

SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
January 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

There was not a quorum of Board of Education members; therefore the meeting was informational only.

Present at the meeting: Board Chair David Rowley, Board Members Carrie Baxter and Robert Mitchell, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Pamela W. Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian C. Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Tatiana Patten, Jason Daly, and staff and community members.

D. Rowley introduced Board members and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the public concerning the budget. D. Rowley gave a brief summary of the budget assumptions and constraints, and turned the meeting over to P. Aubin. P. Aubin opened the meeting to the public for discussion, asking for ways we might reduce expenditures.

Staff and community members spoke concerning the following:

- Suggested revenue could be generated by requiring students pay for parking stickers and using those funds to support the school district. Indicated that requiring students to pay for privilege was better than the "pay for play".
- Suggested we review health insurance costs to explore co-ops or consortiums to help reduce costs.
 - P. Aubin stated this would be difficult because health insurance is a negotiated benefit unique to each District's teachers' contract. It would be difficult to align the benefits to have equitable insurance at lower costs by be able to realize a cost savings. Additionally, she explained that the school district along with the Town is self insured to help contain costs.

P. Aubin encouraged people to email her with any ideas. T. Amanti asked if we are looking at cutting any extra-curricular activities. P. Aubin stated that it was too early in the process to make any determination. P. Aubin indicated that during the budget process, she would involve principals in the decisions.

P. Aubin thanked everyone for being in attendance.

D. Rowley stated that regionalization would be a key word.

Pamela W. Aubin
Superintendent of Schools