

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.**

**2012-13 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 David Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Carrie T. Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Deborah Reed-Iler, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, James Wood and David Rowley.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Director of Facilities Matt Bialowas, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Jill Mazzalupo, Jason Daly, Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, Heather Mileski, Tanya Patten, Eileen Richmond and Jeff Theodoss; Student Board Representatives Kevin Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe; Mayor Ronald McDaniel; Town Council Liaison Joe Jaskiewicz and WPCA Administrator Brian Lynch.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

All stood and pledged the flag.

**Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.**

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge the following students, teachers and community members in the areas noted:

**Mohegan School:** In the absence of Principal Lori Caron, Jill Mazzalupo recognized Karina Huang, Paul Huang, Alex Ji, Madelyn Koning, Jayden Liang, and Kelly Liang for mastering all four math fact operations. Board member Sandra Berardy presented these certificates.

**Oakdale School:** Principal Mark Johnson recognized Lin Stark for her strength and resilience in the face of disaster. L. Stark expressed that she was overwhelmed with the acts of kindness and support of the Montville School District. He also recognized Quincy Hudak-Mitchell for his perseverance and spirit of cooperation. These certificates were presented by Board member Carrie Baxter.

**Dr. Charles E. Murphy School:** Principal Amy Espinoza recognized Penny Sprague, Pat Hemingway, Joan Ziegler and Dorothy Chmielewski for their commitment to the teachers and students of Dr. Charles E. Murphy School. Board member Deborah Reed-Iler presented these certificates.

**Presentation: B) Recognition of Board of Education Members – Pam Aubin.**

P. Aubin thanked the Board and expressed her appreciation for their responsibilities, efforts, excellent questions asked and respectful discourse while conducting Board business. Each Board member was presented with a small token of appreciation.

**Presentation: C) School Personnel Development Grant – Oakdale School.**

Principal Mark Johnson and the Oakdale SPDG team gave a report and a PowerPoint presentation on the SPDG grant. M. Johnson explained that a team member seeks and brings back learning that is shared with the School Improvement Team. That learning is then focused on student literary and reading skills, positive behavioral support, improvement of academic achievement and support of SRBI.

**Item 3. Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only).** -- None

**Item 4: Letters and communications.** -- None

**Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.**

D. Rowley made a correction to the Special Meeting minutes of February 14, 2013, and the vote for the Superintendent's budget explaining that he was present and supported the vote.

**Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.**

**Proposed by:** Steve Loiler

**Seconded by:** Tom McNally

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.**

The Student Board Representatives Rachael Orbe and Kevin Fitzgerald reported on the following:

1. CAPT testing took place the first two weeks in March.
2. Course selection is now complete for next year.
3. Two MHS students have qualified for the All-State Music Festival on April 2-4, junior Jeffrey Cregeur for vocals and Helena Sun for clarinet.
4. The Science Fact or Fiction class took a trip to the CT Science Center on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Mohegan tribal representatives gave a presentation in the Montville Library/Media Center that included student participation in singing, dancing and acting.
6. Band and Chorus students participated in a Music Team Leadership Workshop and put on a combined concert at the end of February.
7. Montville Drama Club put on four successful shows of the *Music Man* this past weekend; the shows were well performed, crowd pleasers that ended with standing ovations.
8. The World Language Department held its annual "Salsa Contest" on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
9. On March 18, the Business Department began the Stock Market Challenge to stimulate stock market trading. The contest will last into May and is being used in Personal Financing and Accounting classes.
10. The Honor Roll Ice Cream Social will be held next Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m.
11. The finals for the Poetry Out Loud contest was won by junior Stanley Kesilewski, who went on to attend the state competition.
12. This upcoming weekend the Outing Club is taking a ski trip to Vermont.
13. Montville Cheerleaders won the ECC Tournament this year and placed fourth in their state meet, the best cheerleading ranking in MHS history.
14. Montville girls basketball ended their 2013 season in the semi-quarterfinals against Notre Dame Catholic High School.
15. The Indoor Track team placed third in the ECC Tournament and seventh in the state tournament.
16. Spring sports began on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

17. A new MHS club sport, lacrosse, has attracted many new members.

**Item 7. Unfinished business.**

- a. **Consideration and action to approve the adjusted 2013-14, based on the Superintendent's recommendations. The recommendations reflect the directive by the Board of Education at its February 14, 2013, Special Meeting to reflect a 0% increase, maintaining the Board's goal for a full-day kindergarten program.**

P. Aubin reported that the proposed budget supports acceptable class sizes, eliminates a high school position, eliminates some dues and Project Oceanology and retains the Campus Safety Officer and full-day kindergarten.

