

**MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM
September 29, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

Chair James Wood called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Montville High School. Board members present were Sandra Berardy, Donald Dykes, Thomas McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, David Rowley, Ken Strickland, and James Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Schools James A. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian C. Levesque, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Establish Board of Education Goals, 2009-2010

J. Connelly asked L. Pallin and B. Levesque to review the first of the 2008-09 goals and provide input for setting new goals concerning opportunities for students. Discussion was held concerning 21st century skills, and L. Pallin provided a handout with a description of 21st century skills.

All of the 2008-09 goals were discussed, and goals for 2009-2010 were set. The goals will be compiled and sent to Board members as a "draft" (see attached). A Policy Committee meeting will be held before the next Board meeting to review the goals and make any changes before full Board approval.

Item 4: Proposal of new Policy for Acceptable Use of Computers

Discussion was held concerning two new policies for Acceptable Use of Computers. One policy is for Personnel and the other for Students. B. Levesque reviewed numerous policies from CAFE and Shipman & Goodwin. We have a current policy under Instruction (Policy 6156.3 Computers: Acceptable Use of the Internet, Other Computer Networks, and Internet Safety). Advice from the attorney was to adopt two separate policies.

The policy for Personnel was reviewed. The proposed policy states that the computer systems are used for business and as an educational tool. However, incidental personal use is permitted on a limited basis as long as it does not interfere with work responsibilities. All employees will have to sign off that they have read the policy. The acknowledgement form will become part of the packet for all new hires.

The policy for Students was reviewed. This new policy will bring us up to speed with computer usage. J. Wood asked that the definitions that are part of the Student policy be included in the Personnel policy. D. Dykes asked that the word "minor" be taken out as the policy should apply to all students. Like the policy for Personnel, all students will need to sign off that they have read the policy.

S. Berardy asked that we send a copy of the proposed Student policy to our student representatives for their review and feedback. B. Levesque will make the requested revisions, the policies will be emailed to the Board, and they will be reviewed once again at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Item 5: Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

James Wood, Chair

Margaret Tripp, Recording Secretary