

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
June 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

2016-2017 Board of Education Goals

To engage in a cycle of continuous improvement to ensure all students are educated with high standards and achieve at the highest levels of learning in the Montville Public Schools.

Item 1. Call to order

Board Chair Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were; Sandra Berardy, Steven Loiler, Colleen Rix, Monica Pomazon, Daniel Boisvert, Joseph Aquitante, and Carrie Baxter. Board member James Wood was absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Jennifer LeMay, Administrators, Mary Jane Dix, Denise Dunning, Amy Espinoza, William Klinefelter, Jill Mazzalupo, Jason Daly, Nic Savoie, Tanya Patten, Heather Sangermano, Jennifer Russell, and Jeff Theodoss.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

Item 3: Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only).

None

Item 4: Letters and communications.

Three letters were received, one from MAA and one from Ryan Treat in favor of privatizing buses. One from Linda Heller encouraging the board to maintain good relations with the Superintendent. All of the letters will be made available to the board if they wish to read them.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: **That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.**

Proposed by: Steven Loiler

Seconded by: Dan Boisvert

Abstentions: Sandra Berardy

Vote: Carried (vote 6-1-0)

Item 6. Unfinished Business. – None

Item 7. New business.

- a. Consideration and action to appoint board members to serve on the Transportation Negotiation Committee. (5- Positive Community Relationships)**

Motion: That the Board appoints Colleen Rix and Daniel Boisvert to serve on the Transportation Negotiating committee.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carries (vote 8-0)

- b. Consideration and action to appoint board members to serve on the Custodial Negotiation Committee. (5-Positive Community Relationships)**

Motion: That the board appoints Sandra Berardy and Monica Pomazon to serve on the Custodial Negotiation Committee.

Proposed by: Colleen Rix
Seconded by: Steven Loiler
Vote: Carried (vote 8-0)

- c. Consideration and action to adopt the proposed school calendar for 2018-2019.**

Motion: That the Board approves the proposed 2018-2019 school calendar.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler
Seconded by: Monica Pomazon
Vote: Carries (vote 8-0)

- d. Consideration and action to approve the proposed changes to the Teacher Evaluation Plan.**

Motion: That the board approves the proposed changes to the Teacher Evaluation Plan.

Proposed by: Colleen Rix
Seconded by: Dan Boisvert
Vote: Carries (vote 8-0)

e. Discussion and action on the Board of Education budget for 2017-2018.

Motion: To discuss the proposed adjustments.

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Steven Loiler

Motion: That the Board approves the recommended adjustments to the 2017-2018 Board of Education budget.

Proposed by: Daniel Boisvert

Seconded by: Monica Pomazon

Opposed by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: Carries (vote 7-1)

<u>Superintendent's Proposed Budget Cuts</u>	
<u>Personnel</u>	
.6 High School Math	-\$46,826
High School Language Arts	-\$56,404
Monitors	-\$34,900
.5 Counselor @ Tyl	-\$61,580
C N A Program	-\$20,000
Sub-Total	-\$219,710
<u>Extra Curricular</u>	
Middle School Sports	-\$34,735
Athletics (Various Accounts)	-\$25,000
Subtotal	-\$59,735
<u>Instructional Support</u>	
Summer curriculum	-\$30,000
Subtotal	-\$30,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Summer School	-\$75,000
Publications	-\$2,000
Purchased Services(Aspen)	-\$7,000
Fuel Oil	-\$25,000
Diesel	-\$15,000
State Inspections	-\$10,000
Equipment	-\$9,500
Travel	-\$5,750
Postage	-\$6,000
Supplies	-\$55,305
Subtotal	-\$210,555
<u>Additional Expenses</u>	
Unemployment	\$20,000
Subtotal	\$20,000
Total	-\$500,000

- f. Consideration and action to transfer \$32,000 from Supply Accounts (611) to Contracted Services (423) to fund the print service contract.**

Motion: That the board approves the transfer of \$32,000 from Supply Accounts to Contracted Services.

Proposed by: Colleen Rix
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carries 8-0

- g. Consideration and action to transfer \$40,000 from Employee Benefits (213-222) to Contracted Services Account (423) to fund the District Management Group Study as approved at the December 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.**

Motion: That the board approves the transfer of \$40,000 from Employee Benefits (213-222) to Contracted Services Account (423) to fund the District Management Group Study as approved at the December 20, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carries 8-0

- h. Consideration and action to transfer \$64,700 from employee benefits accounts (213-222) to fund the high school wireless project (423-contracted services in the amount of \$25,200 and 730- Equipment and licensing in the amount of \$39,500) the remainder of the project will be funded by e-rate in the amount of \$58,770.**

Motion: That the board approves the transfer of \$64,700 from employee benefits accounts (213-222) to fund the high school wireless project (423-contracted services in the amount of \$25,200 and 730- Equipment and licensing in the amount of \$39,500) the remainder of the project will be funded by e-rate in the amount of \$58,770.

