

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.**

2012-13 Board of Education Goal:

To engage in a cycle of continuous improvement to ensure all students are educated with high standards and achieve at the highest levels of learning in the Montville Public Schools.

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, Robert Mitchell, Jr., James Wood and David Rowley. Board member Todd Pomazon 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 Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Jason Daly, Mary Jane Dix, Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, William Klinefelter, Jr., Jill Mazzalupo, Heather Mileski, Tanya Patten, Eileen Richmond and Jeff Theodoss; Student Board Representatives Kevin Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe and Town Council Liaison Joseph Jaskiewicz (7:03 p.m.).

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

Motion: That the Board tables Agenda, Item 7a to another meeting.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Sandy Berardy

Vote: Carried unanimously

Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.

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

Oakdale School: Principal Mark Johnson recognized Michelle Deshong-Cure' for her many contributions to Oakdale Elementary School as a volunteer and as a grandparent. Board member Dave Rowley presented this certificate.

Leonard J. Tyl School: Principal Mary Jane Dix and Assistant Principal Will Klinefelter recognized Daniel Petersen for initiating and advising a Robotics Club at Tyl Middle School. Annali Nelson was also recognized for her hard work and dedication to the Robotics Team and for being the captain of the robot that won the Eastern Regional Championship. Also recognized was Austin Huang for his hard work and dedication to the Robotics Team and for being the driver of the robot that won the Eastern Regional Championship. A demonstration was given to the Board. These certificates were presented by Steve Loiler.

Montville High School: Principal Jeff Theodoss and Assistant Principals Jason Daly and Tanya Patten recognized Jeffrey Tryon for being selected to the All American Soccer Team. Connor Leeman was also recognized for being selected as a Scholar Athlete to the All American Soccer Team. Also recognized was Jacob Basilica for being selected for the Walter Camp All State

Football Team – Top 24 Players in Connecticut. Student Board members Kevin Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe presented these certificates.

Palmer Academy: Principal Heather Mileski recognized Kyle Stepanian for successfully balancing his classes and extracurricular activities at both Palmer Academy and Montville High School. This certificate was presented by Board member Tom McNally.

Presentation: B) Elementary Enrichment Program – Dr. Charles E. Murphy School.

Principal Amy Espinoza reported to the Board on the Elementary Enrichment Program at Murphy School and how it links math, science, and reading to extend learning for students. The redesigned Elementary Enrichment program was a focus in the Dr. Charles E. Murphy School Improvement Plan. A PowerPoint presentation was given.

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

One resident spoke in support of full day kindergarten.

Item 4: Letters and communications.

T. McNally reported on a letter from freshman Abby Baukus thanking the Board for their approval for her to represent Montville as a team of one in the sport of swimming.

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.

The Student Board Representative K. Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe presented the following report:

1. MHS wished everyone an early “Happy Valentine’s Day.”
2. The girls basketball team wraps up their regular season tomorrow with a record of 15-4 and has qualified for ECC and state tournaments.
3. The wrestling team has a record of 15-2 with an upcoming state tournament—the ECC tournament was cancelled.
4. CAPT is coming up soon; but, this year juniors and seniors will also come in for full days.
5. MHS hosted an AP/ECE and eight grade curriculum night last Thursday.
6. The cheerleaders traveled to Torrington for their first competition of the season and captured first place.
7. The school newspaper, *The Chieftain*, is now available online at the Montville Public Schools' website.
8. MHS welcomes their new Spanish teacher, Kari Magano.
9. Last week, several student ceramic enthusiasts and the Culinary Club held the Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Montville Food Bank.
10. The Chinese and Tibetan New Year is being celebrated in the MHS cafeteria with the serving of an international menu.
11. The MHS and Mrs. Grills are looking to aid a MHS alumnus whose family has lost their home and all their belongings in a fire.
12. The Friends of Rachel Club are selling heart-o-grams for Valentine’s Day.
13. On Friday, February 15, the Student Government will host a blood drive.

