

**SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
June 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Item 1: Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members in attendance were Donald Dykes, Thomas McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, David Rowley, Kendrick Strickland, and Sandra Berardy. Board member James Wood was absent.

Also in attendance were Superintendent David B. Erwin, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Mark Johnson, Clara Kalnitsky, Jeff Newton, and Sheila Reagan. Several staff and community members were also in attendance.

**Item 2: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the *Imagine It* reading program for grades 4 & 5 for the 2009-10 school year.**

D. Erwin commented that L. Pallin and staff did an excellent presentation of the *Imagine It* reading program that is now being implemented up to grade 3. Funds for extension of the program into grades 4 and 5 would come from ARRA and Title 1 IDEA ARRA from the current line item budget for language arts.

L. Pallin commented if the *Imagine It* program is not moved to grades 4 and 5 other materials will have to be implemented as a stop gap measure. D. Erwin said that he had spoken with the State to assure that the funds would be apportioned from the Title I ARRA Grant. K. Lamoureux added the apportioned funds need to be finetuned for the district for the reading program.

**Motion: That the Board approves the *Imagine It* reading program for grades 4 and 5 for the 2009-10 school year.**

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Don Dykes  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**Item 3: Review of discussion of 2009-10 budget and review/approve proposed budget reductions for 2009-10.**

D. Erwin presented a list of proposed line items of cuts for the 2009-10 budget. He noted that the Board's proposed budget with a 3.81% increase was slashed by the Town and approved at 1%, equaling a \$999,017 budget reduction. D. Erwin said that the cuts would mean a loss of staff. It was explained that staffing was reassigned to the areas of need. A discussion followed regarding alternative means to save staff and further reduce the budget.

**Motion: That the Board approves the 2009-10 budget at a reduction of**

**\$90,327.39 with further review of the Math Coordinator position, Intramural sports, and non-education budget areas.**

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

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled for next week for further review of the 2009-10 budget.

**Item 4: Discuss superintendent hiring process.**

S. Berardy asked the Board to consider conducting a national search, a local search, hiring a search firm, seeking an interim superintendent or a mentor for the current assistant principal in the Board's search for a new superintendent. She said that the mechanism chosen would depend on what the district needs. D. Erwin distributed a confidential list of potential interim candidates within the state.

**Motion: That the Board approves encumbering funds for the superintendent search.**

**Proposed by:** Deb Reed-Iler  
**Seconded by:** Don Dykes  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

The Board discussed the superintendent search options and agreed to a special meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to listen to a presentation by two search firms and for further review of the 2009-10 budget.

**Item 5: Adjournment.**

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

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Don Dykes  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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* \_\_\_\_\_