**Motion: That the Board approves the adjusted 2013-14, based on the Superintendent's recommendations. The recommendations reflect the directive by the Board of Education at its February 14, 2013 Special Meeting to reflect a 0% increase, maintaining the Board's goal for a full-time kindergarten program.**

**Proposed by:** Steve Loiler

**Seconded by:** Tom McNally

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- b. **2013-2014 Budget Meetings**

- **Public Hearing on Board of Education Budget, Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Montville High School Auditorium**
- **Public Hearing on Town Government Budget, Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Montville Town Hall.**

The Board was apprised of these meetings.

**Item 8. New Business.**

- a. **Consideration and action to appoint the new principal of Mohegan Elementary School.**

**Motion: That the Board appoints Allison Peterson as the new principal of Mohegan Elementary School.**

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally

**Seconded by:** Carrie Baxter

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- b. **Consideration and action to approve the Marzano Educator Evaluation Plan as recommended by the Educational Evaluation Committee.**

B. Levesque commented on the district's progress with redoing the teacher evaluation process, which began last September to develop a new plan per the State. He congratulated the team that met weekly/biweekly stating that the observation method for monitoring teachers was a hard decision. B. Levesque also said that the Marzano Plan has extensive professional development and supports the work in the district helping to make teachers better.

**Motion:** That the Board approves the Marzano Educator Evaluation Plan as recommended by the Educational Evaluation Committee.

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler

**Seconded by:** Bob Mitchell

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- c. **Consideration and action to transfer \$45,500 from Special Education Tuition (1200/503) to Improvement of Instructional Services (2210/330) - \$14,000, 2210/322 - \$31,500) for the purchase of the Marzano Educator Evaluation Plan and applicable training.**

**Motion:** That the Board approves the transfer \$45,500 from Special Education Tuition (1200/503) to Improvement of Instructional Services (2210/330) - \$14,000, 2210/322 - \$31,500) for the purchase of the Marzano Educator Evaluation Plan and applicable training.

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler

**Seconded by:** Bob Mitchell

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- d. **Consideration and action to observe the week of May 6-10, 2013, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and an opportunity to recognize all of its employees.**

**Motion:** That the Board approves the week of May 6-10, 2013, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and an opportunity to recognize all of its employees.

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally

**Seconded by:** Deb Reed-Iler

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- e. **Recommendation, consideration and action to endorse the selection of WPCA for the water connection for Montville High School and Tyl Middle School.**

P. Aubin spoke to the discussions with SCWA and WPCA regarding the costs for the water connection, stating that the WPCA fees were lower. Mayor McDaniel mentioned the economic benefit to Rte 163 at an estimated cost of 5-6 million for the water extension. Vicky Carrier of the State Department of Public Health drinking water division commented on the manganese level at MHS. WPCA Administrator B. Lynch gave assurance to the availability of water for development as well as the schools. K. Lamoureux added that the project has been endorsed by the fire departments. T. McNally disputed the costs for the project.

**Motion:** That the Board approves

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler

**Seconded by:** Jim Wood

**Hand Vote:** Carried 6-2-1; opposed T. McNally and S. Loiler; abstained C. Baxter, **motion carried**

- f. **Consideration and action to modify the 2012-13 school calendar to reflect 180 student days, instead of 182 student days.**

**Motion:** That the Board approves modification of the 2012-13 school calendar to reflect 180 students days, instead of 182 student days.

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler

**Seconded by:** Carrie Baxter

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- g. Appraisal of field trip: Montville High School, World Language Department, Spain, Greece, April 10, 2014 – April 19, 2014, 12 students.**

The Board was apprised of this trip.

- h. Appraisal of field trip: Leonard J. Tyl School, Robotics Club, Anaheim, CA, April 17, 2013 – April 20, 2013, 2 students.**

The Board was apprised of this trip.

