

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
October 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Item 1. Call to order.**

Board Chair David Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Carrie T. Baxter, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, James Wood, and David Rowley. Sandra Berardy was absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Director Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Mary Jane Dix, Mark Johnson, Jeff Newton, Tanya Patten, Sheila Reagan and Eileen Richmond, Student Board Representatives Jessica Semmelrock and Matthew Clark, and Town Council Liaison Gary Murphy.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.**

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge the following students, teachers, and community members in the areas noted:

**Mohegan School:** Principal Lorilyn Caron recognized Aiden Breault for donating \$7 of his birthday money to “Pennies for Patients” for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Madison Dawley was also recognized for donating a large portion of her hair to “Locks of Love,” an agency who supports cancer patients. Board member Bob Mitchell presented these certificates.

**Oakdale School:** Principal Mark Johnson recognized Tanner Banta for his dedication and efforts this year at Oakdale Elementary School. Kristen Ventresca was also recognized for her dedication in providing a tremendous amount of volunteer work at Oakdale Elementary School. Board member Todd Pomazon presented these certificates.

**Dr. Charles E. Murphy School:** Principal Jeff Newtown recognized Mady Whittaker for creating a wonderful school song that supports Murphy’s ‘ROCK’ (Responsibility, Outstanding Effort, Citizenship, and Kindness) school initiative. Tammy Hudson was also recognized for going above and beyond in supporting Murphy’s PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) school-wide initiative. Board member Carrie Baxter presented these certificates.

**Presentation: B) Recognition of seven Montville High School students who performed at the Advanced Level on the 2010 Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT): Kimberly Bigelow, Matthew Clark, Elise Couillard, Kyler Fricke, Max Hart, Jason Volpe, and Wilson Wong.**

T. Amanti congratulated and recognized the seven (7) Montville High School students who performed at the advanced level on the 2010 CAPT. Kimberly Bigelow, Matthew Clark, Elise Couillard, Kyler Fricke, Max Hart, Jason Volpe, and Wilson Wong were presented certificates by Board members Tom McNally and Steve Loiler.

**Presentation: C) Student Participation in Vocations Classes – Palmer Academy.**

S. Reagan, staff members Kim Jaskiewicz, David Gollsneider, Ed Lilienthal and Dawn Guntner, and students Trevor Hillyer, Jason Osborn, Taylor Burrows, and Stephen Raines of Palmer Academy gave a presentation on Student Participation in Vocation Classes. These electives classes are given quarterly and included Green Living, Child Development, Small Business Practice, and School-to-Work Objectives.

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

There were no hearing of delegates and citizens.

**Item 4: Letters and communications. (8 – Communications/Marketing)**

T. McNally reported a letter from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education thanking the Board for the resolution proposals it submitted. The proposals will be acted on by the Delegate Assembly at the CABE conference on November 18 and 19, 2010.

**Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.**

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

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally

**Seconded by:** Jim Wood

**Vote:** Carried 7-0; Deb Reed-Iler abstained

**Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.**

Student Board Representatives Jessica Semmelrock and Matthew Clark gave a report to the Board as follows:

1. The high school celebrated Homecoming last week with its football game against Bacon Academy. Seniors had more participants for sports day, class color day, and character day, and the juniors held court with orange and black day and the class banner. A Pep Rally on Friday included teachers and students and performances by the A Cappella Choir and Band who welcomed the Homecoming Court. Two Hundred Ninety students attended the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. Profits from the event will benefit the Adopt-a-Family program during the holidays.
2. Back-to-School night was attended by 220 parents. Each grade raffled baskets as a fundraiser.
3. Student progress reports were mailed this month. The academic quarter ends on November 3, and report cards will be sent out on November 10.
4. To improve security, high school students received identification cards.

5. Board members are welcome to attend and give out trophies at Marching Madness on Saturday, October 30, at 5:00 p.m.
6. For the third year in a row, the Environmental Club participated in International Coastal Cleanup Day working at the Montville Conservation Center. They will also attend a forestry workshop in Vernon to prepare for the Envirothon on Saturday, October 23.
7. Mrs. Smith's science class visited the East Lyme High School planetarium and learned more about constellations, other galaxies, and possible life in outer space.
8. Drama Club members volunteered with the Haunted Hayride sponsored by the Oakdale Firehouse. For their service, the club will be given a donation.
9. The Class of 2013 is selling fleece blankets with MHS logos printed on them.
10. The National Honor Society is collecting pet food this week for the CT Humane Society in Quaker Hill. A canned food drive for the Montville Food Bank will begin on November 1.
11. American Studies juniors are adopting the platoon of Mrs. Orzechowski's son that is stationed in Afghanistan. Students, who met with Mrs. Orzechowski's son last Friday, will begin raising funds and collecting items requested by the soldiers to send packages for Christmas.
12. High school sports rankings are as follows: the football team is 4-1 and tied with Waterford for the EDD Medium Division lead with a game against Waterford this Friday, October 22; boys soccer is 8-2 and tied with Bacon Academy for the lead in the ECC Medium Division; boys cross country has a chance to win the ECC title on Thursday, October 21

