

**MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
March 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

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

Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum Laurie Pallin; Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Peter DeLisa, Mary Jane Dix, Thomas Giard III, Mark Johnson, Joan Joplin, Clara Kalnitsky, Jeff Newton, and Eileen Richmond; and Student Board Representatives Raena Beetham and Jake Alexander, Town Councilors John Geary and Rosetta Jones, Board Liaison.

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 and Assistant Principal Peter DeLisa recognized Yi (Joey) Zou for being a County Winner in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster contest. Emily Russell and Suzanna Fitzgerald were also recognized for supporting fourth grade students with their leadership, enthusiasm for learning, and personal motivation. Board member Deb Reed-Iler presented these certificates.

Oakdale School: Principal Mark Johnson and Assistant Principal Clara Kalnitsky recognized Amber Guo for willingly and enthusiastically going into the kindergarten classroom to be a friend to a student who is an English Language learner. Pariya Prama and Tania Nasrin were also recognized for their diligence and positive attitudes in acclimating to the Oakdale community from Bangladesh. Board member Dave Rowley presented these certificates.

Dr. Charles E. Murphy School: Principal Jeff Newton and Assistant Principal Joan Joplin recognized Ricarla Horsley for being an inspiration and role model to students through her membership in the “Just Run” Club. Joshua Archibald was also recognized for creating, writing, and distributing the “J.A. Newspaper” at the Dr. Charles E. Murphy School. Board member Ken Strickland presented these certificates.

D. Erwin commented that the month of March is Board of Education Recognition Month. He thanked the Board for being faithful and supportive to the district and for dealing with policy issues. He mentioned that some Board members have served for more than 20 years and one member is the Area 9 CABA Director. D. Erwin also said that the Board had received the CABA Leadership Award for the past six (6) of the seven years that it has been presented. Board members were given a reception and a token of appreciation,

a paperweight inscribed *Teamwork: "The fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*

Presentation B) Presentation: Town Meeting Concept—Oakdale School: David Autencio, Cathy Brush, Carol Keatley, Kristen Keatley-Swansen.

M. Johnson introduced the staff involved in the presentation on the Town Meeting Concept at Oakdale School. They included David Autencio, a long-term sub, Cathy Brush, Carol Keatley, Robin Slane, and Kristen Keatley-Swansen. M. Johnson said that each grade level at Oakdale was responsible for presenting a Town Meeting Concept. This evening, second grade students Kara Beaupre, Iain Hatchett, Emma Giurleo, and Cheyenne Gonzales narrated a PowerPoint slide presentation based from the *Imagine It* program. Students were visited by a builder that showed them how to use power tools, a banker, a local florist, a Town Councilor who showed them how much money was needed for education, a hair stylist, and a Navy dentist who showed them how much sugar there was in foods and how to brush their teeth.

The meeting recessed briefly at 6:28 p.m. for the reception for the Board. The meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m.

Item 3. Citizens' comments.

There were no citizens' comments.

Item 4: Letters and communications.

D. Erwin commented that T. Amanti has received a two-year progress report from NEASC. A large number of the comments were positive. The high school will submit its next report to NEASC in December 2009.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.

Proposed by: Todd Pomazon
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.

The Student Board Representatives Raena Beetham and Jake Alexander presented a report as follows:

1. For the third consecutive time, the Anti-Defamation League has honored the MHS Diversity Team with the quality and success of its recent full-day program. Team members have been invited by ADL to make A "Best Practices" presentation at the statewide annual Prejudice Reduction Conference on May 21.
2. The annual chips and salsa contest was held during World Language Week.

