

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**2018-2019 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/ Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Montville High School, all stood and pledged the flag. Board members present were: James Wood, Sandra Berardy, Monica Pomazon, Daniel Boisvert, Colleen Rix, and Steven Loiler. Board members Joseph Aquitante and Dana Ladyga were absent.

Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Mayor Ronald McDaniel, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Jennifer LeMay, Administrators Heather Sangermano, Amy Espinoza, M.J. Dix, Lynn Obomalayat, Directors of IT and Maintenance, and Town Council Liaison, Wills Pike.

**Item 2. Community Comments**

None.

**Item 3. Presentation/discussion on the Superintendent's proposed budget for 2019-20.**

Superintendent Pallin presented the 2019-2020 proposed budget. The full proposal may be found on the district site, including the complete power point and Budget Object Report.

Kathy Lamoureux discussed the research she requested for options for special education transportation costs. Kathy reached out to East Lyme, Colchester and LEARN to see if they have students we could cost share with for Special Education transportation when transporting out of district.

Colleen Rix: Why are we cutting library books by so much? Laurie: These are one of the things you as a board need to weigh, this is a cut we felt comfortable making however the Board may choose to make this cut elsewhere. It is not a choice we made easily, every cut has a risk to it.

Colleen: Did Phil also run the numbers for pay to play at the high school level? Laurie: Yes, there is a spreadsheet in your OneNote binder and Phil will be here at our next meeting to answer questions on that. Audience member: Does pay to play include band and drama? Laurie: Yes

Dan Boisvert: Who handles the substitute calling? Laurie: Aesop, which is an electronic program we have used for about five years.

Monica: You mentioned that gate fees do not cover all of the athletic fees. Kathy: That is for the officials, we are estimating based on prior years. We must keep in mind that this document is just a guide, there will always be changes and transfers as this is not an exact science.

Monica: Can you explain the BCBA in the 112 object? Laurie: That is actually a behaviorist, not a BCBA. M.J. explained that the work of a behaviorist is not quite as academic and they often work with students with behavior plans.

Our overage in the FY 2019 budget projection is due to the settlement agreement as expected, we have tried to absorb where we could.

Laurie: Our next meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup> and then we meet again on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy: Reviewed the Excess Cost Grant and how it is handled with the Town as revenue, instead of offsetting the Board of Education tuitions.

Laurie- We have a spreadsheet of each outplaced student including all of the costs so that we can estimate those students who are eligible for Excess Cost reimbursement.

Mayor: The excess cost is not a guarantee, we don't even know what our MBR will be.

#### **Item 4. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler  
Seconded by: Colleen Rix  
Vote: Carried (vote 7 -0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Mitchell, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Colleen Rix, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

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