

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
June 16, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

Board Chair Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Tom McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, David Rowley, Kendrick Strickland, James Wood and Sandra Berardy. Board member Donald Dykes was absent. Todd Pomazon and James Wood left at 7:00 p.m. to attend the School Building Committee meeting.

Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools David B. Erwin, Assistant Superintendent Appointee Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum Laurie Pallin, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Mary Jane Dix, Thomas Giard III, Mark Johnson, Jeff Newton, Sheila Reagan, and Town Council member Rosetta Jones and Mayor Joseph Jaskiewicz.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Citizens' comments.

There were no citizens' comments.

Item 4: Letters and communications.

There were no letters or communications reported.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.

Proposed by: Todd Pomazon

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.

D. Erwin reported that senior Jake Alexander would be joined by junior Jessica Semmelrock as a student board representative in the fall. He said that he sent her a letter formally welcoming her. He also said that Jessica would have lunch with the interim superintendent once appointed.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

- a. **Discussion of 2009-10 budget to date and review/adjust the budget for 2009-10.**

D. Erwin reported that the 2009-10 budget is “in good shape.” He said that the minutes for tonight’s meeting will include the budget adjustments from the special meetings of June 4, 2009, and June 10, 2009. The Board will receive the complete budget package by August.

Item 8. New Business

- a. It is recommended that Board of Education Policy 4118.112, Personnel: Harassment, be approved as proposed by the Policy Committee during their May meeting.**

D. Maynard reported that the language in Policy 4118.112, Personnel: Harassment was revised and includes new administrative procedures and investigative reporting measures.

Motion: That the Board approves Policy 4118.112, Personnel: Harassment as proposed by the Policy Committee during their May meeting.

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

- b. It is recommended that the Board of Education Policy 5161, Students: Harassment, be approved as proposed by the Policy Committee during their May meeting.**

D. Maynard reported that there was no previous policy for student harassment. Procedural methods for the student and personnel harassment policy are the same. J. Wood commented that “there is now a paper trail.” D. Erwin added that the student policy would be included in the Tyl and MHS handbooks.

Motion: That the Board approves Policy 5161, Students: Harassment, as proposed by the Policy Committee during their May meeting.

Proposed by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Ken Strickland
Vote: Carried unanimously

- c. It is recommended that the Board of Education comply with Public Act 06-63, an act concerning Healthy Foods & Beverages in School for the 2009-2010 school year. The Montville Board of Education elects, for the 2009-2010 school year, to permit the sale of all foods and beverages that are not legally permitted during the regular school day if the following conditions are met:**
- 1. The sale of foods and beverages is in connection with an *event* occurring *after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend.***
 - 2. The sale of foods and beverages is at the *location of the event.***
 - 3. The foods and beverages are *not sold from a vending machine or school store.***

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Proposed by: Jim Wood
Seconded by: Ken Strickland
Vote: Carried unanimously

D. Erwin said that the district continues to comply with the Public Act 06-63. He said that the State may reduce the amount for reimbursement of beverages. He also said that the district approves compliance with the policy on an annual basis. H. Buchholtz added that the State only allows water, juice and milk as beverages in school.

d. Consideration/approval of salary/benefits for unaffiliated staff.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

The Board went into executive session at 6:08 p.m.

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session.

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

The Board came out of executive session at 6:58 p.m.

Motion: That the Board approves salary/benefits for unaffiliated staff as proposed by the Superintendent.

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

e. It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss/approve the selection of a superintendent search firm.

Motion: That the Board approves the superintendent search team, NESDEC.

Proposed by: Dave Rowley
Seconded by: Tom McNally
Vote: Carried 7-0; Deb Reed-Iler abstained

f. It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss the use of the artificial turf field.

D. Erwin reported that discussion has been generated within Town about public use of the MHS athletic field. He stated that he, Kathy Lamoureux, and Matt Bialowas met with the Mayor a week ago to discuss community use of the field. Field damage and remuneration for custodial service during weekend use of the field are pending issues. During the weekend, the field would need to be locked. Another topic discussed was rental use of the field. A handout was distributed that outlined the cost for for-profit versus nonprofit use of the field. Revenue from field use would go into a fund under the auspices of the Board.