3. An Ice Cream Social organized by Mrs. Perry was held to reward students who made the second quarter Honor Roll.
4. On March 10, a dodgeball tournament was hosted by American Studies II to raise money for their upcoming field trip to New York.
5. The Gay-Straight Alliance went to UCONN on March 13 to participate in the "True Colors" event.
6. Junior Cassandra Fish won the local "Poetry Out Loud" competition and was awarded two (2) books of poetry and a \$200 check. She also competed in the state finals in Hartford.
7. Montville High's poet laureate, Richard Riden, will read his poetry at the Mystic Art Center on March 20.
8. Jostens will give a presentation on class rings tomorrow, March 18, to the sophomores.
9. The Culinary Café has opened for the season and is offering lunch menus to staff.
10. Early Childhood and Human Development class students visited three child care centers.
11. The Academic Decathlon team, coached by Mr. Hayes and Mr. Richmond, placed third at the State competition and won a total of sixteen gold, silver, and bronze medals.
12. The MHS Drama Club performed *Beauty and the Beast* four times during the past weekend.
13. The boys basketball team qualified for the ECC and State Basketball Tournaments for the third year in a row.
14. The girls basketball team also qualified for ECC and State.
15. The wrestling team had a successful 32-3 season and was titled ECC Small Division Champions. There were three academic all-state players, and five placed in the Class M State Tournament.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

a. Review 2009-2010 budget issues to date.

D. Erwin gave the Board several hand-outs from his meeting with Commissioner of Education Mark McQuillan on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). He said that the Act is quite complex and will benefit newly developed programs. The ARRA will be closely tracked by four (4) Federal agencies who will review oversight of the funds that must be tracked separately from regular education grant monies. The auditing will focus on "supplement versus supplant." D. Erwin added that Governor Rell has chosen to use 100% of the Federally-promised stabilization funds for education within the State.

D. Erwin further commented that ECS funds would remain level for the next two (2) years. He also said that AARA Title I funds did not make up for the \$94,000 in Title I grant funds lost last year. The district will wait and apply for the ARRA funds for use in the upcoming school year. D. Erwin added that the State is trying to implement a sustainable plan as the ARRA funds will end in 2011. Also, preliminary IDEA funds cannot be used to replace staff lost. Technology aid and additional funds through the McKinney Vento Act will not come until September.

D. Erwin asked the Board to call him if they had questions on the Act and the material he presented. He said that, to date, the Federal government has offered limited guidance on the ACT. D. Erwin has asked for input from Administrators as well as the Board. He added that area workshops may be conducted for the same.

Item 8. New Business

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education consider and approve Math Triumphs, Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8, as recommended by the Educational Evaluation Committee at its February meeting.**

Motion: That the Board approves *Math Triumphs* for Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8, as recommended by the Educational Evaluation Committee at its February meeting.

Proposed by: Dave Rowley
Seconded by: Todd Pomazon
Vote: Carried unanimously

- b. It is recommended that the Board of Education consider/approves revisions to Policy 6146, Credit Requirements, as recommended by the Policy Committee at its February meeting.**

Motion: That the Board approves the revisions to Policy 6146: Credit Requirements, as recommended by the Policy Committee at its February meeting.

Proposed by: Ken Strickland
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried unanimously

- c. It is recommended that the Board of Education observe the week of May 4-8, 2009, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and an opportunity to recognize all of its employees.**

Motion: That the Board observes the week of May 4-8, 2009, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and an opportunity to recognize all of its employees.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Don Dykes
Vote: Carried unanimously

- d. It is recommended that the high school courses to be dropped or retained for 2009-2010, be referred to the Educational Evaluation Committee for review and consideration.**

Motion: That the Board refers the high school courses to be dropped or retained for 2009-2010, to the Educational Evaluation

Committee for review and consideration.

Proposed by: Dave Rowley
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- e. It is recommended that the annual analysis of the forecasted sizes of sports teams be referred to the Educational Evaluation Committee for review and recommendation.**

Motion: That the Board refers the annual analysis of the forecasted sizes of Sports teams be referred to the Educational Evaluation Committee for review and recommendation.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Dave Rowley
Vote: Carried unanimously

- f. Appraisal of field trip – Montville High School – American Studies II, New York City, April 26-27, 2009.**

The Board was apprised of the field trip.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Approved by: Don Dykes
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session.

