

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 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, Sandra Berardy, Deborah Reed-Iler, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Todd Pomazon, Robert Mitchell, Jr., James Wood and David Rowley.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Business Director Kathy Lamoureux, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp, Administrators Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Mary Jane Dix, Chad Ellis, Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, Jill Mazzalupo, Tanya Patten, Sheila Reagan and Eileen Richmond; and Student Board Representatives Matthew Clark and Rachel Orbe.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

All stood and pledged the flag.

D. Rowley asked the assembly to observe a moment of silence in honor of Lt. Col. Thomas A. Budrejko, a Montville High School graduate, who lost his life while serving our country.

**Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.**

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

**Leonard J. Tyl School:** Principal Mary Jane Dix recognized Jacob Callaghan, Kevin Doherty, and Michael Kurasz for their leadership, compassion, and initiative in championing the cause of breast cancer awareness that benefited the greater Southeastern Connecticut community. Mary Byron and Stacey Pryor were also recognized for their tremendous dedication to the students and staff at Tyl Middle School. Board member Bob Mitchell presented these certificates.

**Montville High School:** Principal Chad Ellis and Assistant Principals Jason Daly and Tanya Patten recognized Debbie Ingoglia for service above and beyond the call of duty. Kellie Brennan was also recognized for extensive leadership and service to Montville High School and for being the most active Student Government President in recent memory. Board member Jim Wood presented these certificates.

**Palmer Academy:** Principal Sheila Reagan recognized Jessica Lilienthal, Burke Reagan, Eileen Richmond, Amy Richter, David Rowley, and Debra Spera for their enthusiasm and support in serving as a guest reader for the *Hunger Games* project at Palmer Academy. For his extremely supportive mentoring of a classmate, Justin Edwards was recognized. Board members Tom McNally and Todd Pomazon presented these certificates.

**Presentation: B) Recognition of Board of Education Members – Pam Aubin.**

P. Aubin recognized and celebrated the members of the Board of Education for their duty and dedication to the students of Montville. She commented that the Board opens its doors to all, attends meetings and conferences and understands and takes their role seriously. As a token of

appreciation, the Board was presented with a mug, notebook and pen inscribed with “*You’re the key to our success.*”

**Presentation: C) The Journey West – Oakdale School.**

Principal M. Johnson introduced Mr. Autencio, Mrs. Teuner, and Mrs. Punsalan who worked in teams with the students to enhance their learning of the movement behind the journey west. Fifth-grade students acted and used a westward map, gold mining apparatus with a mock stream and kerosene lanterns, and a cracked wagon wheel to simulate the trials of settlers who traveled west. The following students took part in the presentation: Christopher Cameron, Ryan Champagne, Lily DeCosta, Marcus Esannason, Patrick Frechette, Iain Hatchett, Connor Hubbert, Julian Valdes, Jack Varley, Tyler Velazquez, and Shay Ventresca.

*The meeting recessed briefly at 6:27 p.m. for cake and punch in celebration of the Board.*

**Item 3. Citizens Comments.**

None

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

None

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

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

**Proposed by:** Sandy Berardy

**Seconded by:** Tom McNally

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

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

Student Board Representatives Rachel Orbe and Matthew Clark gave a report to the Board as follows:

1. CAPT started on March 6<sup>th</sup> and lasted for two weeks. Some students were chosen to take the online supplemental version of the test that will be available for all students in the future.
2. Recent field trips are as follows:
  - February 9 – Students of Mrs. Salazar saw *Macbeth* at the Long Wharf Theater.
  - February 13 – Students of Dr. Greenstein’s human development class interacted with students at Oakdale School.
  - February 16 – Mr. Wainwright took students to the Pequot Museum.
  - February 28 – Some of Mrs. Smith’s classes visited the Mystic Aquarium.
  - February 16 – The YES Club went to the Middletown High School as part of a high school exchange.
  - March 2 – Mrs. Parish took students to Hygienic Art Gallery in Norwich.
3. The Poetry Out Loud competition was hosted in the high school library on February 9. Of the twenty-seven students who made it to the final competition, freshman Helena Sun won the competition and Dan Linkenhoker was the runner up. State finals will be held on March 21 at SCSU.
4. On February 28, the NEASC Core Values Committee and the School Improvement Team sponsored a community forum entitled MHS 2020 Vision to get input for the future of the school and what it should look like in 2020.