14. Sixty seniors will participate in the NAEP that is a nationwide study.
15. Tomorrow night, February 13, the Poetry-Out-Loud competition will take place in the MHS auditorium from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and all are welcome.
16. The Drama Club is working on "*The Music Man*" that will be performed in March.
17. During the halftimes of boys and girls basketball games, MHS has been running a "duck toss" to raise money to send school supplies to Gabby Tassone, who is working in a school in Madagascar.
18. The YES Club, with advisor Mr. Rousseau, will be going to the elementary schools to tutor students.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

- a. **Consideration and action for recommendations/approval of the proposed budget for 2013-2014 (Board members are requested to bring copies of their budget – previously distributed).**

This item was tabled to another meeting.

- b. **Consideration and action to approve new Policy #5145.122, Search & Seizure, Use of Trained Dogs to Search School Property, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

In discussion, D. Reed-Iler inquired about synthetic drugs and implications for a search under the new policy. J. Theodoss was called upon to speak about how the policy will be introduced to staff and students.

Motion: That the Board approves new Policy #5145.122, Search & Seizure, Use of Trained Dogs to Search School Property, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

Proposed by: Jim Wood

Seconded by: Carrie Baxter

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 8. New Business.

- a. **Consideration and action to authorize the establishment of an Interim Campus Safety Officer.**

Motion: That the Board approves the establishment of an Interim Campus Safety Officer.

Proposed by: Jim Wood

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

- b. **Consideration and action to authorize the campus safety officer to possess pepper spray and/or electronic defense weapons on school property.**

Motion: That the Board authorizes the campus safety officer to possess pepper spray and/or electronic defense weapons on school property.

Proposed by: Carrie Baxter
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried unanimously

- c. Consideration and action to appoint Michael Collins as the Interim Campus Safety Officer.**

Motion: That the Board appoints Michael Collins as the Interim Campus Safety Officer.

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

- d. Consideration and action to approve a new job description for the Campus Safety Officer.**

Motion: That the Board approves a new job description for the Campus Safety Officer.

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

- e. Consideration and action to approve revised Nurse Supervisor job description as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.**

Motion: That the Board approves revised Nurse Supervisor job description as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

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

- f. Consideration and action to appoint two Board members to the Mohegan Elementary School Principal Search Committee.**

Motion: That the Board appoints Board members Jim Wood and Carrie Baxter to the Mohegan Elementary School Principal Search Committee.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

- g. Consideration and action to appoint two Board members to serve on the Community Conversations Planning Committee.**

Superintendent P. Aubin explained that planning/training would be 1 ½ to 2 hours and was scheduled for March 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by a grant, the committee will consist of 80% educators and 20% community members.

Motion: That the Board appoints Board members Deb Reed-Iler and Bob Mitchell to serve on the Community Conversations Planning Committee.

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

- h. Consideration and action to appoint a Board representative to assist in the Transportation Request for Proposal (RFP).**

Motion: That the Board appoints Dave Rowley as Board representative to assist in the Transportation Request Proposal (RFP).

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

- i. Consideration and action to approve the Montville's Alternative Pathway to Success (M.A.P.S.) program courses:**
- 1. Independent Study Course**
 - 2. CWE (Cooperative Work Education) Course**
 - 3. MAPS Course: Career Exploration/Community Service**
 - 4. MAPS SRBI Math and Reading for Freshmen**

Board members will be updated about the progress of this program.

Motion: That the Board approves the Montville's Alternative Pathway to Success (M.A.P.S.) program courses:

- 1. Independent Study Course**
- 2. CWE (Cooperative Work Education) Course**
- 3. MAPS Course: Career Exploration/Community Service**
- 4. MAPS SRBI Math and Reading for Freshmen**

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

- j. Consideration and action to approve new high school Algebra I textbook, Grade 9, Holt McDougal.**

Motion: That the Board approves new high school Algebra I textbook, Grade 9, Holt McDougal.

Proposed by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

- k. Consideration and action to approve the proposed Capital Improvement projects.**

Motion: That the Board approves the proposed Capital Improvement projects.
Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

- 1. Appraisal of field trip: Montville High School, American Studies II, New York City, May 19, 2013 – May 20, 2013, 16 students.**

The Board was apprised of this trip.

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy (James Wood).

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed three items on the Board agenda this evening in addition to the expulsion policy that was last reviewed ten years ago.

b. Educational Evaluation (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that no meeting was held.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Steve Loiler).

