



**MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

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.

Welcome to Board Member Lisa Terry

Board members attending were: Bob Mitchell, James Wood, Carol Burgess, Timothy Shanahan, Tina Grove, Grace Carlos, and Lisa Terry. Board Member Sheelagh Lapinski was absent.

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Recording Secretary Pamela Rodgers, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Director of Facilities Steve Carroll, IT Director Nic Savoie, Administrators: Paula LaChance, Greg Gwudz, Rob Alves, Jill Mazzalupo, David Gollsneider, William Klinefelter, Amy Espinoza, and Amanda Brown. Town Council Liaison Colleen Rix was absent.

Item 2. Alterations to the agenda

- a. Remove item 7e and move item 7b to meeting on March 14th, 2023.

Motion to amend the agenda, removing item 7e and moving item 7b to meeting on March 14th 2023

Moved by: Timothy Shanahan

Seconded by: James Wood

Vote: Carried (8-0)

Item 3. Presentations

- a. Montville Marvels: Principals Rob Alves, David Gollsneider, Greg Gwudz

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge the following students, teachers, and community members in the areas noted:

Montville High School - For his tireless efforts and strong leadership during a difficult time in our community: Derek Wainwright

For his extensive volunteer work during Montville High School extracurricular events: Charles Milikin

PBL Palmer Campus - For her relentless commitment to her academics and her positive contribution to the school community through her calm and kind demeanor: Gabrielle Husereau

Leonard J. Tyl Middle School – For the work they do through incredibly difficult situations, working with compassion and grace: Meghan Occhialini, Jessica Lilienthal, Sarah Cunningham, Anna Scott

Item 4. Citizens' Comments (regarding agenda items only)

None

Item 5. Letters and Communications

None

Item 6. Approval of the consent Calendar

Motion: To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Moved by: Timothy Shanahan

Seconded by: Carol Burgess

Vote: Carried (8-0)

Item 7. New Business

- a. 2023-2024 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Pallin – Presented draft copy of the 2023-2024 proposed Budget.

Budget Message: *As a community we share accountability for student success and social and emotional well-being. The Montville Public Schools will deliver on the promise of high achievement for all students and eliminate opportunity gaps to ensure every graduate is a critical, creative, and collaborative problem-*

solver ready for college, career, and life in global society. First Budget Run-Costs based on contracted raises, quotes for supplies and services, enrollment projections, and IEP obligations. Maintaining Current Services and Meeting IEP Requirements - \$43,274,100. Total Budget Request \$43,799,600, Percent increase over last year's budget 6.41%, Percent Increase over appropriation, not including \$200,000 from town ARPA 6.93%.

General Budget Information: *Montville Board of Education Strategies 2022-2023, Budget Code Explanation*

2023-24 Budget Summaries: *Object Summary. Maintaining Proposed budget*

2023-24 Operating Budget: *Budget Report by Function*

Recommendations:

*Increase Elementary Special Education Teachers
Increase Middle School Special Education Teachers
Add a Palmer Pathways Special Education Teacher
Hire an Athletic Trainer Rather than use a Contracted Service
Add a Mohegan PT Custodian
Increase one TYL PE/Health teacher
Increase 1 FTE Instruction Leadership / Coaching Position
Replace Computers in the TYL Tech Ed La*

b. Presentation of Capital Requests

No action taken, will be presented at the March 14 meeting

- c. Consideration and action to approve a bid waiver to have Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC do the engineering and design work to prepare the bid documents for the replace the combination boiler and hot water heater at Leonard J Tyl Middle School that was funded under the Town's bonding.

Motion: To approve a bid waiver to have Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC do the engineering and design work to prepare the bid documents for the replace the combination boiler and hot water heater at Leonard J Tyl Middle School that was funded under the Town's bonding.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- d. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of the combination boiler and hot water heater at Leonard J Tyl Middle School after the design is completed by Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC because of time constraints.

Motion: To approve the purchase of the combination boiler and hot water heater at Leonard J Tyl Middle School after the design is completed by Jacunski Humes Architects, LLC because of time constraints.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Tina Grove
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- e. Consideration and action to form a hiring committee for the position of Principal, Dr. Charles E. Murphy School

No action taken

- f. Consideration and action to approve recommended CABE 4000 series policies as modified by Policy Committee

Motion: To approve recommended CABE 4000 series policies as modified by Policy Committee.

Moved by: Timothy Shannan
Seconded by: Tina Grove
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- g. Consideration and action to review and update Policy 0523; Equity and Diversity

Motion: To review and update Policy 0523; Equity and Diversity.

Moved by: James Wood
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- h. Consideration and action to transfer \$33,000 from Object 423; Contracted Services to Object 730; Equipment to support the lease of copiers throughout the district.

Motion: To approve the transfer \$33,000 from Object 423; Contracted Services to Object 730; Equipment to support the lease of copiers throughout the district.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan
Vote: Carried (8-0)

Item 8. Information Items

None

Item 9. Citizen's Comments

Tracy Zurowski, Special Education Teacher (Dr. Charles E. Murphy School and Vice President, MEA Union) stated the importance of advertising Special Ed positions early. Explained the increase of cases and workload for the Special Education and stated that multiple special education teachers had left their positions because the workload is too great.

Item 10. Board Chair Remarks

Wills – Fully support Special Education and all education. Superintendent did a fantastic job, extremely clear on budget presentation and explaining centralization of schools. We are asking for needs not what we want. Superintendent and staff did a brilliant job in putting this together.

Item 11. Future Agenda Items

None presented

Item 12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: Carried (8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair
Montville Board of Education
Minutes Approved: _____

Bob Mitchell, Secretary
Montville Board of Education