



**MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
May 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Board of Education Goal:

Montville graduates will possess the skills and dispositions to navigate complex tasks. Our graduates are communicators, information consumers, problem solvers, and independent learners. They exhibit empathy, perseverance, inclusivity and self-awareness.

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Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – 5:00 P.M.

Board Chair Wills Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Board members attending were: James Wood, Bob Mitchell, Carol Burgess, Sheelagh Lapinski, Timothy Shanahan, Tina Grove and Lisa Terry. Board Member Lilyana Sherbanee was absent.

Also participating were: Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Recording Secretary Pamela Rodgers, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, and Administrators Paula LaChance, Rob Alves, William Klinefelter, Jill Mazzalupo, David Gollsneider, and Amy Espinoza. Town Council Liaison Colleen Rix was absent.

Recognize new Board member Lilyana Sherbanee

Item 2. Presentations

- a. CAFE Student Leadership awards presented by Principal Rob Alves.

Montville High School Principal Rob Alves presented CAFE leadership awards to Addie Concascia and Matthew Malbaurn

Superintendent Pallin - With the change in the date of the Board meeting, the Tyl CAFE student leaders had a conflict with tonight's Tyl band concert. I will

present the awards to them with Greg at the Tyl awards ceremony on June 6 which their parents have been invited to attend.

- b. Focus on SEL – principals

Rob Alves and Will Klinefelter presented survey results regarding school climate from across the district and described the programs implemented this year.

- c. Recognize Senior Board Representative: Matthew Malbourn

Superintendent Pallin - At this time, I would like to recognize and thank our senior Board rep, Matt Malbourn. Matt has very capably represented the student body for the past two years. Matt, we appreciate your diligent attendance, clear and informative reports, and insight into the MHS student perspective. We congratulate you for your graduation from MHS and wish you the very best in your freshmen year at UConn. We have a little gift to help you meet expenses for your books. I do also have to add my personal congratulations for your perfect score on the NGSS science assessment, and I look forward to hearing about your future successes!

Item 3. Alterations to the agenda

None

Item 4. Citizens' Comments (regarding agenda items only)

None

Item 5. Letters and Communications

Bob read letter from Board Member Grace Baukus resigning from her position on the Board.

Item 6. Approval of the consent Calendar

Motion: To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Moved by: Timothy Shanahan

Seconded by: Lisa Terry

Vote: Carried (8-0)

Item 7. New Business

- a. Montville High School and Leonard J. Tyl Middle School mascot reveal

Principal Rob Alves revealed the new mascot to the Board, sharing the significance of the choice and the work which went into the decision. Board members were presented with t-shirts showing the new logo design.

- b. Consideration and possible action to adopt HMH Into Literature for ELA instruction in grades 7-8

Superintendent Pallin - Your OneNote binders contain the program request and the rubric which Tyl ELA teachers used to select this program. It was presented at the last E&E meeting and the committee recommended it for approval by the full board.

- c. Discussion to set a date to visit schools to recognize 2022-2023 retiring teachers (suggested dates: May 30, June 1, 6, 7, 8)

We will be traveling to MHS, Palmer, Tyl, Murphy and Oakdale to recognize 6 retiring teachers.

Item 8. Old Business

- a. Review and possible revision of 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget based on adoption of the Town of Montville budget by the Town Council

Superintendent Pallin explained:

Town Council Meeting –

- *Board Request - \$43,799,600*
- *Town Council Approved - \$43,261,544*
- *Town Council Motion Added - \$200,000 from Cannabis Tax Revenue*
- *Total Town Council Approved Funding - \$43,461,544*
- *Shortfall - \$338,056*

Potential Budget Reductions –

Requested Additions to Rollover Budget - \$525,500

- *Special Education - Palmer Pathways, Tyl, Oakdale Pathways, CEM, MOH (\$297,000)*
- *Athletic Trainer (\$18,500)*
- *Tyl/PE Health (\$77,000)*
- *2 PT Custodians (\$56,000)*
- *ELA Coach (\$77,000)*

Other Possible Reductions –

- *CABE membership - \$17,350 if BOE wants to drop out of CABE*

- *MHS Golf Team- \$6,350; not recommended by superintendent, but was in last year's list of potential cuts*
- *Tyl Sports - \$34,000; not recommended by superintendent, but was in last year's list of potential cuts*
- *Meal Program - \$66,195 might be saved IF the state legislation approves free meals for all students again next year*
- *New CEM principal - \$23,000 savings in salary*
- *Board members are asked to bring ideas for reductions to the June meeting*

Costs which are currently estimates that might change

- *Fuel*
- *Health Insurance*
- *Changes to Outplacements*
- *Special Ed. magnet tuitions*
- *Magnet / Vo-Ag enrollment*
- *Liability insurance*
- *Late Retirees*

