

**SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
January 8, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**

Item 1: Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened 5:30 p.m. Board of Education members in attendance were Carrie Baxter, Steven Loiler, Thomas McNally, Robert Mitchell, David Rowley, and James Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent Pamela W. Aubin, Assistant Superintendent Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux and Administrators Jeffrey Theodoss, Sheila Reagan, Mary Jane Dix, Tatiana Patten, Jason Daly, and Will Klinefelter. Town Council members present were Gary Murphy, candy Buebendorf, and Laura Tanner, along with members of the community.

Item 2: Budget suggestions, 2013-14

D. Rowley mentioned that there will be another budget forum on Friday, February 1 at the Montville Senior Center and that the Board's budget workshop will be held on Saturday, February 9. He then introduced Board of Education members and explained that the purpose of this meeting was for community input. P. Aubin introduced staff members and gave an overview of the budget assumptions, constraints, guidelines and priorities.

Discussion was held on the following items:

- Need for exploration of alternate energy sources due to the rising cost of fuel
 - Solar panels, geothermal
- Superintendent's compensation, contract term
- Montville High School water problem with manganese in the water
- Electronic books
 - Use of electronic books vs. regular textbooks
- Yearend budget expenditures and process
 - Cycle of spending at the end of the fiscal year
 - Equipment purchases
 - Staff layoffs
 - Transfer of budget lines
 - Encumbrances

G. Murphy stated that he hopes the Town Council can meet with the Board before the budget is set. D. Rowley feels we need a Capital Spending Committee.

Item 3: Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela W. Aubin
Superintendent of Schools