

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DR. CHARLES E. MURPHY AND OAKDALE SCHOOL  
January 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**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**

Board Chair Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. at Murphy School. Board members present were: Dana Ladyga, Robert Mitchell, Monica Pomazon, Carol Burgess and Jim Wood.

Also present were Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Director of Facilities Steve Carroll, and Principal Amy Espinoza. Oakdale Principal Jill Mazzalupo and Superintendent Laurie Pallin joined the meeting at 5:00 when the meeting moved to Oakdale School.

**Item 2. Tour of Dr. Charles E. Murphy School**

Steve Carroll discussed, and Board members observed, items at Murphy in need of repair that are recommended for inclusion in capital improvement requests. These include the Murphy roof and gutters, the gym floor, the phone system and the addition of a generator in order to power the phone system during emergencies. Steve is still working with vendors for mechanicals which may come with rebates to offset the rising cost of the roof project.

*Board members then moved to Oakdale School where they were joined by parents for the Budget Forum.*

**Item 3. 2020-2021 Budget input from community members**

Parents spoke about their priorities for inclusion in the budget. Two parents were present.

Gretchen Brochu - Urged that we maintain staff positions as our class sizes are extremely important, especially in lower grades.

Erin Spurgas - Also discussed the importance of class size when building the budget. The manageable class sizes enable teachers to provide services that have been cut from the budget (i.e. enrichment) within the classroom. Erin also expressed strong support for up to date devices for student use at middle school. Questions were raised about the process of training students and drivers about security on buses.

**Item 4. Tour of Oakdale School**

Steve Carroll discussed, and Board members observed, items at Oakdale in need of repair

that are recommended for inclusion in the upcoming capital improvement requests. These include major work to the Oakdale parking lot. The engineering study is about to be completed to get an estimate of the cost of the job. Oakdale also has some roof leaks which need to be addressed.

**Item 5. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn.  
Proposed by: Jim Wood  
Seconded by: Monica Pomazon  
Vote: Carried (vote 5 -0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Monica Pomazon, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

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