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy
Seconded by: Colleen Rix
Vote: Carries 8-0

Steven Loiler Motioned to amend the agenda and add item 7i to approve District Wellness Policy.

- i. Consideration and action to approve revisions to Policy Number 6142; Wellness, as recommended by the Policy Committee.**

Motion: That the board approves revisions to Policy 6142; Wellness as recommended by the Policy Meeting at its meeting earlier tonight.

Proposed by: Joe Aquitante
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carries 8-0

Item 8. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy Committee (James Wood).

The policy committee reviewed and approved changes to the wellness policy at its meeting this evening.

b. Educational Evaluation Committee (Carrie Baxter).

The meeting was cancelled.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Daniel Boisvert).

Dan attended the meeting. Reported about investment opportunities for funds and upcoming golf tournament.

d. LEARN (Colleen Rix).

Nothing to report.

e. CABE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

There are many PD Opportunities and Early Registration is open for the November Convention. Talk to Jen if you would like to register. There is a new leadership conference also available on July 25th with a focus on diversity.

f. Atlantic Broadband Communications Advisory Council (Monica Pomazon).

Two students awarded scholarships next Thursday one will be will be in honor of Todd Pomazon, former Liaison.

g. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Daniel Boisvert).

Fundraiser coming up at Tigers Baseball game, get tickets from Dan, cost is \$10. Received donations this past month in the amount of \$1200.

h. Chair's Remarks.

None.

i. Other.

None.

Item 9. Superintendent's Report.

a. Report from Director of Special Services – Mrs. Paula LaChance.

I spent a lot of time this past month wrapping up the year-end evaluations, PPT's and finalizing plans for ESY.

Additionally, I have focused a lot of my energy on the Transition Program. I met with Pat Anderson, The Transition Coordinator for the State to finalize details for approval of our Transition Program. We were approved and have received our district code so that is really exciting. In the same vein I conducted interviews this past week for the Transition Teacher Position. We had a limited number of applicants however one was superior and I will be calling references to complete the process.

Yesterday Laurie and I ran a professional development on co Teaching for the secondary staff. We introduced 6 different approaches to Co Teaching that can be utilized. We highlighting the models that should be utilized the most. This is a big shift in the way the co taught classes have been run in the past so, it will take some adjusting and lots of practice and planning for the staff. Co teaching can be a very effective way to ensure ALL students meet the demands of today's standards while at the same time getting their specialized learning needs met. I am excited about the impact and growth this initiative will have and I look forward to watching it evolve.

b. Report from the Assistant Superintendent – Mrs. Pallin

This month my work has focused on many of the details related to the close of the school year. Managing teacher evaluations, facilitating issuance of report cards, finalizing orders for instructional materials and supplies, assembling teams of summer curriculum writers, finalizing plans for professional learning, and planning for kindergarten readiness are some of the activities that have consumed my time. I also held year-end meetings with the district's reading consultants and math coaches to discuss progress this year and needs for next year. This summer our students are being encouraged to participate in both the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge and the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge.

The CSDE has released district level Smarter Balanced Assessment data but we are not yet able to compare our progress to that of the state or other districts. Our growth in mathematics is noteworthy –over two years the percent of students in grades 3-5 who achieved proficient or higher increased by 22%. The percent of fourth grade students who achieved proficiency increased by 32% in two years (16% a year) at Mohegan, 37% at Oakdale and 15% at Murphy. The fact that we achieved high growth last year and continued to grow at that same rate is a testament to the hard work of our classroom teachers, the value of our math coaches, and the quality of the Eureka math program. Our ELA scores have remained more constant over time, with average district growth in the single digits at each grade level. It is my hope the Readers Workshop model will promote similar growth in reading though I wish we were in the position to create reading coaches to facilitate its implementation.

c. Monthly Update from the Superintendent.

Today we held our districtwide meeting where it was announced that Josh Cushing will be our Teacher of the year. Josh was surprised when his own students interrupted me from the stage to perform an a cappella song. It was an amazing performance to say the least. In addition, I talked about our challenges and all of our accomplishments during the 2016-17 school year. Following the meeting we had a picnic, sponsored by our vendors. I attended four of the six promotions last week. Each one was unique, and great send offs for our students. I always enjoy attending these events.

Item 10. Information Items.

- a. Teachers negotiations will commence before August 17, 2017.
- b. Reminder of Board of Education Retreat, scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 5:30 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center.

Bob: Board members will receive self-evaluation from Cabe before the retreat, please complete it and return it.

Item 11. Citizens comments (non-agenda items only).

Joe J. would like a copy of the cuts made. He supports comments made by Sandra Berardy and would like to see a second vote on transportation issue. Loretta Schmidt, 11 Chris Drive is trying to understand where we are at with the buses. Chair Bob Mitchell responded that we still own our own buses. Erwin Schmidt, cannot hear board members.

Item 12. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler
Seconded by: Joe Aquitante
Vote: Carried unanimously (vote 8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Mitchell, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Carrie T. Baxter, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____