



**MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board of Education Goal:**

**Montville graduates will possess the skills and dispositions to navigate complex tasks. Our graduates are communicators, information consumers, problem solvers, and independent learners. They exhibit empathy, perseverance, inclusivity and self-awareness.**

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**Item 1. Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Chair Wills Pike called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members attending were: Bob Mitchell, Carol Burgess, Sheelagh Lapinski, Timothy Shanahan, Florence Turner, Tina Grove and Tara Crossley. Absent was: James Wood.

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators M.J. Dix, Will Klinefelter, David Gollsneider, Rob Alves, and Director of Facilities Steve Carroll

**Item 2. Citizens' Comments, (regarding agenda items only)**

*Karen Duhamel, 1 Fox Hollow Drive, Oakdale; fully supports capital requests including six new tennis courts for team and for P.E. curriculum. Locating the courts at the schools is important not just to accommodate P.E. classes but to provide access for spectators.*

**Item 3. Continued review and discussion of Capital Requests**

*Wills Pike attended Town Council ARPA meeting and urged Town to fund some of the Capital requests with this grant. He brought forward the air conditioning study, replacement of P.A. system at Tyl, Tyl carpeting, all generators, Mohegan window replacement and Palmer skylight repair for consideration using ARPA funding. He also floated the idea of tennis courts, explaining that he does not support two sets within five minutes of each other, but that we should work with Parks and Rec. to build one facility available to the public and students. This is not the Board's decision, we have presented our desire to collaborate to get a tennis facility that meets the needs of school and public.*

*Carol Burgess – Supports having tennis courts for students. If not on campus, she is very concerned about how we manage transportation etc. and agrees with public's points explaining why an on-campus location is best.*

*Tara Crossley – If courts are at H.S. can Parks & Rec manage them? Schools need 1<sup>st</sup> priority for use,*

*Wills Pike responded that we would need to work out agreement with town.*

*Bob Mitchell – Need a strong MOU between schools and council outlining such things as who is responsible for upkeep of courts, lines, etc. \$750K appropriated is in the Board's capital plan for 23-24 school year. Do we need to move this?*

*Wills Pike- \$320K has been allocated to Parks and Rec already, could add more and build one facility.*

*Bob Mitchell – Recommends moving the \$750K from 23-24 to 22-23 in the Capital Plan.*

*Tina Grove – Supports Town/Board collaboration, how would we figure out site?*

**Item 4. Continued discussion of 2022-2023 Board of Education Budget**

*Wills Pike – This is the largest ask since the 07-08 school year however this is an unprecedented situation. ESSER Grant is being used to supplement, not increase, the Board budget. He would like to ask that we try for one more full time paraprofessional, provide numbers at next meeting for a way we could adjust the budget to absorb those costs.*

*There were questions regarding the tuition at magnet schools.*

**Item 5. Citizens' comments**

*None*

**Item 6. Future Agenda Items**

*None*

**Item 7. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell

Seconded by: Tara Crossley

Vote: Carried (8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair  
Montville Board of Education  
Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Mitchell, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education