**Item 7. Unfinished business.**

None

**Item 8. New Business**

**a. Appointment of Leonard J. Tyl Middle School Principal. (2 – Quality of leadership)**

**Motion: That the Board appoints Mary Jane Dix as principal of Leonard J. Tyl Middle School.**

**Proposed by:** Bob Mitchell  
**Seconded by:** Tom McNally  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

M. J. Dix commented that she has been the Tyl acting principal since August 6, 2010, and that there are "great things" going on at Tyl.

**b. Appointment of Montville High School Principal. (2 – Quality of leadership)**

**Motion: That the Board appoints Chad Ellis as principal of Montville High School.**

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler  
**Seconded by:** Jim Wood  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

P. Aubin introduced C. Ellis describing him as a good listener and communicator who will begin work in the district on January 3, 2011. C. Ellis spoke briefly and commented that he was looking forward to meeting everyone.

**c. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to Policy 6146.3, Instruction, Diploma of Academic Distinction, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (4 – Student Achievement)**

J. Wood commented that language revisions were made in the policy.

**Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Policy 6146.3, Instruction, Diploma of Academic distinction, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

**Proposed by:** Carrie Baxter  
**Seconded by:** Todd Pomazon  
**Vote:** Carried 7-0; Deb Reed-Iler abstained

**d. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to Policy 9160, Student Representatives on the Board of Education, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (8 – Communication/Marketing)**

J. Wood again commented that the language in the policy was "cleaned up."

**Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Policy 9160, Student Representatives on the Board of Education, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Steve Loiler  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**e. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to Policy 4149, Employee Assistance Program, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (6 – School Health/Safety)**

J. Wood again reported that the language in the policy was revised.

**Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Policy 4149, Employee Assistance Program, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

**Proposed by:** Steve Loiler  
**Seconded by:** Tom McNally  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- f. Discussion of possible dates for a Special Board meeting to go over budget priorities to align with Board goals (bring your calendars). (3 – Budget Resources)**

P. Aubin commented that she wanted to have an initial discussion with the Board about the upcoming 2011-2012 school budget, public budget forums, and partnering with the district schools as there tend to be more staff than parents at the forums. A special meeting will be held on November 15, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

- g. Appraisal of a field trip: Montville High School Chamber Choir to Annapolis, MD from April 7 – 9, 2011, 22 MHS students. (8 – Communication/Marketing)**

Board members were apprised of this trip.

- h. Appraisal of field trip: Montville High School Adventure Club to Crawford Notch, NH from November 19 – 21, 2010, 8 MHS students. (8 – Communication/Marketing).**

Board members were apprised of this trip.

- i. Designate Pamela W. Aubin, Superintendent of Schools and Kathy Lamoureux, Business Manager, as authorized signatures to file claims for reimbursement under the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. (3 – Budget/Resources)**

**Motion: That the Board designates Superintendent of Schools Pamela W. Aubin and Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux as authorized signatures to file claims for reimbursement under the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs.**

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Deb Reed-Iler  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.**

- a. Policy (James Wood). (1 – Advocacy)**

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed Policy 5121, Grading that will be brought to the full Board next month. L. Pallin clarified the purpose for the revisions to the policy. The Committee will meet next at 5:15 p.m. prior to the November Board meeting.

- b. Educational Evaluation (Robert Mitchell). (5 – Monitoring District/School Improvement)**

B. Mitchell reported that no meeting was held. B. Levesque said that a meeting would be scheduled for November.

**c. Montville Education Foundation (Deborah Reed-Iler). (7 – Positive Community Relationships)**

D. Reed-Iler reported that the MEF presented grants to Palmer Academy and to Youth & Family Services. She added that the third round of grants would be done by November 30, 2010. Also, the MEF is still selling tickets for the upcoming Brad Paisley concert at Mohegan Sun. The tickets are \$100 and B. Levesque has sold all 30 of his tickets.

**d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler). (1 – Advocacy)**

D. Reed-Iler reported that LEARN had a breakfast meeting at which P. Aubin, local legislators, and B. Mitchell attended. Regionalization was discussed. P. Aubin added that there was discussion about bonding funds being cut in order to support ECS.

**e. CABE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell). (1 – Advocacy)**

B. Mitchell reported that the Board should have received the delegate calendar regarding the upcoming conference in November . He asked the Board to notify him if they have issues that they want brought up. B. Mitchell said that he missed the last CABE meeting due to his participation with the principal search, but said that CABE was looking for ARRA funds for secondary school reforms that must be in place by 2018. He also commented that he would be attending the NSBA in San Francisco and asked the Board to notify him if there are specific workshops that they want him to attend.

