

**SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE SENIOR CENTER  
March 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

Present at the meeting: 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, and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp.

P. Aubin introduced Central Office staff members and informed the audience that the high school culinary arts students provided the refreshments for the meeting.

P. Aubin stated that she realized this would be a difficult budget year for the Town of Montville, created by the loss of revenues. The Board of Education has proposed a responsible 2.72% increase over last year's budget, which would restore approximately \$610,000 resulting from the expiration of The Education Jobs Fund in June 2012.

P. Aubin explained how the Board has been able to make reductions in the budget based on factors such as the conversion at Mohegan and Murphy schools to natural gas as the heating source; the healthy self-insurance reserve, along with the negotiated increase of 1% in the employees share of the health insurance premium cost and achieved savings through negotiated plan design changes, including savings in prescription drug coverage.

P. Aubin emphasized that the Board was able to negotiate a 0% increase in salary for the teachers bargaining unit for this school year with a step increase and 1% increase for members at the top level, which was unanimously endorsed by the Town Council. The administrators negotiated a 0% increase in salary next year.

A question and answer period followed and questions relevant to the budget, bullying policy, and state mandates were asked.

Submitted by,

Pamela W. Aubin  
Superintendent of Schools