: to adopt the resolution authorizing district participation in service consolidation plan with the Michigan Department of Education.

Motion carried.     Yeas:     7                      Nays:     0

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**09-050AA     Adopt                                      Resolution for Commercial Card Usage**

Motion by:     Chris Rasmussen                      Supported by:     Jann LaPointe

Motion: to adopt the resolution allowing the district to enter into a purchase card agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank through the Michigan Purchase Card Consortium.

Motion carried.     Yeas:     6                      Nays:     1 (Smith)