**f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon/Carrie Baxter). (6 – School Health/Safety)**

B. Levesque reported that the Committee would meet tomorrow, October 20, at 7:00 p.m.

**g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally). (8 – Communication/Marketing)**

T. McNally reported that no meeting was held.

**h. Capital Improvement Committee (Tom McNally). (6 – School Health/Safety)**

T. McNally reported that he has heard no information about the Committee. It was suggested that the Board send a letter regarding the same.

**i. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell). (7 – Positive Community Relationships)**

B. Mitchell reported that a Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Mohegan Firehouse. He also said that the firehouse had donated a new X-Box 360 to replace the one that was stolen. B. Mitchell as reported that a Juvenile Review Board is being formed. D. Rowley commented that the review board existed 8-10 years ago. P. Aubin added that she would be meeting with the bureau.

**j. Administrative Monthly Reports. (5 – Monitoring District/School Improvement)**

P. Aubin commented that due to housekeeping issues, the Board members received the monthly reports today.

**k. Chair's Remarks.**

D. Rowley thanked Dave Blanchette and T. Amanti for the interview conducted on Cable Access Channel 22 a few weeks ago, for the Teacher of the Year. He reported that he received notification of a grant that the district will receive from Liberty Bank. He also suggested that the Global Connect Network is used to urge parents to vote on November 2, 2010. P. Aubin and B. Levesque will take care of that item.

**l. Other.**

None.

**Item 10. Superintendent's Report.**

**a. Report from the Director of Student Services – Ms. Maynard.**

- Per the State Performance Plan (SPP), the CT State Department of Education (SCDE) is instituting an IDEA Program/Fiscal Compliance System that will begin with a desk audit and a possible follow up visit by CSDE representatives. All education agencies will be a part of this review.
- The key performance indicator for Focus Monitoring for 2010-2011 is to improve the effectiveness of efforts to educate students with an IEP by procedural compliance, participation in statewide assessments, and performance on statewide assessments. The goal for CMT reading assessment for SWD for 2009-2010 was 60%--the district adjusted percent for that year was 59.
- The reference check for the new nurse hire has been completed. The nurses are excited and want to pass along their appreciation to the Board as they have been functioning short-handed for awhile.

**b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.**

- B. Levesque attended the National Conference of School Administrators last week with K. Lamoureux and obtained some great information and legal updates.

- The data conversion for X-2 has been like a roller coaster but progress is being made with a go live adjusted date of November 18, 2010. Training will begin Friday, October 15.
- The opening for assistant principal at Tyl has been posted. Two (2) Board members are needed to sit on the principal search committee.

**c. Monthly Update – Mrs. Aubin**

- SECASA hosted an informational meeting with regard to the feasibility of establishing a multi town insurance consortium as allowed by new enabling legislation effective Oct. 1, 2010. James Lombardo, Superintendent of East Lyme, Ct and I will continue to lead these informational meetings to decide if we would like to pursue this further. Kathy Lamoureux as well as town officials will be joining me when we schedule a second meeting.
- Much of time this month has been invested in hiring two new principals for the district, including interviews, second round interviews, and site visits. I am pleased with the representation on the committees from the Board, Administrators, Teachers, Parents and Central Office. Thank you letters will be sent home to all who participated.
- Goals meetings with the principals have been completed, and all goals are aligned with the building administrators' support for their School Improvement Plan.
- Our first Community Council meeting was held on October 7 where we discussed regional efforts to achieve preferred pricing and the proposed regional calendar. I will bring this to the BOE next month for adoption.
- During SECASA, Commissioner Mark McQuillan addressed the area superintendents and expressed his support for funding of ECS. He continued to stress the need to move forward with Secondary School Reform. He applauded the Southeastern Superintendents for their support of a regional calendar and expressed his interest in a state-wide calendar.
- Kathy Lamoureux and I participated in the interviews of Insurance Brokers at the invitation of the town officials, Mayor Jaskiewicz, Katherine Christopher, and Terry Hart. We will continue to interview other brokers on October 25.
- Instructional Rounds were conducted at both Murphy and at Mohegan this past month.
- I participated in a FEMA emergency event drill with Ray Occhialini and the town team this morning.

**Item 11. Information items.**

The information item of the Office of Fiscal Analysis Presentation on the budget process and fiscal forecast dated January 20, 2010 was given to Board members.

**Item 12. Citizens' comments (non-agenda items only).**

There were no citizens' comments.



**Item 13. Adjournment.**

**Motion:**           **That the meeting is adjourned.**

**Approved by:**                 Steve Loiler

**Seconded by:**                Deb Reed-Iler

**Vote:**                         Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Rowley, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Tom McNally, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary

***Minutes Approved:*** \_\_\_\_\_