

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
Tuesday, April 9, 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, Deborah Reed-Iler, Steve Loiler, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, James Wood and David Rowley. Board members Sandra Berardy and Tom McNally were absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Lori Caron, Mary Jane Dix, Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, William Klinefelter, Jr., Jill Mazzalupo, Heather Mileski, Tanya Patten, Eileen Richmond and Jeff Theodoss; MEA President Joel Farrior, and Town Council Liaison Joseph Jaskiewicz. Student Board Representatives Kevin Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe were absent.

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:

Districtwide: Superintendent Aubin and Principal Lori Caron recognized Jill Mazzalupo for going above and beyond in providing leadership at Mohegan School during the principal's absence. Board member Jim Wood presented this certificate.

Leonard J. Tyl School: Principal Mary Jane Dix and Assistant Principal Will Klinefelter recognized Cindy Carvalho for her hard work, support and dedication to Leonard J. Tyl Middle School's Student Council. Cassandra LaRose was also recognized for being a leader among her peers, for her dedication to Chorus, and for making the Eastern Region Music Festival three years in a row. These certificates were presented by Board member Steve Loiler.

Montville High School: Principal Jeff Theodoss and Assistant Principals Jason Daly and Tanya Patten recognized Lacia Japp for being selected as a Governor's Scholar of Connecticut. Board member Bob Mitchell presented this certificate.

Palmer Academy: Principal Heather Mileski recognized John Avery for demonstrating leadership qualities throughout the current school year. This certificate was presented by Board member Deb Reed-Iler.

**Presentation: B) Paraprofessional of the Year 2014 – Donna Rice, Special Needs
Paraprofessional, Leonard J. Tyl Middle School.**

Superintendent P. Aubin and Principal M.J. Dix and Assistant Principal W. Klinefelter recognized Donna Rice as Paraprofessional of the Year, 2014. Donna is a paraprofessional at Tyl. This is the first year that the State of Connecticut has recognized this profession. M. J. Dix said that D. Rice, “works above the dictates of the job description and makes connection directly with students.” Board chair D. Rowley presented a gift to Ms. Rice.

**Presentation: C) Recognition of Semifinalists for Paraprofessional of the Year 2014 –
Peggy Kelley, Debbie Murphy and Janet Wrobel**

Superintendent P. Aubin and Board Chair D. Rowley recognized Peggy Kelley, Debbie Murphy and Janet Wrobel as semifinalists in the 2014 Paraprofessional of the Year. P. Aubin described them as being “highly recommended by their nominating principals.”

**Presentation: D) Raising Academic Standards and Improving School Climate – Montville
High School**

Principal J. Theodoss and Assistant Principal T. Patten gave a PowerPoint presentation on Raising Academic Standards and Improving School Climate that covered those two topics in addition to Supporting Student Efforts and Montville High School’s Additional Paths to Success (MAPS).

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

Item 4: Letters and communications.

In the absence of Board member T. McNally, Chair D. Rowley reported on a letter from Town Clerk Lisa Terry concerning texting by boards which is not allowed for purposes of FOI.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler

Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives. -- None

Item 7. Unfinished business.

- a. Consideration and action to approve the System for Educator Evaluation and Development Plan for submission to the State Department of Education.**

Board member B. Mitchell reported that the Montville System for Educator Evaluation plan was discussed at the E & E Committee meeting earlier this evening and it was recommended that it be brought to the full Board for consideration. L. Pallin gave a PowerPoint presentation of the components of the proposed evaluation plans for teachers

and administrators prototyped from the State model. She said the impetus of the plan is to support teachers and said, "*When teachers succeed; students succeed.*"

Motion: That the Board approves the Montville System for Educator Evaluation and Development Plan for submission to the State Department of Education.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Carrie Baxter

Vote: Carried unanimously

b. 2013-2013 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 dates.

Item 8. New Business.