5. The Music Department hosted a combined concert on March 7 that concluded with the band and the choirs in a joint performance of Frank Ticheli's *An American Elegy*. The concert was a moving tribute to the victims and survivors of the 1999 tragedy at Columbine High School.
6. The MHS Drama will perform *Footloose* on Thursday – Saturday, March 22- 24 at 7 p.m. in the evening and a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. The tickets are \$8 for senior and students and \$10 for adults with tickets available at the door. Matt will be performing.
7. Three GSA students, Katie Chichon, counseling intern, and Catherine Macri attended the True Colors conference on March 16.
8. MHS hosted the American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 17. The school had 70 students and teachers sign up.
9. On March 3, the MHS Academic Decathlon team placed fourth in the 2011-2012 state championship at Oxford High School and had thirteen individual medal winners.
10. The MHS Culinary Café is open for business and has been selling teacher lunches and baked goods for events.
11. The Child Development Class's Mighty Playschool has begun.
12. Dave Rowley met with the ECE Human Development class to discuss the future of education and will return to review their school design projects.
13. The UCONN Human Development conference has selected Carlie Cave's poster, "Princess Paradox" for an excellence award.
14. The second quarter honor roll ice cream social will be held on the afternoon of Friday, March 20, in the cafeteria.
15. The girls basketball team lost in the first round of the state tournament against East Haven.
16. The Montville Unified Sports program participated in two tournaments at Waterford High School and NFA, both level five and level three teams did well.
17. The baseball team began with pitchers and catchers the week of March 12 and tryouts this week.
18. Softball, track, tennis, and golf began this Monday as well.

**Item 7. Unfinished business.**

**a. Update on 2012-2013 budget.**

- **Public Hearing on Board of Education Budget, Monday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Montville Town Hall**
- **Public Hearing on Town Government Budget, Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Montville Town Hall**

P. Aubin commented that the Board will present its budget to the Town Council on April 16.

**Item 8. New Business**

- a. Consideration and action to approve Policy #4111.1, Personnel, Nondiscrimination as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (1 – School Safety/Positive Climate)**

**Motion: That the Board approves Policy #4111.1, Personnel, Nondiscrimination as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

**Proposed by:** Jim Wood  
**Seconded by:** Tom McNally  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- b. Consideration and action to approve revisions to Policy #5111.1, Students, Nondiscrimination as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (1 – School Safety/Positive Climate)

**Motion:** That the Board approves revisions Policy #5111.1, Students, Nondiscrimination as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

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

- c. Consideration and action to approve revisions to Policy #5111, Admission/Placement as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (1 – School Safety/Positive Climate)

**Motion:** That the Board approves the revisions to Policy #5111, Admission/Placement as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

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

- d. Consideration and action to approve new Policy 1000 Series, School Visitors as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (1 School Safety/Positive Climate)

**Motion:** That the Board approves new Policy 1000 Series, School Visitors as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

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

- e. Consideration and action to set tuition rates for 2012-2013 as follows:

	<u>General Education</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Elementary	\$9,171	\$24,422*
Middle School	\$9,605	\$23,392*
High School	\$10,019	\$22,402*
Preschool		\$23,493*
Other Services		Negotiable
Palmer Academy		Negotiable

\*Additional costs may be assessed based on the student's individual educational program (IEP)

P. Aubin commented that she and K. Lamoureux met and tagged tuition increases back to previous year's budget increase. She also said that the tuition generates revenue for the town and expressed concern that a reduction in staff due to budgetary reduction would not interfere with the district's ability to accept out of district students. Hopefully with the present staff in place out of district student tuition revenue could continue for the town. The increase over last year's tuition is 1%.

**Motion:** That the Board approves to set tuition rates for 2012-2013 as follows:

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**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler  
**Seconded by:** Bob Mitchell  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- f. **Consideration and action to appoint a Board member to serve on the transportation negotiating committee for wage reopener. (5 – Positive Community Relationships)**

**Motion:** That the Board appoints Board member Bob Mitchell to serve on the Transportation Negotiation Committee for wage reopener.

**Proposed by:** Steve Loiler  
**Seconded by:** Todd Pomazon  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- g. **Consideration and action to observe the week of May 7-11, 2012, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and an opportunity to recognize all of its employees. (4 – Communication/Marketing)**

**Motion:** That the Board observes National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11, 2012 and make it an opportunity to recognize all of its employees.

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

- h. **Consideration and action to approve a field trip: Montville High School, Spanish Class, Panama, April 12, 2013 – April 28, 2013, # of students undetermined. (2 – Student Achievement)**

B. Levesque clarified that the date for the trip is April 12, 2013 – April 18, 2013.

**Motion:** That the Board approves a field trip to Panama for the MHS Spanish Class, April 12, 2013 – April 18, 2013; # of students undetermined.

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

- i. **Receive the report on the 2010-11 Strategic School Profiles (SSP's) (2 – Student Achievement).**

B. Levesque commented on the highlights of the 2010-11 Strategic School Profiles as follows:

- An increase in the number of students eligible for free/reduced meals to 759.
- The number of non-English home languages is 24.
- The annual graduation rate, adjusted cohort rate for 2010 was 88.2% above the DRG average of 81.8 and 2009-2010 Annual dropout rate for Grade 9-12 was 1.7% which was below the DRG at 2.8%.
- Graduates who have pursued higher education is 81.7%, higher than the 76.7% five years ago.
- Average class sizes have remained stable with positions limited based upon need.
- Hours of instruction per year have increased by 20 hours at the elementary, middle and high schools.
- The state prevalence rate for the number of K-12 students with disabilities for whom the district is responsible is 10.2%, below the state and the DRG at 11.4% and 11.6%.