Item 9. Committee and Liaison Reports:

- Montville Education Foundation – Superintendent Pallin - Spring grant selection took place at the last meeting*
- LEARN -Bob Mitchell-Discussion of End of Year Budget*
- CABE/NSBA – Carol Burgess -Final Diversity Inclusion Meeting*
- Montville Youth Services Bureau – Sheelagh Lapinski - next meeting will be on Thursday. Recent activities include a blood Drive, distribution of tablets to community members, and the Strive for 85% campaign which has the goal that 85% or more of students will refrain from vaping.*
- Student Board Representative*

Senior Class Representative: Matthew Malbaurn –

Before I deliver my last report, I would like to thank the Montville Board of Education for this amazing position. For the past two years, I have been able to present the current events of Montville High School to you all, representing the students at Montville High School. I will miss the Tuesday nights I spend here getting the inside scoop.

Currently, it is spirit week at MHS. This week has seen the highest turnout in participation during this school year, with the junior and senior classes currently being neck and neck for the lead. Monday was Zoom IRL Day, giving us a throwback to our times of formal on top and casual on the bottom. Tuesday was teen trope day. I would like to give a shout out

*to the science department for taking it to the next level of goth, all wearing black eyeshadow and black lipstick. Wednesday was decades day. Freshmen were the 70's, sophomores the 80's, juniors the 90's, and seniors the 2000's. Teachers also got to participate by dressing up from the decade they graduated high school. Another shout out to Ms. Moriarty for rocking the side ponytail. And our biggest turnout of the week so far was today, class colors day. Freshmen wore pink, sophomores red, juniors blue, and seniors green. Although the freshmen are way behind in last, many tried to bring up their class points with crazy pink outfits and accessories. Tomorrow is black and orange day, as well as the combined middle and high school pep rally where the new Montville mascot will make their debut on the field. Lots of fun events are planned for the day, including an obstacle course, tug of war, and a teacher v. student relay race for the winning class of spirit week *cough* seniors *cough*.*

The Montville Drama club will be taking a trip in late May to Waterbury to the Palace Theater for the Halo Awards. The clubs fall show and spring musical were attended by judges who may possibly nominate an actor, actress, or category of the tech crew for the award show. Some of the awards include best actor, best actress, best comedic character, etc. The nominees will be announced on May 23, so keep your eyes out for any Montville High School nominees. The boy's tennis team had their last regular season match today vs. Lyman Memorial. The teams record now stands at 9-6, completing a winning season. The team is also currently; tied for first place in the ECC Division 3 conference. If the team overtakes Killingly, this will be our 4th consecutive division championship title, with the current seniors not dropping the title once in the three years they have been able to play, excluding their freshman year due to the pandemic.

Our recent victory over Ledyard during their senior night deserves to be highlighted, with wins from Brendan Duhamel, doubles team Ryan Yang and Danny Zhong, doubles team Zach Hochdorfer and Darren Chen, and the MVPs of the match Jack Bowman and Nathan Dillhon, going three sets to win their match, bringing Montville the victory.

I would like to take some time to introduce the up-and-coming student representative Adam Gallagher. Adam is currently a sophomore at MHS. He is a 2-year member of the boy's tennis team. He is an active member of the class of 2025 student council and the student government.

f. Principals' Report – was provided under presentations

Item 10. Report on District Operating Plan (Vision, Goals, and Strategies)

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

A lot of the focus has been on observing, analyzing and collaborating on appropriate programming for next year. My supervisors and staff are wrapping up meetings and student visits to their respective schools for next year. They are

conducting PPT for appropriate placements accordingly. ESY is in its final stages of planning.

b. Report from the Assistant Superintendent – Dianne Vumback

We are working on our summer learning plans. For students we will offer a K Readiness program for our incoming kindergarten students who need exposure to the classroom environment and interacting with other students. We will also offer credit recovery for our high school students.

c. Report from the Superintendent – Laurie Pallin

Hiring to fill teacher vacancies due to retirements is well underway. We have hired 3 special education teachers at Murphy and Palmer, middle school and high school English teachers, and are in the process of hiring an additional special education teacher and a science teacher for Tyl. We are extremely pleased with the skills and enthusiasm of these new hires.

Item 11. Information Items

None

Item 12. Citizen's Comments

None

Item 13. Board Chair Remarks

None.

Board Member Lisa Terry asked if members had RSVPed for Tyl graduation and expressed concerns regarding possible violation of the Freedom of Information Act because BOE members were invited to a Town Council Meeting via e-mail and a calendar invitation. When one board invites another board to a meeting Lisa believes it could be construed as a joint meeting.

Item 14. Future Agenda Items

Budget 2023-2024

Item 15. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Timothy Shanahan

Seconded by: Bob Mitchell

Vote: Carried (8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____