- a. Consideration and action to schedule a reception to honor its retirees on May 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. and approve the writing of resolutions for retirees.**

Motion: That the Board the approves the scheduling of a reception to honor its retirees on May 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. and approve the writing of resolutions for the retirees.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Jim Wood

Vote: Carried unanimously

- b. Consideration and action to authorize the Superintendent to apply for interdistrict cooperative grants and state and federal grants for various educational programs.**

Motion: That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to apply for interdistrict cooperative grants and state and federal grants for various educational programs.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Steve Loiler

Vote: Carried unanimously

- c. Consideration and action to confirm the date of Thursday, June 20, 2013, for Montville High School graduation.**

Motion: That the Board confirms the date of Thursday, June 20, 2013, for Montville High School graduation.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- d. Consideration and action to change the 2012-13 school calendar with June 20, 2013 as the last day of school for students, and with June 21 and June 24, 2013, as professional development days for staff members.**

Motion: That the Board approves to change the 2012-13 school calendar with June 20, 2013 as the last day of school for students, and with June 21 and June 24, 2013, as professional development days for staff members.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- e. Consideration and action to appoint Mary Fischer to represent the Montville Board of Education on Ledyard's Agri-Science Advisory Committee.**

Motion: That the Board appoints Mary Fischer to represent the Montville Board of Education on Ledyard's Agri-Science Advisory Committee.

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

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

- a. Policy (James Wood).**

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and continues to review Policy 5140, Expulsion.

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

B. Mitchell reported earlier this evening on the Committee meeting.

- c. Montville Education Foundation (Steve Loiler). – No report**

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

D. Reed-Iler reported that the next meeting would be on Thursday, April 11.

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

B. Mitchell reported that he will be leaving for the NSBA conference on Friday morning, April 12 and will attend 2-3 workshops per day and will bring information back to the Board.

- f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon). – No report**

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

In the absence of T. McNally, D. Rowley reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow, April 10.

h. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported the Bureau will meet on April 11 and plans continue for the April 29, 2013, Pasta Dinner at the Montville Firehouse. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$6.00 for seniors. All food for the event was donated.

i. Administrative Monthly Reports.

Board members received these reports in their packets. D. Reed-Iler addressed comments and questions to L. Caron regarding her report.

j. Chair's Remarks.

D. Rowley reported the following:

- He commented on his interview with Heather Mileski which can be viewed on Cable Channel 22.
- He will interview Student Board Representatives Kevin Fitzgerald and Rachel Orbe tomorrow, April 10.
- He attended the Ice Cream Social at Montville High School.
- He also attended the Common Core workshop sponsored by CAFE.

k. Other. -- None

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

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

D. Maynard reported that all is going well with no concerns to report.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

B. Levesque was absent from the meeting.

c. Monthly Update.

P. Aubin reported on the following:

1. Since the Board has now approved June 20, 2013, as the Montville High School date of graduation, she is distributing the dates of other graduations/promotion events so that the Board can save them to their calendar.
2. The Mayor and P. Aubin discussed the proposed requests for capital improvement projects, and they have agreed to work collaboratively to procure school security grant funding for reimbursement to the Town for any eligible costs.

3. P. Aubin met with Town Council Chairperson Candy Buebendorf and has agreed to not do a full presentation on the budget at the Town Council Budget Hearing. She will make a few remarks during public session. She and C. Buebendorf agreed that the public has had access to the budget and opportunities for input through the Board of Education meeting public comment portion of the agenda, as well as the budget workshop. She will ask Kathy Lamoureux to post the budget on the district web site later this week.
4. P. Aubin will be presenting the "Montville Public Schools Year in Review" to the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, May 31, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. during the State of Montville presentations.
5. P. Aubin reminded the Board members of the upcoming Community Conversation meeting on May 8, 2013, 4:45 p.m., Montville High School Cafeteria.

Item 11. Information items.

Board member B. Mitchell reported on a regional meeting of boards of education hosted by Gail McDonald, CABA Area 9 Director and scheduled for April 10, 7:00 p.m. at Ledyard High School.

Item 12. Citizens comments (non-agenda items only).

J. Jaskiewicz commented that he was unable to hear the comments where he was seated.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler

Seconded by: Bob Mitchell

Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 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: _____