S. Loiler congratulated Principal M. J. Dix for a grant received by Tyl and said that usual business was discussed at the last meeting.

d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the next meeting would be tomorrow, February 14.

e. CABE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the CABE Day on the Hill will take place on March 6 and urged Board members to register for the event by contacting Margaret Tripp. He also asked that the Student Board Representatives be invited to the event.

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

T. Pomazon was absent from the meeting.

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

T. McNally reported that the advisory council meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

h. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported the Bureau will meet next week in March.

i. Administrative Monthly Reports.

Board members received these reports in their packets. C. Baxter commented that she wanted to see information regarding enrichment in the elementary schools.

j. Chair's Remarks.

D. Rowley reported the following:

- A special budget meeting of the Board will be held on February 14 at 5:00 p.m.

- The next interview subject for the Cable channel will be Principal Heather Mileski.
- D. Rowley attended the Tyl sixth grade concert performance.
- D. Rowley thanked the Board for their support at the budget hearing held at the Senior Center which was attended by Town Councilors Rosetta Jones and Laura Tanner.
- A visit to the transportation center was a good one.
- A DARE culmination ceremony for Murphy School will be held at 6:00 p.m., February 21, at Murphy School.

k. Other. -- None

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

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

D. Maynard reported the following:

- Lead Awareness: D. Maynard and Nurse Supervisor Betty Waselik met to plan activities for staff and families regarding elevated lead levels in children that will be supported by a \$1,500 grant to provide awareness activities. Several agencies have been contacted to provide training.
- Forms: In an ongoing process to keep forms current and relevant, E. Richmond, J. Mazzalupo, and D. Maynard worked with the mental health team to rework the FBA and BIP forms.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

B. Levesque reported the following:

- Teacher Evaluation: The committee is making great progress on the development of the new teacher evaluation. We had our final webinar with a representative today regarding the Marzano rubrics. The committee is strongly behind these rubrics as it moves forward with the new plan. We will be finalizing our plan in the coming weeks with the hope of presenting to the E & E committee in March.
- Security: All of the security audits with the State Police have been completed and the district is awaiting the report from the State Police. B. Levesque does not believe the report will have any major areas of concern; but, a strong recommendation will be to add a key card type of entry to all of the buildings. Other than that, there are some minor issues that have already begun to be addressed.
- CMT/CAPT: The schools are all gearing up to take the required state testing. Practice testing and other preparations will be done in February. Testing officially begins on March 4.

c. Monthly Update.

P. Aubin reported that besides work on the proposed budget and capital plan, campus safety and security, she has been engaged in the following:

- MHS Water: Kathy Lamoureux, Matt Bialowas, Jimmy Majewski (Millennium Water, sanitation consultant), Vicki Carrier (DPH) and P. Aubin met with Brian Lynch (WPCA) and Mayor McDaniel with regard to a possible plan for a combined effort with the Town and School District to extend the water line to MHS and Tyl. The WPCA is providing us with additional information. Additional information is forthcoming from Gregg Leonard (SCWA) as well.

- 2012-2013 School Calendar update: The district has now had eight (8) snow/hurricane/no power days. Consequently, as of this date, the last day for students (182 days) will be Friday, June 21st. An adjusted calendar will be posted on the district web site for parents.
- Meetings:
 - P. Aubin met with Barbara Lockhart, Montville Youth Services, to discuss grant funding for training of staff in a range of ATOD and behavior management programs. Ms. Lockhart agreed that the Campus Safety Officer could serve on the Juvenile Review Board.
 - Last week, Superintendents met with Congressman Courtney to discuss school safety and security and funding issues, particularly the impact of sequestration and IDEA funding.
 - P. Aubin also met with Max Goldman, a representative from Senator Chris Murphy's office, to acquaint him to the district and its needs.
 - P. Aubin and K. Lamoureux joined Mayor McDaniel, Finance Director Terry Hart and Pam Bonanno for preliminary review for health insurance renewal with representatives from MDG Associates.

Item 11. Information items.

S. Berardy proposed having one day a month devoted to the schoolwide Community Enrichment Program with a focus on a specific topic that may be funded by the MEF.

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

Resident Kevin Fritch commented on the School Safety Committee and the need for it to be proactive in promoting its existence and it being open to everyone for prevention purposes. Town Council liaison Joe Jaskiewicz commented that he was late because he was attending another meeting.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 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: _____