

**SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEONARD J. TYL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
January 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

There was not a quorum of Board of Education members; therefore the meeting was informational only.

Present at the meeting: Board Chair David Rowley, Board Members Carrie Baxter and Robert Mitchell, Jr., Superintendent of Schools Pamela W. Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian C. Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Thomas W. Giard, III, Mary Jane Dix, and staff members.

D. Rowley introduced Board members and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the public concerning the budget. D. Rowley outlined the timeline for the process for the schools and gave a brief summary of the budget assumptions and constraints, and turned the meeting over to P. Aubin. P. Aubin opened the meeting to the public letting them know that this is their opportunity to give ideas on ways to achieve efficiency. She stated that her focus is to keep services for students and to share the "pain" throughout the district. She wants to come in with a realistic budget. She feels that in these tough economic times a successful budget will be a maintenance budget. Economic issues are not unique to Montville but are seen throughout the State.

Staff and community members spoke concerning the following:

- Asked whether we can reallocate some of the Title grant monies, specifically the technology grant to use in different ways.
 - P. Aubin said that there is very little grant monies except for Title I which is used for staffing.
- Asked if "pay for play" would be considered.
 - P. Aubin stated she is not ready to address this issue at this time. She feels that access and engagement in extra-curricular activities are important for our students and instituting "pay for play" limits access for some students.

P. Aubin said she is looking to make the most educationally responsible and financially sound decisions. The focus will be establishing quality programs with the resources available. She will look at program enrollment and the impact of programs on student learning. She realizes the schools are important to families when they are looking to establish residency.

T. Giard mentioned parents had expressed concern about the continuation of the late buses. P. Aubin indicated that she would have to look at any reductions as to the savings and the consequences of the reductions. She stated that it was too early in the process to make any determination. She indicated that during the budget process, she would involve principals in the decisions. If something is suggested and the principal does not believe it would work, than she would look for them to make other recommendations.

P. Aubin encouraged people to email her with that had any ideas. P. Aubin thanked everyone for being in attendance.

Pamela W. Aubin
Superintendent of Schools