



June 14, 2019

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation Committee
Town Clerk

**Special Educational Evaluation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

Present: Sandra Berardy, Dan Boisvert, Laurie Pallin

Absent: Colleen Rix, Dana Ladyga

Guests: Jeffrey Ventres, Josh Cushing, Addy Robarge, Dave Postma, President Music Boosters

1. Call to order– 5:00 p.m.- Dan Boisvert
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to the Montville High School Marching Band-

-Jeff Ventres explained the music department's proposal that the extra-curricular competitive marching band be ended and replaced with a Pep Band which would be comprised of all members of all instrumental music classes. With only about 20 participants, they cannot put together programs which require a wide range of instruments. There would be a cost savings to this change and the proposed budget savings was discussed. Sandra asked if interested students could join another school's group. Jeff Ventres explained that had been done this year for students in the Winter Guard who competed with Plainfield. Dave mentioned that he was disappointed in the proposed change, but the reality is there just aren't enough interested students, and many resources are going to very few students. Jeff noted that even colleges for music students do not have Marching Band programs. Dan asked why everyone was struggling with numbers in instrumental music. Josh explained that traditional musical instruments are not as attractive to kids and that we need to move students beyond replication to composing which is what he is trying to accomplish with the new Beat Making class which has a high enrollment.

Motion: No Quorum, No Motion Made

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote -)

4. Consideration and Action Regarding Proposed Textbook Adoption
Laurie explained the selection of the Pearson Chemistry text which will cost about \$10,000 for 100 textbooks and all of the electronic resources. There is money in the budget for these books as this textbook replacement has been planned for several years.

Motion: No Quorum, No Motion Made
Proposed by:
Seconded by:
Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote -)

5. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:40 pm
Proposed by: Sandra Berardy
Seconded by: Dan Boisvert
Vote: All in Favor Carried: (vote 2-0)