



**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 5, 2024 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

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

Board members attending were: Bob Mitchell, Carol Burgess, Bonnie Bacon, Timothy Shanahan, Tina Grove, Erika Stribel, Donna Funk and Lisa Terry.

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Administrators Paula LaChance, Greg Gwudz, Rob Alves, Jill Mazzalupo, Amanda Brown, and Liz Dumond. Board Liaison Joseph Jaskiewicz was absent.

Item 2. Citizens' Comments, (regarding agenda items only)

None

Item 3. Discussion of the superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2024-2025

*All materials presented can be found on the district website:
Board members' discussion focused on certified staff and class size, addition of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, budgeting for magnet school tuition, budgeting for paraeducators, budgeting for tutors, and explanations of the costs included in Objects 330, 423, 542, 550, 560, 321, 562, and 580. The Board's use of grant funding to offset budget expenses was also discussed. The Board made two adjustments to the proposed budget, a reduction of \$36,000 in MERS benefits and an increase of \$39,300 in tutors. They considered their CABE membership dues and attendance at the annual CABE conference and are seeking additional information before making a decision about this item.*

Item 4. Discussion of the Board's five-year capital plan (2024-2025 through 2028-2029)

All materials presented can be found on the district website. There was no further discussion on the capital plan.

Item 5. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Tim Shanahan
Seconded by: Lisa Terry
Vote: Carried (9-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____