Liability for illegal entrance to the field was also discussed. It was agreed that a way must be determined to protect and to have the Town share in the cost for a custodian during weekend hours. T. Amanti said that the use of the field is now an issue as the field is in excellent condition. D. Reed-Iler commented that the residents have ownership in the field since they voted for it. D. Erwin said that the weekend custodial maintenance of the field would be about \$160. K. Strickland suggested having the custodian check the field at the end of the day on Friday and first thing on Monday should the field be open on weekends.

Motion: That the Board agrees that the MHS athletic field will open to community use effective immediately and agrees that it will be checked by custodial staff daily, at the close of the day on Fridays and first thing on Mondays for weekend use, and the field will be closed after dark with an “at your own risk” sign and another sign with the Town Police number for reporting damage, also surveillance by cameras will be noted on the signs once they are installed.

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

B. Mitchell suggested the Board reevaluate the data on the field usage for the two-month period at its August meeting.

Motion: That the Board sends a letter to the Mayor regarding the Board’s decision regarding community use of the field and reevaluate the same with Mayor Jaskiewicz for discussion at the Board August 2009 meeting.

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

Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Board Policy 1330, Community Relation: Use of School Facilities, the field use form with the costs and criteria as designated by the Superintendent and reevaluate the same at its August 2009 meeting.

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

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy Committee (James Wood).

J. Wood reported that no meeting was held but one will be scheduled for August 2009.

b. Educational Evaluation Committee (David Rowley).

D. Rowley reported that no meeting was held.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the plans continue for the MEF August 10, 2009, golf tournament. The rubrics for the foundation are being finalized with help from Mark Johnson.

d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the LEARN Advisory Committee had its last meeting where the history of open choice and the differentiation between magnet and charter schools were discussed. Currently, there are 16 charter schools and 53 magnet schools in Connecticut.

e. CABA/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that he missed the last CABA meeting. He said the CABA budget was passed without an increase in dues. He also reported that registration forms have been mailed for the CABA/CAPSS Conference to be held at the Mystic Marriott on November 20-21, 2009.

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

D. Erwin reported that the Committee was meeting now to discuss a construction issue with a vendor.

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

T. McNally reported that there was no meeting.

h. Administrative Monthly Reports.

There were Administrative Monthly Reports administered this month.

i. 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 received a letter from the Bureau of Special Education regarding focused monitoring activities of the district's expulsion and suspension data. The Bureau reported that the district had met with its objectives and will no longer be monitored, but it is encouraged to continue to improve its efforts. She also reported that she has been working with staff that have been reassigned and have asked them for patience in defining their roles. D. Maynard also reported that the ARRA grant for the district needs a few changes but that the teacher positions applied for under the grant will be fine for two years. She also reminded the Board of the traveling tribute of the replica of the Vietnam Wall. The caravan will start at the Town Hall and move toward the Howard Brown Park

b. Monthly Update.

D. Erwin reported that the Tyl Promotion Ceremony will take place tomorrow, June 17. The high school graduation will occur on the athletic field on Thursday, June 18, weather permitting. Also discussed was the Board's July retreat where they routinely meet with Patrice McCarthy. The Board agreed to cancel its retreat until there is more stability in the Central Office. Board goals will be tweaked for their review.

D. Erwin stated that this meeting was his last meeting with the Board. He said that a lot of great things were accomplished within the district with the help of Laurie Pallin and Donna Maynard who brought special education "into this century." He also said that the buildings are now in good shape and that Brian Levesque will help "bring the district forward." He thanked all the administrators. He said the Board was a great one with which to work and thanked them for their efforts. D. Erwin thanked Town Councilor Rosetta Jones and the efforts of the Council.

Item 11. Information items.

Information items were not reported.

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

Rosetta Jones clarified with the Board if she should open dialogue with the Town Council regarding the issues discussed this evening regarding the MHS athletic field. D. Erwin commented that the Mayor would be sent a letter regarding the same.

Item 13. Adjournment.

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

Approved by: Dave Rowley

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Todd Pomazon, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary
Approved _____