Approved by: Todd Pomazon
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried unanimously

- g. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Cheryl Luginsland, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**

- h. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Joshua Cushing, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**

- i. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Christopher Zyrlis, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- j. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Christine Dembinski, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- k. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Alicia Potash, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- l. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Julie Perry, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- m. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Bethany Wisniewski, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- n. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Angela Joslin, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- o. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Cindy Carvalho, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**
- p. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Cheryl Fish, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.**

- q. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Pamela Green, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- r. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Julie Dunn, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- s. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Tammy Hudson, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- t. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Susan Lewis, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- u. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Lisa Zablonki, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- v. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Rebecca Curtin, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- w. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Robin Slane, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- x. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Jason Daly, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- y. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Jennifer Lopez, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- z. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Janet Kelly, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- aa. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of April Parady, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- bb. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Erin Donovan, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- cc. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Nicole Stelik, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- dd. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Laura Malinick, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- ee. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Elizabeth Dumond, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.
- ff. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Janella Lussier, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- gg. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Donna Johnson, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- hh. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Jean Scardina, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- ii. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Michele Mitchell, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- jj. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Mary Aledia, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

- kk. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the motion that the contract of employment of Elizabeth Bryer, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2008 -2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise this individual in writing of this action.

Motion: That the Board approves, with regret, that the contracts for employment for staff identified in Agenda Items 8.g – 8.kk, not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of 2008 – 2009 as proposed, and the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise these individuals in writing of this action.

Approved by: Todd Pomazon
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy Committee (James Wood).

D. Erwin reported that the Policy Committee did not meet this month. A meeting will be scheduled for next month to discuss the harassment policy.

b. Educational Evaluation Committee (David Rowley).

D. Rowley reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and recommended the *Math Connects* textbook for grade 3 that will supplement the ones used in grades 4 and 5. The textbook will be brought before the full Board for approval in April. The Committee will further review for another month a Computer Applications textbook. It will also review a Child Development course for the high school.

c. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the LEARN Advisory Committee met on March 12 and listened to Michael McKee, Superintendent of Schools in Stonington about his recent trip to China. Mr. McKee mentioned that SE Connecticut would set up a sister city in China. The Committee was also introduced to Paul Carolan, the new director of the Regional Multicultural Magnet School. D. Reed-Iler also reported the Eastern Point School will be redone to house the Marine Science Building. She also said that LEARN is using the district's sexual harassment policy.

D. Reed-Iler concluded with information on the Montville Education Foundation that is a newly formed non-profit. The Foundation will hold a golf tournament on August 10 with the proceeds going directly into the Foundation. The cost is \$125 per person. D. Reed-Iler asked for Board support.

d. CABE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the *Day on the Hill* was held on March 4 at the Bushnell in Hartford. They met with the co-chair of the State Education Committee who spoke about upcoming bills and new regulations for certification. He said that most likely the in-school suspension will be delayed for 1-3 years. Enabling education laws that give districts the authority to legally run their districts was a topic of discussion. Making strategic alliances with neighboring districts was encouraged. Also before the Committee was a bill to not allow schools to start prior to Labor Day.

e. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon/James Wood).

T. Pomazon reported that the Committee would meet tomorrow March 18, 2009.

f. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

T. McNally was absent from the meeting.

g. Administrative Monthly Reports.

The Board received these reports in their packets.

h. Other.

There was no other information to report.

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

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

D. Maynard reported that she is working on out-of-district placements and reviews. She is also working with Norwich to share classroom space in order to save the district money.

b. Monthly Update.

D. Erwin reported that a meeting will be held with the DEP on Wednesday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m. The district will participate in a study conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection about artificial fields statewide. The high school athletic field will be included in the study at no cost to the district. D. Erwin also reported that a letter will be sent to eighth grade parents about an informal discussion regarding "sexting." T. Giard said that the school was taking "a more preventive than proactive approach" to the issue. Officer Karen Morehead will conduct the discussion.

D. Erwin added that the Montville Education Foundation will be added as a Committee report to the Board agenda.

Item 11. Information items.

Information items were not reported.

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

There were no hearing of delegates and citizens.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Approved by: Todd Pomazon

Seconded by: Bob Mitchell

Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Todd Pomazon
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary
Approved _____