

**SPECIAL MEETING
MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Montville High School Library/Media Center
January 11, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair David Rowley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. **Board members** present were Carrie Baxter, Steven Loiler, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, and David Rowley. **Also present were** Superintendent of Schools Pamela W. Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian C. Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin.

Board members Sandra Berardy, Thomas McNally, and James Wood were absent.

Item 2. Discussion and approval of Montville Public School's participation in the "Race to the Top" Federal Grant Program

D. Rowley turned the meeting over to P. Aubin to describe the "Race to the Top" Program (RTTT). P. Aubin described the program as a federally funded program for school reform. She stated that the decision to participate must come now; the opportunity to participate will not be opened back up to districts with the second round of funding unless the state needs more districts to participate. RTTT supports the reauthorization of Title 1 (ESEA) and would allow the district to jump start our preparation in order to be ready for the reauthorization. The district is eligible for \$170,568 over four years. We could use the funds to help provide release time for teachers, pay consultants, and pay for teacher training. The money would not replace anything in the operating budget. The grant money would be used to support an action plan which the district would develop. The district can determine which of the items we would like to focus on in the action plan. P. Aubin reviewed the three RTTT goals which apply to Montville and the required and optional initiatives within each of these goals.

D. Rowley asked for feedback from Board members and a discussion was held. D. Rowley stated that he is comfortable signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and directed the Board's attention to their Board of Education, 2009-10 Goal #5 which stated that the Board would continue efforts to seek grant funding where appropriate.

Motion: That the Board supports Montville Public School's participation in the "Race to the Top" Federal Grant Program.

Proposed by:	Robert Mitchell
Seconded by:	Deborah Reed-Iler
Vote:	Carried unanimously

Item 3. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Approved by:	Steven Loiler
Seconded by:	Carrie Baxter
Vote:	Carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brian C. Levesque
Assistant Superintendent of Schools