

**Town of Montville - Town Council Public Hearing  
Board of Education Budget Minutes  
April 25, 2019 6:00 p.m.  
Montville High School Auditorium**

1. Call to Order Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence for Military - The Council led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was had for our Military
3. Roll Call Present: Council Members, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pike, Rogulski and McNally.

Absent: Council Members Pollard and Rogers

Also Present: Mayor McDaniel

4. Public Hearing

TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road Oakdale, CT on April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget and on on April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**Revenue Summary 2018-2019**

Description	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ADOPTED	2019 ESTIMATE	2020 DEPT.REQ.	2020 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	41,472,517	41,018,727	40,852,048	48,106,897	43,583,272
LICENSES & PERMITS	768,969	758,685	756,036	781,820	781,820
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	198,912	131,000	320,779	311,000	311,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	239,321	216,638	241,638	229,039	229,039
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	11,599,889	13,063,440	13,063,440	13,091,988	13,091,988
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	3,551,771	2,809,560	2,809,560	2,692,560	2,692,560
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	505,216	498,600	456,268	411,600	411,600
MISC REVENUE	979,948	857,000	895,228	883,000	883,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>59,316,543</b>	<b>59,353,650</b>	<b>59,394,997</b>	<b>66,507,904</b>	<b>61,984,279</b>

**Expenditure Summary 2018-2019**

Description	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ADOPTED	2019 ESTIMATE	2020 DEPT.REQ.	2020 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,249,927	2,576,331	2,473,595	2,664,716	2,664,716
INTERGOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS	73,300	73,300	73,300	208,794	73,300
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	4,049,456	4,204,000	4,279,028	4,740,834	4,740,834
DEBT SERVICE	4,430,501	4,573,161	4,573,161	4,944,812	4,944,812
LAND USE	265,256	278,100	263,683	288,828	288,828
HUMAN SERVICES	624,998	636,690	621,703	678,108	668,108
CULTURE AND RECREATION	350,910	388,177	369,286	413,250	413,250
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,763,100	4,718,022	4,506,166	4,991,111	4,807,012
PUBLIC WORKS	3,721,230	3,848,750	3,777,150	3,960,215	3,945,215
EDUCATION	36,399,944	37,660,619	37,660,619	39,438,204	38,938,204
CAPITAL	687,277	396,500	396,500	4,179,032	500,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>57,615,899</b>	<b>59,353,650</b>	<b>58,994,191</b>	<b>66,507,904</b>	<b>61,984,279</b>

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at [www.montville-ct.org](http://www.montville-ct.org).  
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 9th day of April 2019.

*Ronald K. McDaniel*  
Mayor

*Thomas McNally*  
Town Council Chairman

*Theresa Hart*  
Finance Director

Chairman McNally asked if there were any Comments from the Public.

Robert Mitchell, Chair of the Board of Education, 262 Moxley Road, Uncasville, CT introduced Superintendent Laurie Pallin.

Superintendent Laurie Pallin gave a presentation/explanation of the Board of Education's budget request. She stated that constraints including projected enrollment for next year as well as well as contractual costs were a primary reason for the requested budget increase. She noted that it was not possible to cut down on teachers as that would result in larger classrooms and further noted that the budget increase did not include additional teaching staff but only contractual

salary and benefit increases. She advised that there were no discretionary funds and that services which include Special Education, Magnet and Vo-Ag costs, the need for a regular maintenance and custodial employee, and the fact that Montville employees one social worker for every 2000 students were also considered by the Board. In addition, she noted that Montville has already done away with Middle School sports and Elementary School field trips and cannot, in the best interests of the children, do away with any more programs. The Board of Education requested budget is: \$39,438,204, which Superintendent Pallin noted was only a 2.87% increase over the State MBR Budget for Montville.

Chairman McNally asked if there were any further public comments regarding the Board of Education Budget.

Mark Casher, 41 Richard Brown Road, Uncasville, CT - He thanked the Superintendent for explaining the requested Board of Education Budget. He requested confirmation that the requested budget did not include any capital improvements and that it included only contractual salary increases, which the Superintendent did confirm. Mr. Casher asked if the budget proposed by the Mayor were approved, what the increase in the mill rate would be. Councilors McNally and Jaskiewicz advised that the increase would be 1.74. Mr. Casher asked what the result would be to property taxes. Councilor Pike advised it would be a \$174 increase per \$100k of value. He further stated that the Mayor's proposed budget amount was a decrease of more than \$500k to the budget amount requested by the Board of Education.

Carol Burgess, 48 New Hampshire Lane, Oakdale, CT – She asked if the Mayor's proposed budget would result in a 1.74 increase, what is the increase if the amount requested by the Board of Education is approved. Councilors stated it would, obviously, be more and estimated an additional  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mill increase.

Chairman McNally asked if there were any additional public comments. There were none. He then asked if there were any comments from the Councilors and/or the Mayor. Councilor Pike only commented that if the Board's requested budget was approved, he believed it would result in a 2.24 increase in the mill rate or \$224 per \$100k value. There were no further comments.

Chairman McNally thanked all for coming out and asked if there was a motion to adjourn.

5. Adjournment – Councilor Jaskiewicz made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Pike. Voice Vote; all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mari E. Evans,  
Town Council Recording Clerk