- i. Appraisal of field trip: Leonard J. Tyl Middle School, Nature's Classroom, Charlton, MA, April 29, 2013 – May 3, 2013, maximum of 47 students.**

The Board was advised of this trip.

**Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.**

**a. Policy (James Wood).**

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and continued review of Policy 5140, Suspension and Expulsion that was last revised in 2002.

**b. Educational Evaluation (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that the teacher/administrator evaluation that will be discussed at the next Committee meeting must be forwarded to the State by June.

**c. Montville Education Foundation (Steve Loiler).**

S. Loiler reported that April 30 is the spring grant deadline and works continues on updating the manual and coming up with new fundraising ideas.

**d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).**

D. Reed-Iler reported that Brigitte Gordon-Hickey is the new director. She also commented that Jerry Belair, Superintendent of Waterford Public Schools, gave a presentation on the trials and tribulations of SEED. D. Reed-Iler also reported on the new vision and mission statement.

**e. CABE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that he would be attending the NSBA conference next month. The next CABE meeting is on March 28.

**f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon). (1-School Safety/Positive Climate)**

T. Pomazon reported that the state audit of Tyl Middle School is complete.

**g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).**

T. McNally reported that the next meeting is scheduled for April.

**h. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that the bureau met last week for the first time after the winter shutdown. For the sixth year, there is a zero budget increase. The \$100 fee for after school programs defrays the cost for running the bureau. The annual pasta benefit will be held on April 28 at the Mohegan Firehouse

**i. Administrative Monthly Reports.**

D. Rowley thanked administrators for their reports.

**j. Chair's Remarks.**

D. Rowley reported that the Board's joint meeting with the Town Council will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Public Safety Building where residents will have the opportunity to meet and greet and ask questions and express concerns. He also commented on having represented the Board in his visit to Dr. Greenstein's class.

**k. Other. -- None**

**Item 10. Superintendent's Report.**

**a. Report from the Director of Student Services – Ms. Maynard.**

D. Maynard reported the following:

- The Special Services Department will be hosting a *Lead Awareness for Families* program on Wednesday, March 20, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the MHS Library/Media Center. Dinner and child care will be provided. This program fulfills the obligation of the district under the State's Lead Awareness Challenge.
- On Monday afternoon, March 18, several special education teachers, reading consultants, program leaders and D. Maynard participated in a webinar entitled: *Teaching Content Literacy and the Common Core State Standards* by using the *Collaborative Strategic Reading (CSR)* approach. The basic concept was very similar to Literature Circles which are being implemented in some of the elementary grades now with strategies that helped promote middle school students' reading skills.

**b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.**

B. Levesque reported the following:

- E-Rate: B. Levesque recently completed the Form 471 in the E-Rate process. Commitments have been made to the vendors for next year for phone and internet services in the district. The reimbursement rate has increased from 50% to 55%. This provides for a discount of more than \$85,000 on these eligible services for the 2013-2014 school year.

**c. Monthly Update.**

P. Aubin reported the following:

- The first Community Conversations planning meeting was held on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> with over 20 participants in attendance. The group selected School Climate, Safety, and Security as the focus topic. Community members volunteered to assume responsibility for a variety of roles and tasks. Mary Broderick and P. Aubin co-facilitated the meeting. The actual Community Conversation will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at MHS at 5:00

p.m. Dinner and child care will be provided and funded by the grant from Graustein Memorial. This promises to be a worthwhile event. Thanks to Bob Mitchell and Deborah Reed-Iler for their participation.

- On Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, P. Aubin and Kathy Lamoureux visited the Transportation Center and met with the drivers and Transportation Director Linda Records to share that the RFP announcement would be posted in local papers. The purpose was to keep them informed and alleviate any concerns as a professional courtesy. She and K. Lamoureux are discussing with M. Bialowas possible improvements that can be made to the break room.

**Item 11. Information items.** -- None

**Item 12. Citizens comments (non-agenda items only).** -- None

**Item 13. Adjournment.**

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

**Proposed by:** Carrie Baxter

**Seconded by:** Bob Mitchell

**Vote:** Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Rowley, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Tom McNally, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary

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