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

**a. Policy (James Wood) (6 – Advocacy)**

J. Wood reported that a meeting was held earlier this evening and brought forward the items voted upon this evening.

**b. Educational Evaluation (Robert Mitchell). (2 – Student Achievement)**

B. Mitchell reported that a meeting was held earlier this evening and the committee heard a presentation entitled Camp Invention, a one-week 32-hour event at no cost to the district that was presented by M. Johnson.

**c. Montville Education Foundation (Steve Loiler). (5 – Positive Community Relationships)**

S. Loiler reported that a grant was awarded to staff member Amanda Crocker at Oakdale School. He also said that the Sopranos fundraising event was successful and the road race and golf tournament are upcoming.

**d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler). (6 – Advocacy)**

D. Reed-Iler reported that a presentation was heard at the last meeting by the former superintendent of Griswold who described video budget presentation crafted by the district's high school students. She also reported that interviews will begin soon for Dr. Seccombe's position.

**e. CABA/NSBA (Robert Mitchell). (6 – Advocacy)**

B. Mitchell commented that the NSBA Convention will be held at the end of April and he hoped that Board members had registered for the event. He also said that the CABA Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for the end of March.

**f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon). (1 – School Health/Safety/Positive Climate)**

T. Pomazon reported that Committee is "alive and well" but has not met.

**g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally). (4 – Communication/Marketing)**

T. McNally reported that the next meeting of the council is tomorrow, March 21.

**h. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell). (5 – Positive Community Relationships)**

B. Mitchell reported that the Juvenile Review Board has been reconstituted.

**i. Administrative Monthly Reports. (2 – Student Achievement)**

Board members commented favorably to administrators on the content of the report and said they “enjoyed reading them.”

**j. Chair’s Remarks.**

D. Rowley reported that Cable Channel 22 is alive and well with an interview with Nic Savoie regarding “all things technical” showing at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. He also reported that an interview with Lynn Littlefield and Lou Rubino will air shortly in addition to interviews with Mr. Bose from Tyl and Dr. Greenstein regarding the ECE group.

**k. Other.**

None

**Item 10. Superintendent’s Report.**

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

D. Maynard commented on B. Levesque’s report earlier on the SSP’s by saying that the SRBI and the team has helped with the prevalence rate for students with disabilities within district in addition to early intervention. D. Maynard also said that her department is busy as usual.

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

B. Levesque reported the following:

- **E-Rate:** We filed the ERate form 471. With this request, we expect to receive more than \$80,000 in ERate discounts on our phone and internet services in the 2012-2013 school year. With the assistance of the ERate funding, we will be installing a Dark Fiber internet connection to all of our schools. This will prepare us to be able to handle the on-line state testing that is expected to begin in the next couple of years.
- **CMT/CAPT:** The state testing is done in all of the schools except for a few make-up tests. The schools all report that the students have worked hard during the testing and have done their best. The principals will all be packing the materials this week and getting them delivered to B. Levesque's office for their final inventory check and packing, with all of the materials picked by the beginning of April.

**c. Monthly Update.**

P. Aubin reported the following:

- **Negotiations: Paraprofessional and Secretary bargaining groups:**  
On February 29<sup>th</sup>, her last communication with the chief negotiator regarding scheduling negotiation dates has not yielded a response from Eric Blanchet, the chief negotiator for the Montville Paraprofessionals and Secretaries (SEIU Local 2001). She will inform C. Baxter and S. Berardy when dates have been determined.

- **Oxoboxo Dam Road:**  
On Sunday evening March 18, she received a call from Mayor McDaniel regarding closure of the road due to the discovery of human remains. Linda Records, acting transportation manager, was contacted. Buses were rerouted and only a few students were impacted by the change. That road has now reopened. Earlier in the month, the district Transportation Department responded quickly and efficiently due to the house fire on John Luty Drive.
- **CAPSS Panel: “Some Women Do, Some Women Don’t”:**  
Last week, she served on a panel of women leaders in education across the state and explained her career path and interest in being superintendent as a means of encouraging more women to make the leap into district leadership.
- **Meeting with Senator Stillman at the LOB:**  
On her way to CAPSS, she was able to stop in at the Legislative Office Building to discuss her point of view regarding Governor Malloy’s SB 24. In addition, she and Senator Stillman chatted about the need for full-day kindergarten in Montville in light of this particularly difficult budget year.
- **Facilities:**  
The weather has been incredibly cooperative this winter. Consequently, the district fields are in excellent shape as the spring sports begin.

**Item 11. Information items.**

None

**Item 12. Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only).**

None

**Item 13. Adjournment.**

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

**Proposed by:** Steve Loiler

**Seconded by:** Carrie Baxter

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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:** \_\_\_\_\_